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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The President of the Board, Tracy A. Jemison opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 24, 2013.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – BUCKEYE POWER SALES – MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES GENERATOR PROJECT

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that these funds are from the Community Development Block Grant (Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1) to finish up the generator project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed to Buckeye Power Sales for the Maple Leaf Community Residences Generator Project under Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – MODIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT 2013 OLDER AMERICANS ACT / SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Director Sally Bell explained that this is a program that has been done for the last several years which is six to eight weeks in length where chronic diseases are discussed. Ms. Bell expressed that a caregiver who had driven his wife in for the program realized that his high blood pressure is considered a chronic disease that needs to be controlled. Ms. Bell noted that there is a small deduction in the amount this year, 4 classes will be offered and are usually done in conjunction with a community group as a way to reach out and make them aware of what is offered to them.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Modification of Purchase of Service Agreement 2013 Older Americans Act / Senior Community Services between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Department on Aging to provide funding for the Evidence Based Health Promotion program for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 reducing the amount \$223.76 from \$7,019.00 down to \$6,795.24.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SALLY BELL, DIRECTOR – DEPARTMENT ON AGING (#1001)

Commissioner Jemison thanked Ms. Bell for her passion that she has brought since she has been here and that she has truly been a champion for the seniors in this county and that they are all much better off for what she has done for them and the department. Commissioner Samide

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expressed that she has heard many things about Ms. Bell from a lot of people but when her neighbor told her all about Ms. Bell she knew she was truly special and a good friend and thanked her. Ms. Bell expressed that she felt that it was time in part due to her health, but that she is excited about the new Director Ms. Boalt, with her therapy background. Ms. Bell stated that in keeping an eye on the seniors in this County we can move them forward to their best and in doing that it will help keep these seniors to being the best they can be. Ms. Bell expressed that it is important for this Board to remember that 1/3 of the residents in this County are seniors and we will then continue to be the best by understanding and supporting this group. Local resident Blake Rear inquired how long Ms. Bell had been with the County, to which it was noted about 22.5 years.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the Resignation of Sally Bell, Director at the Department on Aging (#1001) to be effective December 31, 2013.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) CASA FOR KIDS GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE

CASA for Kids Program Director Chris Steigerwald explained that this is an official stamp for the grant acceptance packet that they had been awarded for the Victim of Crime and State Victims Assistance through the Ohio Attorney General's office. Ms. Steigerwald stated that part of the acceptance is to agree to the conditions, as part of the VOCA funds are Federal funds and these conditions relate to equal opportunity and civil rights requirements that are already being followed by the County.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Geauga County's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA #2014VACHAE480) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA #2014SACHAE480) CASA for Kids Grant Award and Acceptance Forms in the amount of \$35,011.00. This grant will receive a total of \$24,758.00 from the Office of the Attorney General including \$8,253.00 local match from the Geauga County General Fund. The VOCA Grant will provide \$1,500.00 to cover fees for Legal Consultation, with a \$500.00 in-kind match in the form of volunteer hours, and includes \$4,735.00 in SVAA funds with no local match. This grant is for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – WIDEN AND RESURFACE BASS LAKE ROAD

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this was the final Change Order for Bass Lake Road, noting that it came in about \$21,000.00 under and that Kokosing had done a great job and that it looks really good.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Widening and Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH 23, Sections D & E) in Newbury and Munson Townships in the amount of \$20,722.25.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – AWARD BIDS – CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – 2013-2015
SNOWPLOWING AND SALTING OF COUNTY OWNED SITE GROUP #1, #2, #3, AND #4 – M
& M HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC – SIGNATURE LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING
INCORPORATED AND TBS SNOWPLOWING**

Director Glen Vernick stated that the bids are received for the snowplowing, using site Group #1 Chardon Square as an example noting that it is for \$7,200.00 a year and for the two year period it would be \$14,400.00 but includes an additional \$10,000.00 in the contract for the cost of removal of snow, salting and clean up if needed, so the total amounts are indicated as an amount not to exceed. Mr. Vernick briefly explained that during the 2009-2010 season cost us \$39,000.00 and this year will cost about \$35,000.00, with average amounts for the four (4) site groups.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the Bid to M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #1 – Chardon Square in the amount of \$7,200.00 per year (\$24,400.00 for the two year period) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #1 – Chardon Square in an amount not to exceed \$24,400.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the Bid to Signature Lawns and Landscaping Incorporated for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #2 – 24 Hour Service Area in the amount of \$8,020.00 per year (\$26,040.00 for the two year period) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Signature Lawns and Landscaping Incorporated for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #2 – 24 Hour Service Area in an amount not to exceed \$26,040.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the Bid to TBS Snowplowing for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #3 – 470 Center Street in the amount of \$15,800.00 per year (\$31,600.00 for the two year period) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with TBS Snowplowing for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #3 – 470 Center Street in an amount not to exceed \$31,600.00.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the Bid to M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #4 – Safety Center in the amount of \$4,000.00 per year (\$18,000.00 for the two year period) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the 2013-2015 Snowplowing and Salting of County Owned Site Group #4 – Safety Center in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

OTHER – VISITORS

County Treasurer Chris Hitchcock arrived dressed as a pirate and informed the audience if they don't pay their taxes they will be forced to "walk the plank", to which Mr. Jemison joked that the play sword he was carrying should be used to cut the Treasurer's Office budget. County Recorder Sharon Gingerich presented Mr. Jemison with a monthly report as something to remember her office by.

PLANNING COMMISSION – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT – OHIO WATER SCIENCE

Planning Director Dave Dietrich explained that it is time to renew the agreement with the Department of the Interior for the U.S. Geological Survey for our well water monitoring network that that was established over twenty years ago. Mr. Dietrich stated that there is a modest increase of \$300.00 for 2014. Mr. Jemison stated that the cost is still lower than before the automated instruments were placed in the wells. Mr. Dietrich stated that USGS only comes up here quarterly now instead of monthly. There is a continuous read out of well levels published on the website of the Planning Commission every day. Mr. Dietrich stated that there have been no spikes or drops this year, indicating that last year they had seen a drop in a well in Middlefield Township. The area has stabilized but is still an area of concern. Mr. Dietrich noted that it might be the construction of the well being drilled into the Cuyahoga Shale which is subject to leakage. There was a brief discussion about the equipment being moved to another well to check further on whether that is the real reason for the decline. Ms. Samide inquired about checking further for carcinogens in the wells, to which Mr. Dietrich stated that it is very expensive to accomplish. Mr. Jemison stated that the Health Department does have a spectrometer and if there is a problem that might be an option. Local resident Mary Briggs stated that the mass spec that was spoken about she had helped acquire for the County, though not EPA approved it might give you a different baseline. County Administrator David Lair stated that Mr. Spidalieri had inquired about whether this could be done on a bi-yearly basis versus every year. Mr. Dietrich explained that back in the early 80's spot checking was done and unfortunately they lost some continuity due to a lack of reasons when a decline occurred referencing the earthquake that had occurred in the early 80's. Mr. Dietrich added that it could have been due to a lack of precipitation or a spike in growth and development in the County. From a scientific basis it is important to continue to do this yearly as a way to keep a baseline. Mr. Dietrich stated that some other impacts of a bi-yearly program would be that the instruments would need to be pulled and then hope that they will work again when re-installed, along with having to re-obtain permission from the property owners. Mr. Jemison stated that this information is also being streamed live every day, to which Mr. Dietrich stated that the website would be removed and funding could be distributed elsewhere and be lost. Mr. Dietrich expressed that for a modest amount of funds it seems ideal to continue the program. While a great question as an option to look into, a bi-yearly program won't cut the costs but rather may increase them. Mr. Jemison stated that he felt it was a good insurance policy due to almost all of

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the County depending on ground water. Mr. Dietrich added that with economic development being important it's a great way to show businesses looking to come into the County that we can support their business and have no issues with ground water availability and using the data collected that support that.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Ohio Water Science Center between the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior and the Geauga County Commissioners for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$22,250.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND GRANT CONTRACT

Director Kristina Reider explained that this grant allows them to offer half fares to anyone who qualifies for the elderly or disabled program. Ms. Reider stated that an application is required to be filled out showing proof of age and those with a disability are required to renew every two years showing proof of the disability. Ms. Reider stated that the fare for those individuals is taken from \$6.00 down to \$3.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program Grant Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$59,121.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DISCUSSION – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Director Doug Bowen stated that two of the Thompson Township Trustees Frank Sirna and Erwin Leffel would like to talk about the project. Mr. Sirna explained that he has pushed for this project to be completed for the last ten years and while he understands it will be a hardship for some, however the overall benefit is for the community at large and the proposed sewer district. Mr. Sirna stated that this impacts everyone as it goes to the watershed and Thompson sits atop a rock and that is the reason there are problems. Mr. Sirna thanked the Board for their help and stated that Thompson is a low to moderate income level community, however the funding for this project is amazing and he feels that this is a very worthwhile project and is the best for the community and Township and that it is the right thing to do. Mr. Jemison asked Mr. Sirna that if this project does not move forward what he feels the ramifications will be, to which Mr. Sirna stated because we have been proactive the EPA will step in and mandate improvements for those that do not have working systems and it will be an immediate cost to those residents. Mr. Sirna noted that how this is set up now the cost will be minimal to those residents and the cost will be minimal overall. Mr. Leffel expressed that this issue has really been there for over twenty years and that while he has lived there for 37.5 years and had to go door to door he looked around the footprint area and asked the question when "they go", where does it go? Mr. Leffel stated that not only is this a ground water issue this is a public health issue. Mr. Leffel stated that the concern now is the location for the plant noting that the Township offered two other locations that were turned down due to wetlands. Commissioner Samide inquired about the number of individuals this district will help, to which Mr. Leffel stated around 40 and that it will serve the commercial area of the square. It was noted that due to these issues the Town Hall cannot currently be used and meetings have to be held elsewhere. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that while this has been a long time issue and he understands the concerns, but questioned if, had a house or structure been located on the parcel that the location is being considered would the location have to be considered elsewhere? Mr. Spidalieri stated that his concern is also regarding the amount being paid for the parcel of property based on the amount per acre in the area around that property. Giving the example of the parcel valued at \$247,000.00 with a

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per acre amount of around \$2, 176.00 he asked if this is considered the same as the parcel being purchased for over \$26,000.00 an acre would that parcel then be valued at over \$3.9 million and if Thompson should therefore be re-evaluated and re-assessed for tax purposes? Mr. Spidalieri questioned if the County was being taken advantage of and taking a bad deal. Mr. Jemison stated that based on his experience of being Auditor for 13 years he wanted to add that a large tract of land is looked at a per acre basis at a lot less per acre than a smaller tract, guessing that the first portion of the building lot is \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per acre because that is the improved part of the parcel and the rest of the acreage is residual. If you purchase 200 acres you might pay \$2,500.00 an acre whereas if you buy a 5 acres parcel you might pay \$25,000.00 an acre, adding that it's the margin of futility and what is that home site valued at. Mr. Spidalieri noted that he had spoken with a realtor who gave him about 16 listings in Thompson and Montville within that area and the average per acre was between \$3,000.00 and \$6,000.00. These are buildable lots with frontage with about 6 acres that came to around \$3,600.00 per acre. Mr. Spidalieri asked what the risk is down the road to the residents of being re-evaluated. Mr. Jemison stated none, that there is no risk because that is not how appraisal is done. Mr. Jemison stated that there was an appraisal done on the property for \$32,000.00 and are we paying a premium, yes, however if this does not go in it will cost \$3 million and you don't know what the ramifications will be, because if this doesn't go in people will abandon the properties because they won't be able to afford the cost of the systems. Ms. Samide added that once this district is put the value of the properties will increase because they won't have to worry about the sewage and septic.

Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool inquired about the other two parcels up for initial consideration as potential sites being ruled out due to wetlands and if they did not have wetlands would they be a better location. Mr. Jemison stated that they had tried to make them work because of the location itself. Mr. Claypool inquired about wetland mitigation being an option. Ms. Samide stated that there is a maximum amount of intrusion allowed by mitigation. Mr. Bowen stated that he wanted to clarify that the parcel being considered for purchase is a commercial zoned property and not residential which has an effect on the appraisal. Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan stated that the quality of the wetlands found on the other locations are classified as a high quality forested wetland that would take a lengthy fight to even be able to do a wetland mitigation bank. This issue relates to the Army Corp of Engineers not the EPA and whether they would even allow us to touch them and how long it would take to get to that point. Mr. Morgan stated that even if after two plus years of negotiating the wetlands it would also be the cost of what it would be to mitigate them. Mr. Claypool stated that everything sounded hypothetical and asked if they actually had looked at it. Mr. Morgan stated that the EPA specifically told us it would be at least an additional two year process because of the high quality forested wetlands. Mr. Jemison stated that he doubted it would be just two years, noting that it has been eight or more years that they have been working with the Army Corp of Engineers on the Pope Home property. Thompson resident Christine Wilson asked why there was only three locations identified as possible locations. Mr. Morgan stated that the issue comes from where the plant can be discharged to and there were three initial locations for discharge, noting that one site is the currently identified stream location where it will be discharged, a second was the preferred location behind the high school into that same stream and the third was to then pump the discharge all the way directly to the Grand River. Ms. Wilson expressed frustration over a meeting that was held at their home discussing the concerns and stated that she and her husband are not arguing the plant should not be put in, we agree that it is good for the town, however they feel that there are other locations that this could be placed. Ms. Wilson stated that a parcel up the road had been for sale that was less than what is proposed to be paid for this parcel and Mr. Morgan stated that when they contacted the realtor about the property it had already had a contract in place for purchase. Ms. Wilson questioned why there was no follow up with her concerns and Mr. Morgan stated that the understanding when they left that meeting was that they were going to look at other locations if they came available but based on available information that parcel chosen was the location it would be placed. Ms. Wilson expressed that they were being misled, ignored and miss-represented. Mr. Morgan stated that the Trustees also had contacted them about alternate locations, bringing up similar locations to those suggested by Ms. Wilson whereby the discharge could be piped farther down the road to the same stream. Ms. Wilson stated that from she heard from the Trustees that funding is not a problem and stated that her understanding was some people were offered tie-ins to "make their problems go away". Mr. Sirna stated that no one had been offered anything and originally the plant was designed to be much larger and due to the expense of the size of that plant it was downsized to make it more feasible. Mr. Bowen stated that it was originally supposed to be a 100,000 gallon a day plant and the cost would have been so great no one would have been able

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to afford it so it was downsized down to 40,000 gallons a day. Mr. Bowen stated that the real concern is the commercial zoned area where the EPA is stating that it needs to be done. If we don't move forward the EPA will mandate it be taken care of and the residents will not be able to afford it. Ms. Wilson continued to express her frustration that she and her husband have been voicing their concerns for years and have been ignored. Ms. Wilson asked if Mr. Jemison and Ms. Samide have been out to Thompson and looked at the property, to which Mr. Jemison stated that he had looked at aerial maps and discussed it with Mr. Bowen and Mr. Morgan about the possible locations. A discussion took place with Ms. Wilson regarding who she had voiced her concerns to regarding this and for how long. Mr. Jemison stated that right now if we don't move forward the funding will go away. Mr. Sirna added that the Trustees have done their due diligence. Ms. Samide stated that over the last ten years this has been an issue and is a serious health issue. Mr. Morgan added that this plant is being placed in the commercially zoned district of Thompson. Ms. Samide inquired if anyone was offered a free tie in to which it was clarified that no one was given a free tie in, that a contractor has to be paid to tie in to the sewer and the residents cost of this sewer district will be included in their monthly service fees rather than an assessment on their taxes. Mr. Jemison asked if Ms. Wilson wants to have the option of being able to tie in. It was noted that the Thompson Trustees have to send a request to the Commissioners to amend the 208 plan to include the Wilson's property that will give them the option if needed to tie in. Mr. Bowen stated that since we are at the end of the five years of the grant funding and if this project falls through the EPA will give the County findings and orders and the burden on the residents will be an assessment between \$15,000.00 and \$30,000.00. Ms. Samide added that given the current situations with septic systems that the option for a tie in would be considered money in the bank.

Ms. Briggs stated that she has walked into this conversation blindly but has always had a concern with sewage but a larger concern and support for public health. Realtors always say location, location, location and if the property can tie into the outlet and is a needed commodity, expressing that just from this conversation she feels that this is a worthy project and for the economics of Thompson. Mr. Spidalieri stated that they are all in agreement that this plant needs to be placed in Thompson but he has a duty to the people of this County and feels he needs to ask questions and look at other options first and if he doesn't that he is not doing his duty to those people. Mr. Spidalieri stated that often times communication can cause things to fall apart and if there is a lack of communication it can also be a disaster, adding that we need to cover all the bases correctly with the best response for all.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CORRECTED - EJCDC ENGINEERS JOINT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE AMENDED AGREEMENT – URS CORPORATION – THOMPSON VACUUM SEWER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT
It was noted that this is a corrected version of the previous agreement that was signed.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the corrected the EJCDC Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee Amended Agreement between the Gauga County Board of Commissioners and URS Corporation for the Thompson Vacuum Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Project to include Construction Services related to the project in the amount of \$174,783.60.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE PORTION OF PERMANENT PARCEL AND EASEMENT – PARCEL #30-068300
Local resident Diane Jones asked for a breakdown of the cost for the parcel, to which Mr. Bowen stated that the cost is \$45,000.00 for the parcel and the easement for the discharge pipe to run to the creek.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to authorize the Department to proceed with the purchase of a 1.704 acre portion of permanent Parcel #30-068300 and a 0.6325 acre easement of Parcel #30-068300 in the amount of \$45,000.00, including one sewer unit tie-in.*

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	No
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

OTHER – THANK YOU

Ms. Briggs came before the Board and stated that due to the Commissioners that have been in place she has not had the need to come before this Board for a number of years. Ms. Briggs thanked Mr. Jemison for being Auditor and Commissioner and read a short note: Forget the past because you can't change it, forget the future because it's unpredictable and forget the present because I didn't get you one! Ms. Briggs thanked Mr. Jemison for his years of dedication to this County.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO GRANT PETITION FOR THE REGULAR ANNEXATION OF 0.28 ACRES OF LAND TO THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-197 to Grant the Petition for the Regular Annexation of 0.28 Acres of Land to the Village of Middlefield, Geauga County, Ohio.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 31, 2013

Resolution: #13-197

RESOLUTION TO GRANT THE PETITION FOR THE REGULAR ANNEXATION OF 0.28 ACRES OF LAND TO THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Pierre J. Hodgins ("Petitioner"), in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 709.02, 709.03, 709.031, 709.032, 709.033, petitioned the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to grant the annexation of 0.28 acres of property ("Property") located in Middlefield Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Petition for Annexation was filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners on August 6, 2013, and a hearing was held before the Board on October 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the Village of Middlefield, the municipality to which annexation is proposed, and is not located in more than one county;; and

WHEREAS, the Annexation Petition meets all of the requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 709.02:

- The Property to be annexed is owned solely by Petitioner and the Petition is signed by Petitioner and the date July 9, 2013 appears next to Petitioner's name as the date the Petition was signed;*
- The signature on the Petition was not obtained more than 180 days before the petition was filed;*
- An accurate legal description of the perimeter and an accurate map or plat of the Property proposed for annexation was provided by Petitioner and subsequently verified by the County Engineer;*
- The name and address of Attorney Frederick L. May, the person authorized to act as agent for the Petitioner, is included in the Petition.*

WHEREAS, a list of all parcels in the Property to be annexed and all parcels located adjacent to that Property or directly across the road from it, including the name and mailing address of the owner of each parcel and the permanent parcel number for each parcel/tract was provided by Petitioner at the time of filing the Petition;

WHEREAS, the Village of Middlefield adopted Resolution No. 13-19 indicating the services and the date that the Village will provide services upon the annexation of the Property;

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WHEREAS, Middlefield Township, by an email transmission dated October 22, 2013, indicated that the Township does not have any concerns about the annexation of the Property;

WHEREAS, the Property proposed to be annexed consists of 0.28 acres and is not unreasonably large.

WHEREAS, on balance, the general good of the territory proposed to be annexed will be served and the benefits to the Property proposed to be annexed and the surrounding area will outweigh the detriments to the Property proposed to be annexed and the surrounding area. By annexing to the Village of Middlefield, the Property will receive sewer and other services from the Village. The annexation of the Property will cause a miniscule, triangular shaped 0.02 acre parcel in Middlefield Township to be completely surrounded by parcels in the Village of Middlefield. The tiny parcel is comprised of 885 square feet and may be too small to be developed and does not otherwise appear to be adversely affected by the annexation.

WHEREAS, no street or highway will be divided or segmented by the boundary line between the Township and the Village as to create a road maintenance problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that the Petition for Annexation be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 709.033.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners finds that each of the conditions listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 709.033(A)(1)-(6) have been met, and other conditions required by Ohio law, based on a preponderance of the substantial, reliable, and probative evidence on the whole record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Council of Middlefield Village, the Middlefield Board of Trustees, and the agent for the Petitioner.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Jemison noted that the Village of Middlefield was in favor and Middlefield Township did not voice any concerns of disapproval.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND MOTION FROM OCTOBER 29, 2013 – CORRECT EFFECTIVE DATE OF HIRE – JESSICA BOALT – DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT ON AGING (#1001)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the motion from October 29, 2013 to read: approve hiring Jessica Boalt to the position of Director, Department on Aging (#1001) unclassified to be effective November 25, 2013 at a rate of \$30.17 per hour (Executive Grade 16, Step 3) and further approve and authorize up to 80 hours of unpaid leave of absence through November 30, 2014.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OTHER – COMMENT

Mr. Rear commented on the tie in for sewer for the Wilson's relating to the Thompson Sewer Project and that the request is placed on the parcel and not on the owner for benefit, adding that if in the future the property is sold that option stays with the parcel. Mr. Morgan noted that the 208 plan would have to be amended to include the parcel that it indeed does go by the parcel and not the property owner.

OTHER – COMMISSIONER SAMIDE

Ms. Samide stated that when you decide to go into public service you come with a lot of expectations, you want to paint your position in your viewpoint and sometimes it comes with a little chip, but somewhere along the way we meld into a family arrangement, and with family

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there are often a lot of highs and a lot of lows. Ms. Samide added that we learn from what hurts us as much as what loves us. Ms. Samide noted that she was remembering all the times that her path had crossed with Mr. Jemison and remembered a time when she had her business she “robbed” an employee from Mr. Jemison and paid her double. Another time was when they shared a stage in honor of Red Simmons, at that time not realizing that they would cross paths again and become colleagues.

Ms. Samide read the following prayer:

May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always on your back, may the sunshine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly upon your fields or your gardens and until our paths cross again I hope that God will hold you in the palm of his hand. God Bless you.

Mr. Jemison thanked Ms. Samide and added that the last 31 years have been incredible and that he cannot say enough about the support from the employees he has worked with over those years and the opportunity the residents have given him to serve in so many capacities.

ADDITION - COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, TRACY A. JEMISON FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-198 Honoring Commissioner, Tracy A. Jemison for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-198

Date: October 31, 2013

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, TRACY A. JEMISON FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Jemison began serving in public service at the age of twenty-two when he began serving on the Middlefield Village Council for eight years before going on to serve in 1988 on the Berkshire School Board for four years; and

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Jemison began his career with Geauga County as the Maintenance Supervisor before holding the position of Operations Manager and MIS Director for the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board, he was appointed in 1995 as the Geauga County Auditor and held that position for thirteen (13) years until 2008 when he was elected to serve as a Geauga County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Jemison is a former Board member and graduate of Leadership Geauga, member and past president of the Burton Middlefield Rotary, served as chair of the United Way Services of Geauga County, was a founding member of Geauga Growth Partnership, and has served on many boards throughout the County as a Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Jemison served the residents of Geauga County with dedication and commitment while striving for a viable and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Jemison lives in Burton with his wife Bonnie, has two sons, Tracy Jemison II and Cameron Simmons and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and thank Tracy A. Jemison for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County during the time he served as a Geauga County Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Abstain</i>

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

*Tue., 11/5 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 11/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 11/8 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

*Mon. 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Veteran's Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tue., 11/12 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tue., 11/12 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 11/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

OTHER – PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Samide presented Mr. Jemison a proclamation from the Ohio Senate from Capri Cafaro. Ms. Samide added that a lot of times when you meet people you don't know what they will be like, stating that she has served with six Commissioners and has grown to love them all. Mr. Jemison is one of the kindest and most sensitive of men that she has ever met and he has been an asset to this County.

Local resident Mary Bramstedt seconded what Ms. Samide said adding that she got to work with him while she was serving on City Council, thanking him for his service.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:19 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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