

Commissioners' Journal
December 20, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 20, 2012 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 18, 2012.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – VALLEY FOODS, INCORPORATED

Director Sally Bell explained that this contract was for the home delivered and congregate meals program. Ms. Bell stated that they were able to go out to bid for diabetic and kidney meals, noting that there are 8 different kinds of special diet meals but that they chose to start with the two most common. The standard meals to be served to the majority of seniors is actually a diabetic meal which means there is no dessert; in this menu they are promoting fruits and vegetables, because those are what is most needed. Ms. Bell stated that the food contract contained no increase for the 2011-2012 period, but noted that other senior agencies in this area have experienced a 33% increase. For 2013, there will be a 10 cent per meal increase as part of this contract. Ms. Bell explained that they have also brought back a weekend meal; they have recalculated that meal based on a therapeutic diet that is delivered frozen for use by the senior during the weekend; they project that about 25 people will need the weekend meals. Ms. Bell stated that the diabetic and kidney meal components were laid out for them free of charge by UH hospital dieticians. Four food service companies picked up the bid packages, but only one submitted an actual bid. The overall budget for this meal program serving about 300 meals overall each day is over \$300,000 per year. Homebound meals are for those whose travel outside their home is generally limited to medical trips; those qualified are Geauga residents over age 60. It was noted that the United Way reimburses the agency for some disabled individuals who are under age 60. The suggested donation is \$5.00. A question was asked by an audience member regarding whether there were others who also provided these services, to which Ms. Bell explained that she knew of some churches that do, that there is a program called Passport done through Medicaid that is operated by the state that has food delivered by a vendor that is contracted by the state. Kathy Petrella added that the Federated Church delivers in the southwest corner of the county. Ms. Bell responded to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri adding that department only delivers lunch. Ms. Bell explained that starting in January the Hospital will be offering a senior meal on weeknights from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the hospital that will be one third of the daily meal requirements with a cost of \$5.00, and that the Department on Aging will have a program there on Wednesday nights.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a Contract Agreement with Valley Foods, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Meals for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014 in the amount for 2013 as \$3.87 per Meal, Group A, \$4.20 per Meal, Group B, and for 2014 as \$3.97 per Meal, Group A, \$4.30 per Meal, Group B. These Meal Groups include home delivered and congregate meal programs, emergency shelf stable, box lunches, and renal and diabetic therapeutic weekday and weekend meals.

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

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept the Performance Bond from Valley Foods, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Meals, and further release the Bid Bond.

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

Ms. Bell stated that she had spoken with senior service providers in Lake County and they were able to contact Valley Foods and will be able to see a significant reduction in their costs of providing food to seniors in their area.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LEASE – PILGRIM LAKE COLONY – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Director Doug Bowen explained that Pilgrim Lake was the site of a former treatment plant that has been converted to a pump station. This property is utilized by the residents in the neighborhood to hold picnics and activities, so we lease this to them for use at \$150.00 per year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Pilgrim Lake Colony in Bainbridge Township for a five year period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$150.00 per year.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND INFIRMARY CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT EXHIBIT 1

Mr. Bowen explained that this allows the close of the loan with the EPA and OWA for this project. Mr. Bowen stated that the hospital is covering 2/3 of the total cost of the \$1.8 million, that Water Resources paid \$600,000.00 from their general operating fund and the hospital will pay the other \$1.2 million through their billing cycle.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Infirmary Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement (Final) Exhibit 1.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Job & Family Services Workforce Investment Act fund; a Supplemental Appropriation for the General Fund for appropriations for debt repayment and sick and vacation fund transfers; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Clerk of Courts in order to process the OPERS payment, a blanket purchase order for the Public Defender's office in the amount of \$1,000.00; and a payment to United Way for the Department of Jobs & Family Services in the amount of \$931.20.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-210 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 20, 2012.

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

**Commissioner Jemison abstains due to his role with United Way.*

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PLANNING COMMISSION – JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Planning Director David Dietrich explained that the Planning Commission has asked the Commissioners to extend the contract into next year, with a reduction in cost due to the implementation of new transducer technology which has reduced the manpower required to monitor the wells. The intent is to maintain information as to static water levels in ground water wells throughout the county. Commissioner Jemison explained that the return on investment on the additional equipment had a payback of about a year and a half. In response to a question regarding a high flow well in Middlefield that had experienced a decline, Mr. Dietrich explained that the well seems to have recovered and that snowfall is the primary source of well recharge. Ms. Samide expressed interest in chemical testing to look for any issues related to fracking. Mr. Dietrich stated that this has been done in the past, but not regularly. In response to a question from Mr. Spidalieri, Mr. Dietrich noted that the monitoring wells near Middlefield were near the airport and north of town. Discussion was held regarding water use in the Middlefield area by Bob Troyer. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he had heard of issues relating to water quality in the area relating to the former Carlisle site; it was noted that the EPA is responsible for their monitoring and that monitoring wells have been positioned around the site, and groundwater in the area is run through a carbon filter that strips much of the chemical content in the groundwater. Mr. Dietrich stated that the county's focus has been to monitor quantity; other than portions of Bainbridge served by Cleveland water, most of the county's water sources, including city water provided locally, is from ground water. A local resident stated that it was important to have baseline information on groundwater and soils condition in case contamination occurs in the future. Mr. Jemison noted that SB 315 has established a monitoring requirement of 3000 feet, and it's done before and during any drilling activity. Mr. Dietrich stated that quality testing has been done in the past, but on a limited basis; he also emphasized that anyone entering into a petroleum agreement should have the water tested multiple times. In response to a question from local resident Skip Claypool as to the relation between USGS and the EPA, Mr. Dietrich stated that there was no interconnection. Mr. Claypool stated his opinion that public sources of water should have levels monitored by established public utilities to save money otherwise spent on these studies.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement (#13EMOH025) 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, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$21,950.00.

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, PLANNING COMMISSION, FARM BUREAU AND LAKE ERIE VIDEO – “AGRICULTURE, THE GEAUGA WAY” VIDEO PRESENTATION

Soil and Water Conservation District Director/Engineer Carmella Shale explained that the Geauga County Farm Bureau and the Planning Commission had formed a partnership with Soil and Water to impress upon the public the importance of agriculture in Geauga County. It was decided that creating a video would be a good way to get the message out to schools and other public groups. The Planning Commission and the Cleveland Foundation assisted in the production of this video. The goal is for every fourth grader in the county to see the video. Soil and Water Conservation Education Coordinator Katie Naninger stated that with thirty-five (35) 4th grade classes and approximately 1000 students countywide, the goal is to show the video and engage in activities to help educate the students. In response to a question from Mr. Jemison, Ms. Naninger stated that the schools have been very supportive, and this program was designed to be in line with state standards. Brenda Hastings stated that the video will also be available online, and it was noted that Bill Patterson who couldn't be here today was integral in helping get this done. The commissioners and audience then viewed the video, which runs for between nine and ten minutes.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RE-APPOINT NANETTE WARHOLIC – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to re-appoint Nanette Warholic to the Developmental Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT MARK S. JACKSON, J. THOMAS METCALFE, AND ERWIN E. KUHNS – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Mark S. Jackson to the Developmental Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint J. Thomas Metcalfe to the Developmental Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Erwin E. Kuhns to the Developmental Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – MAYFIELD SAND RIDGE CLUB D.B.A. MAYFIELD SAND RIDGE CLUB GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE COMPLEX – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to concur with Munson Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Mayfield Sand Ridge Club d.b.a. Mayfield Sand Ridge Club Golf Course and Clubhouse Complex located at 12150 Mayfield Road and Cottages, Chardon (C TRFO 5665461-0005).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – HONORING STEVEN A. TAKACS AND ALEXANDER W. CORKWELL – ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-211 Honoring Steven A. Takacs on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

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Resolution: 12-211
Date: December 20, 2012

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***A RESOLUTION HONORING STEVEN A. TAKACS FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT***

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, lifesaving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Steven A. Takacs is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Steven A. Takacs provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Steven A. Takacs's Eagle Scout project consisted of an Integrated Pest Management Program on Japanese Beetles. Steven A. Takacs researched the types of plants that attract Japanese Beetles and organized the removal of the grapevine plants without the use of any chemicals, therefore removing the Japanese Beetles and allowing the residents to replace the decorative plants that had been being destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Steven A. Takacs for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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>Acting Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-212 Honoring Alexander W. Corkwell on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-212

Date: December 20, 2012

***A RESOLUTION HONORING ALEXANDER W. CORKWELL FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE
SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT***

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, lifesaving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Alexander W. Corkwell is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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WHEREAS, Alexander W. Corkwell provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Alexander W. Corkwell's Eagle Scout project consisted of helping to improve Oberland Park in Newbury by organizing the building and installation of trail markers, maps, and tree identification placards along the trails along with the installation of a large covered outdoor bulletin board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Alexander W. Corkwell for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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>Acting Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) 2013 WELLNESS GRANT APPLICATION

Benefits Specialist Kathleen Hostutler explained that the county wellness committee would like to purchase two AED units, ensuring that proper training would be obtained from professionals in the operation of those units. Ms. Hostutler stated that the two units would be \$5000.00, with about \$800.00 per year in annual estimated maintenance costs. Ms. Samide stated that she thought it would be a good idea to bring in a nutritionist. Ms. Hostutler stated that another accolade of CEBCO is that we are members of Welcoa, a group that provides wellness programs. The possibility of allowing providers of nutrition or other wellness professionals to use the meeting room in Building 8 was discussed, but it was recognized that there could be legal issues. Ms. Hostutler stated that half of the grant money will be provided up front. Discussion was held on the widespread implementation of wellness initiatives across the country, from the private sector to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Other programs with potential to positively impact healthcare costs were discussed, including smoking cessation and differential premiums based on employee behavior. Questions were raised by audience members as to whether any benefit from a wellness program can be proven. Mr. Jemison responded that the county's excellent record in recent years in terms of low premium renewal rates was proof that these programs are effective.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge the submission by County Wellness Coordinator Kathleen Hostutler of the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) 2013 Wellness Grant Application in the amount of \$12,144.00 for programs and \$4,000.00 for administrative costs and training.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Acting Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Discussion was held regarding the Geauga County Employee Fitness Benefit program currently in effect for 2012, as to whether it would be continued in 2013.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, to approve the continuation of the Geauga County Employee Fitness Benefit program for 2013 for employees under the Commissioners' hiring authority.

This motion died for a lack of a second. The question on the continuance or cancellation of the fitness benefit will be addressed by the board at a future meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 12, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- b) *The 2012 Annual Monitoring Reports for the O'Reilly Farm (AEPP 2003) and the Binnig Farm (AEPP 2005)*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 12/24 **The County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, will be closed for Christmas Eve. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

Tues., 12/25 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

Tue., 12/25 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 12/27 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*

Thu., 12/27 *The Commissioners' will hold a Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. for the proposed rehiring of Retirant Bernadette Gliha*

Thu., 12/27 *The Commissioners' will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed rehiring of Retirant Elizabeth Slattery*

Tues., 1/1 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Tues., 1/1 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 1/3 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

1/4 – 1/6 *Some of the Commissioners will attend the Agricultural Fair Board Convention in Columbus, Ohio*

Tues., 1/8 *The Commissioner's will hold regular session*

Tues., 1/8 *The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

Wed., 1/9 *The Commissioners' will attend the Geauga County Township Association Meeting Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Hambden Township Hall*

Thu., 1/10 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

Fri., 1/11 *NOACA Meeting, 10:00 a.m. in Cleveland*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:55 A.M.

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Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Ralph Spidalieri, Acting

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk