

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 6, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 6, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 30, 2012.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Auditor's Note Retirement for the receipt of the public safety communication note proceeds; Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Job and Family Service's Public Assistance and Child Support funds for State Fiscal Year 2013 (SFY13) appropriations and the Department on Aging construction fund for the repair and seal of the parking lot; Appropriation transfers from the Contingency account for additional appropriations for increased costs associated with the housing of Federal and Cuyahoga county inmates for the Sheriff's Office and for the Prosecutor's Office for criminal investigation salary reimbursements paid into the General Fund; a purchase order for Clark Equipment Company for the purchase of a S650 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for the Maintenance Department in the amount of \$27,775.12 (state contract price); Travel requests for the Office of Community and Economic Development, Juvenile / Probate Court, and the Department of Water Resources; a payment to Pitney Bowes Reserve for the purchase of postage in the amount of \$25,000.00 and a payment to Jack Gibson Construction Company for the Infirmary Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant project in the amount of \$79,317.82.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-159 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 6, 2012.*

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

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY – U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ARMY PERMIT –RECONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE APRON PHASE 2 AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT**

*Airport Manager Patty Fulop explained that the last time she had been in session was to ask for approval of a revised grant application that removed the ditch drainage improvements, saying that same afternoon she had received a call letting her know that the Army Corps of Engineers was able to come out, so that motion has since been rescinded and we are moving forward with the ditch drainage improvements. Ms. Fulop explained that today she was asking for approval to apply to the Army Corps of Engineers for the permit; this is a two part agreement, giving authorization to Don Yager, Consulting Engineer with G. A. Consultants permission to speak with the Army Corps of Engineers about the project; the second part is executing the application. The airport cannot sign due to the property belonging to the Commissioners. This permit allows the airport to enclose the ditch that the Army Corps deemed to be wetlands. The Army Corps of Engineers has been out, looked at the ditch and has approved the improvements.*

*Commissioner Claypool inquired about building a hangar at the airport. Ms. Fulop replied that he could but that there is provision stating that after twenty years the hangar becomes property of the airport. Ms. Fulop explained that they do have a hangar open, adding that the Airport*

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*Board has taken the stance of hoping to rent it out as a whole, to a charter or mechanical. If that does not happen by November 1<sup>st</sup>, they do have a waiting list, but it will cost more to rent as the hangar is heated and has a restroom. Mr. Claypool noted that he would like to come out to the airport and take a look, adding that it had been a while since he had been out there, but remembered a gentleman who had a collection of planes there. Ms. Fulop explained that he had just recently auctioned and sold that collection in May and left completely the end of July. Ms. Fulop commented that it was like their own private museum, that they were able to open the doors and share it with school groups that had come out to visit. The planes were in pristine condition and able to fly anytime. Discussion took place regarding the sale of the planes, the next capital expansion to be required on the airport of a taxi-runway, Airport Day on September 15<sup>th</sup> where they will be flying young eagles, and an opportunity for someone interested in flying to have a ride as an eagle, along with aerobatics being taught at the airport.*

*Ms. Fulop reminded the Board to take a look at the grant assurances agreement that was sent, that included minor changes, and that it includes the airport being required to be open for an additional twenty years. Ms. Fulop added that she had also sent the acceptance for the grant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Application for Department of the Army Permit, and further authorize Donald Yager, Airport Consulting Engineer to furnish any additional information in support of this permit application in regards to the Reconstruction of Concrete Apron Phase 2 and Drainage Improvement Grant.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – HORIZON EXCAVATING, GARY R. AND MARY D. CURRAN – INSTALLATION OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this was the fifth client to be approved for the EPA grant, adding this was an 85% / 15% grant and asked the Board to execute the contract and notice to proceed.*

*Mr. Claypool expressed that the nation had busted through \$16 Trillion in debt level and that it was still climbing. Mr. Claypool inquired if Community Development goes out and looks at the properties before giving out the grant funds, to see what the houses they are investing \$10,000 – \$22,000.00 in; if they don't, he suggests that they do and that the Board also does. Mr. Claypool noted that he had been out and looked at two of the properties over the weekend and had taken pictures of both. Mr. Claypool stated that one of the two properties he wouldn't put \$5,000.00 or even \$1,000.00 into as it was not in very good condition, adding that we are willing to take \$22,000.00 because it's not our money, that it is easy to do, and then give it someone. Mr. Claypool stated that he needed to question the judgment in doing that. Mr. Claypool stated that he had not voted for this grant originally and that he questions this type of grant, where the EPA gives grants to private individuals, when we continue to increase the debt of this nation and risk the futures of our kids and grandkids, stating that if we are not doing due diligence then we are being irresponsible.*

*Ms. Stusek stated that their office was doing everything that they could do, adding that at some time they do go out and look at the properties, noting that they do not go out ahead of time to make a determination. The Health District goes to the property, and if they fail the system it makes it eligible for the grant. The office follows through with their part, holding a pre-construction hearing at the property. Ms. Stusek stated that under the regulations they are not given the ability to make a determination that the house is not worthy to put a system in; the Health District fails it and that is the first step.*

*Mr. Claypool noted that this would pass as he is only one vote, and that the merits of this for being responsible stewards of individuals' tax dollars is something they could and should talk about, adding that the Board needs to start being responsible, especially when it risks the future, that this \$10,000.00 is a nit in the big picture, but that all the pennies and nickels add up every time we give away tax dollars to people who should be responsible for their own homes.*

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*Commissioner Samide expressed that it should have been thought about when the Federal Government gave \$7 Trillion of that \$16 Trillion to the bank industry that has kept them rolling, continuing to keep their high salaries, and has yet to be paid back. Mr. Claypool stated that the government made bad decisions, adding that many people misunderstand the banking industry, noting that it is the most regulated organization in the country. Mr. Claypool stated that due to regulations by the government the banks were forced to give low interest loans to people who couldn't afford them in order to put people into homes. Mr. Claypool stated that he was not justifying the government's bad behavior, adding that he would not have saved General Motors (GM), noting that while he was working for them across the company he witnessed the misbehaviors firsthand of the labor unions destroying GM from within. As Public Officials they should be looking at every single nickel of tax dollars that are spent and do it in a fiscally responsible way. If there is point in time that we need to help people with a septic system, that is a discussion we need to have, but that in his own mind, people are responsible for the home they live in. Mr. Claypool doesn't expect people to bail him out if his system is failing, he would have to get a second mortgage or take an equity loan. Mr. Claypool stated that there is social responsibility when you sign a contract for a home, that you will take care of it; if you cannot do that, than you need to change your lifestyle and not expect society to pick up the burden. Mr. Claypool noted that Ms. Samide has often stated several times that she takes personal responsibility for herself and expects other people to do the same thing, and that as Public Officials we need to demonstrate the principle we adhere to.*

*Ms. Samide noted that the county live within its budget, and it is balanced, which is something that they Federal Government does not do, they do not balance their budget. Ms. Samide stated that the county has lived with 20% less cash flow since 2008, that it has been a huge drop in the cash flow and revenue stream, but we have lived responsibly and every individual in this county, including Department Directors has watched every dime, nickel and lived with pay scales that fall under what surrounding counties have, including our safety forces. Mr. Claypool stated that giving tax dollars away is irresponsible. Ms. Samide stated that she has taken personal responsibility and never taken a loan, but has paid as she went with no extra help, that she had been fortunate to do that, but that not everyone is able to do what she has done. Ms. Samide added that you then have the issue of bad septic systems and asked if you allow them to rein in your county, polluting the ground water that is an issue as a responsible elected official you need to take care of. Commissioner Jemison asked Ms. Stusek that if this system didn't get fixed, the person could not stay there, and then we now have a system polluting the neighborhood, and if they can't stay there, now we have a vacant home. Ms. Samide added that the house would then have to be sold and that is an issue. Discussion took place about the tax valuation for the structure, the market value and information found on the Auditor's website regarding the property on Watt Road.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that if the system has failed that it needs to be fixed or replaced and that is a legal obligation of the landowner. Mr. Claypool expressed his feeling that if a person cannot personally afford to fix or replace the system, that he questions the viability of owning that home, adding that the county could attach the cost of the repair on the home, and then when it is sold the county would get the cost back. Mr. Claypool stated that as a citizen, a taxpayer and as an Elected Official, even for a short time this is the kinds of thing that need to be questioned; this won't fix the problem as this will move forward, but he said he needs to speak up or he does not feel he is holding up to the oath he took to the citizens of this county, that it is necessary and fiduciary responsibility to speak up and question this stuff, adding that others that he has spoken with feel the same way. Ms. Samide added that in being fiscally responsible you need to look at what each individual does in their personal finances, asking if Mr. Claypool had taken a loan, a grant, or helped his kids with college, that you cannot go one way and not the other, that you need to go one way, all the way. Mr. Claypool added that he was ready to go all the way, noting that he had been fired by the President of the United States and due to that lost everything, having to start all over again and doing it on his own. It is a matter of people taking responsibility for their decisions and situations, and that you have to hold people responsible as they will always take what they can get; it's human nature to get bureaucracy big, for people to get more, if we allow it, but we need to say no and that we are not going to tolerate it. Ms. Fulop inquired about if these were grants. Discussion was had that some are a 100% grant, while others are an 85% grant / 15% homeowner, and if a mortgage could be filed. Ms. Stusek noted that mortgages could not be placed on the EPA grant, only on the county program.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that Ms. Stusek does a great job and apologized to her for having to take his gruff when she comes before the Board, noting that this is his opportunity to get the*

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*conversations about these programs started, adding that if they do not get started things will never get fixed, adding that we should not allow the EPA, the Federal Government to give us a percentage of our money back. Mr. Jemison stated that he appreciated that Mr. Claypool recognized that this is our money coming back, that the other day at the fair meeting he had stated that it wasn't our money. Mr. Claypool stated that a portion of it is our money, but that 40% was going to the Chinese, and that his comment at the fair was that it is not our money because as nation we are broke, we don't have any money, yet we continue to spend it like we do, adding that we need to start acting like we are broke as there is a lot at stake here, that we as a nation cannot continue to allow the Federal Government keep putting money on a credit card. Mr. Claypool stated that he does hold up Geauga County, as a good example that we have a fantastic county in relation to those counties around us. Mr. Claypool stated that he would abstain.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Three-party Contract between the Geauga County Commissioners, Horizon Excavating, and Gary R. and Mary D. Curran for the installation of a septic system located at 8444 Cloveridge Road, Russell under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$10,998.00.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – HORIZON EXCAVATING – INSTALL SEPTIC SYSTEM**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed to Horizon Excavating for the installation of a septic system located at 8444 Cloveridge Road, Russell under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

*Ms. Stusek explained that this was a new form that the State of Ohio was requiring, adding that the Board had approved and executed a DS5 card authoring certain people in the county to accept the drawdown, now the State is asking for a form that states you executed that form.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Signature Certification for the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development in connection with the previously executed Authorized Signature Card for Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report form.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORM AND PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair noted that these are updated accounting and payroll forms that have removed Ms. Benton due to her departure.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Form.*

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*Roll Call Vote:*            *Commissioner Claypool*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Jemison*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Samide*        *Aye*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Payroll Authorization Form.*

*Roll Call Vote:*            *Commissioner Claypool*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Jemison*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Samide*        *Aye*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGRADE PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1405 – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY FOR POSITION**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that Ms. Benton's position as Program Coordinator which is currently open was under the pay system as a Grade 7; based upon recommendations, the decision was made to upgrade that position to include fiscal and financial responsibilities, re-grading to a Grade 8. Mr. Lair added that this is also requesting to post the position internally at the upgraded Grade 8 with additional responsibilities listed. Mr. Claypool added that the Board had met and discussed this; Mr. Lair noted that an executive session had been held.*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the Re-Grade of the Program Coordinator (#1405) position to a Grade 8, to include financial responsibilities.*

*Roll Call Vote:*            *Commissioner Claypool*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Jemison*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Samide*        *Aye*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Program Coordinator (#1405) for a period of five (5) days, closing at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2012.*

*Roll Call Vote:*            *Commissioner Claypool*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Jemison*        *Aye*  
                                  *Commissioner Samide*        *Aye*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL DECREASE – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE MUNN ROAD – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM**

*County Engineer Mike Stone explained that the following change orders were for incidentals on the projects, adding that these are the things you hope for, minor changes, but needed to do the job correctly by the contractor. Mr. Stone stated that Munn Road was completed and has an OPWC grant included in it, noting that they were asking for a disbursement of their portion of the grant. Mr. Stone stated that Auburn Road and Morgan Road were Federal Aid projects with decreases. Mr. Stone explained that they are most often close, that the Engineers do their best at estimating what is thought to be needed, and the contractor does his best to the specifications and ability, but every once in a while you will see an increase, caused by something that may have been missed or added to the project. Mr. Jemison stated that increases can happen with the scope of the projects that are done, noting the other day there was an increase for pavement markings, but that it was due to an addition on the project. Mr. Stone added that if you are too conservative that you can open a door for a contractor to put in an unbalanced bid, allowing them to make adjustments for work he doesn't perform. The Engineers do their best to hit the quantities the best they can and hope that it works out. Mr. Claypool asked for clarification on the unbalanced bid, inquiring about the evaluation of the bids once collected. Mr. Stone explained that the bids are evaluated, and that they don't want to open the door on a possibility, giving an example of an Engineer being too conservative and doubling the amount of asphalt needed on a project, that is not needed, a contractor could include that money for the asphalt they aren't going to need into another area of the project so they get paid more for it, and that is not what we want to do. Mr. Stone stated that they do their best and try to be as close as they can.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final Decreasing the contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH 32, Sections E & F) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$753.50.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize Tracy A. Jemison, Chief Executive Officer, to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 for the resurfacing of Munn Road (Sections E & F) in the amount of \$261,212.19.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL DECREASE RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE AUBURN ROAD**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final Decreasing the contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections K-M) in Newbury and Munson Townships in the amount of \$10,123.80.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL DECREASE KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE MORGAN ROAD**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final Decreasing the contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road (CH 26) in Montville Township in the amount of \$9,541.90.

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SERVICE CONTRACT – NON-HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE ODOT AGREEMENT – LITTER REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN GEAUGA COUNTY**

Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand explained that this contract is one that has been used for several years where ODOT pays the county, to what amounts to a deputy's salary for the use of inmates to pick up trash along the state highways within the county. Deputy Hildenbrand added that this contract was for this year's State Fiscal Year.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Service Contract for Non-Highway Construction or Maintenance, ODOT Agreement (No.17287) for litter removal on state maintained roads within Geauga County for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

**OTHER – RECOGNITION - BICENTENNIAL BUILDING AT THE FAIR**

Mr. Lair recognized the Clerk, Ms. Blair for her hard work on the Bicentennial Bell Building at the Fair, that she had single handedly taken on the job this year. The Board noted that it was very nice, looked good and that people liked the openness of the building.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING CASA FOR KIDS FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY – FRIENDS OF CASA TENTH ANNIVERSARY

*Ms. Samide explained that this appreciation evening was for the volunteers who give their time to take care of abused and neglected children. Mr. Claypool noted that this was a good example of what we can do with volunteers in this county.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-160 Honoring and Celebrating CASA for Kids Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary and the Friends of CASA Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: September 6, 2012*

*Resolution: #12-160*

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING CASA FOR KIDS FIFTEENTH (15<sup>TH</sup>) ANNIVERSARY AND THE FRIENDS OF CASA TENTH (10<sup>TH</sup>) ANNIVERSARY**

*WHEREAS, CASA for KIDS of Geauga County provides the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) services for the Juvenile Court as established by Judge Charles E. Henry with continued support of Judge Timothy J. Grendell, and celebrates the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year that CASA volunteers have acted in this role; and*

*WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are carefully selected through application, references, interviews, background checks and thirty-two hours of pre-service training; and*

*WHEREAS, CASA volunteers investigate, facilitate, monitor, advocate and continue to receive twelve hours of continuing education in order to effectively perform their role; and*

*WHEREAS, Since the inception of the program, two hundred and sixty six (266) CASA volunteers have represented the "best interest" of nine hundred and ninety five (995) abused and neglected children; and*

*WHEREAS, Friends of CASA, a nonprofit volunteer organization celebrates the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) year of providing public awareness and financial support to the CASA volunteers and the children served by CASA for KIDS; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 6, 2012 an annual gathering will be held to recognize and thank the CASA program's most valuable resource - the volunteers; and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud and thank the CASA volunteers and the Friends of CASA for their outstanding dedication, commitment and service to Geauga County's most vulnerable children; and*

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2012 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

*There was a brief discussion about the budget hearings giving a time for the departments to ask for changes to their tax budget before the permanent appropriation is done in December.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the following 2012 Budget Hearing Schedule:*

<i>September</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>11:00 a.m.*</i>			<i>Treasurer</i>	
<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Recorder</i>	<i>Veterans</i>	<i>Law Library</i>	<i>Transit</i>
<i>1:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>Bd of Elections</i>	<i>Juvenile Court</i>	<i>OSU Extension</i>

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2:30 p.m.	DES	Building	Com Develop	Maintenance
3:15 p.m.	County Home	Dog Warden	Commissioners	Job & Family
4:00 p.m.				

<b>October</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>18th</b>
1:00 p.m.	Airport	Prosecutor	Planning	Bd of DD
1:45 p.m.	Engineer	Clerk of Courts	Mental Health	Soil & Water
2:30 p.m.	Municipal Court Auditor		Archives	Water Resources
3:15 p.m.	Public Defender	Aging	Coroner	Com Pleas
4:00 p.m.				Court Technology

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – CLOSE OFFICES

The Board had a discussion about cancelling session to due conflicts with the Perry Drill, when session follows a holiday where the offices are closed, the CCAO Winter Conference held in December, and the options of closing the offices after Thanksgiving and on Christmas Eve. As a result the following actions were taken:

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session on October 2, 2012 and October 9, 2012 due to scheduling conflicts and the Columbus Day holiday.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session on November 13, 2012 and November 22, 2012 due to the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison that in light of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, the Geauga County Commissioners announce that the Geauga County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, will be closed on Friday, November 23, 2012. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal. Further, in order to maintain operations, the employees under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners required to work on November 23, 2012 will be entitled to overtime rate in addition to their regular pay. (Bargaining unit employees are governed by provision of their collective bargaining agreement).

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, December 25, 2012 and January 1, 2013 due to scheduling conflicts and the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison that in light of the Christmas Day Holiday, the Geauga County Commissioners announce that the Geauga County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of

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*Commissioners, will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2012. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal. Further, in order to maintain operations, the employees under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners required to work on December 24, 2012 will be entitled to overtime rate in addition to their regular pay. (Bargaining unit employees are governed by provision of their collective bargaining agreement).*

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Samide added that there will be a ceremony beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the Chardon Square in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. There is also a Farm Bureau dinner on September 27, 2012 at St. Mary's Church. Tourism is holding their Hometown Hoe-down on September 29, 2012 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Middlefield sale barn.*

**MEETINGS**

- Thu., 9/6 Annual CASA Appreciation Evening, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Welshfield Inn*
- Tues., 9/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Tues., 9/11 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Tues., 9/11 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 9/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Thu., 9/13 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Fri., 9/14 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 9/17 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tues., 9/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Tues., 9/18 Investment Advisory Committee meeting, following session, Chambers*
- Tues., 9/18 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Tues., 9/18 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees meeting, 4:00 p.m. Gates Mills Community House*
- Wed., 9/19 The Commissioners will attend the Department on Aging Annual meeting, 12:00 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Senior Center, Chardon*
- Thu., 9/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Thu., 9/20 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

**OTHER – NO WAKE ZONE**

*Mr. Claypool stated that following the Solid Waste meeting on Tuesday afternoon that he had stopped in to the restaurant along State Route 422 and inquired about problems with Jet Skis on the river. The new owner stated that the river was quiet, but that about five years ago a gentleman had put his Jet Ski in but it was too shallow and dangerous and he had never come back. Mr. Claypool noted that for \$15.00 the restaurant and canoe livery will take you and your canoe to Hiram or Russell Park and drop you off. Mr. Claypool added that the Bartender named Tom who had worked there for many years and fished the river regularly noted that occasionally a skiff will come through but that they slow down near fisherman and canoes.*

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***OTHER – ROUTE 66***

*Mr. Lair added that the Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler was on vacation in Missouri and had sent a photo of herself under a big Route 66 sign sitting on a Corvare, that even on vacation she was thinking about the Wellness Program back home in Geauga County.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:13 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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