

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**October 11, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 11, 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 10:02 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 October 4, 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>

**FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney reported on the Financials from October 9, 2012, Resolution #12-176, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 19, 2012 authorizing the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and/or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board through the end of 2012, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30 as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Fund in order to process the healthcare payments for October, 2012.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Ms. Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Sheriff's Commissary fund to reflect actual revenue received; a Supplemental appropriation for the Dog Warden fund for part time help for the Auditor's dog clerk to enter licensing information in the new computer system; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for reimbursements deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of the 2012 funding for the Youth Center, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter SFY13 commitment for Family First Council and the local grant match for the Airport apron improvement project; a purchase order for DB Spectra Incorporated for the PIM/PIP rated antennas for the 800 MHz digital upgrade project in the amount of \$31,430.96; Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts, Common Pleas Court and the Recorder's Office; the Fourth quarter payment for 2012 to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,316.00; and a payment to Motorola Credit Corp for a portion of the 800 MHz digital upgrade project in the amount of \$2,580,658.20. The Board briefly discussed that this was the second payment made to Motorola on the upgrade project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-177 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 16, 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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL DECREASE – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – RESURFACING OF SPERRY ROAD**

*Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this change order was the first and final change for the Sperry Road project that includes a decrease of just over \$27,000.00. Mr. Cattell noted that this project was the section of road from Mayfield Road to State Route 87, adding that the project had come out nicely, and has the high skid resistance surface. This surface includes sharper manufactured sand and a polymer mix, which reduces the tendency for the road over time to become slippery when wet. Mr. Cattell stated that the Burton-Windsor Road Bridge project change order also has a decrease of just over \$3,000.00.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final Decreasing the contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Sperry Road (CH 12, Sections B-G) in Newbury, Russell and Chester Townships in the amount of \$27,614.70.

<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 – WINTERS AND LEWIS EXCAVATING, INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF BURTON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final Decreasing the contract with Winters and Lewis Excavating, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Burton Windsor Road Bridge (Structure #14-6.14) in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$3,003.35.

<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 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TRACY A. JEMISON – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST – BURTON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE

*Mr. Cattell explained that Commissioner Jemison, whom was President when the project was approved for funding needs to execute the reimbursement request to close out the project and send final payment.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize Tracy A. Jemison, the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 releasing funds for the Replacement of the Burton Windsor Road Bridge (Structure #14-6.14) in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$61,226.76.

<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 – REVISED 2012 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MAP

*Mr. Cattell stated that he was asking the Board for their approval of the revised County Highway System Map, reflecting the transfer back of Hemlock Point Road to Russell Township.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Revised 2012 County Highway System map, depicting the amendments that included adding Russell Road (CH 20), Removing Hemlock Road (CH 29, Sections A & B), and Removing Hemlock Point Road (CH 29, Section C).

<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>

*Mr. Cattell added that this map would then be sent down to Columbus for final approval, and they anticipate the final approval will occur prior to any major snowfall, otherwise an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) will be prepared to handle road maintenance should any delay in final state approval require documentation of how snow removal will be handled on the roads being transferred from and to the county.*

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) CASA FOR KIDS GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORMS  
*CASA Director Chris Steigerwald explained that this was the final acceptance of their grant award that was submitted in early June, and this program is endorsed by the Ohio Attorney*

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*General because children that are in the system due to abuse, neglect, and dependency issues created by their parents are considered victims of crime. This federal money exists because it has been confiscated through the prosecution of criminal activities, noting that a mandate was established years ago that states that such monies had to be used to assist victims of crime. At one time this funding supplied about a third of CASA's budget, but now this grant only supplies about a fourth of the department's funding, because this grant has not increased over the years, while the need for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) services and the expenditures for these services has grown.*

*Ms. Steigerwald stated that because the grant came from federal money funneled through the state, there are federal conditions required to be met, including EEOC and other compliance requirements specified as a condition of the grant. Commissioner Claypool stated that he had noticed there were a number of victims of crime support activities in the county, and for most of these positions, there are some local taxpayer dollars involved, and he questions whether we should pool these resources to be more effective. Ms. Steigerwald stated that by federal and state law, the role that CASA fulfills is to be the guardian ad litem of children involved in court cases, and the ORC specifies the way in which this position acts and mandates that there must be a guardian ad litem to represent the best interests of the children. Ms. Steigerwald continued by stating that families are focused on problems with addiction, criminal activity, or mental health and are not focusing on the degree to which these issues are affecting children in these families, so there is a federal and state requirement to advocate for the children. When that role was first created in the law, it was fulfilled by attorneys and every court is responsible for funding the cost of a guardian ad litem, so even if attorneys were providing this service, the court would be responsible for paying these attorneys. Ms. Steigerwald stated that Judge Grendell has stated that it would cost the taxpayers three times as much for the court to provide the required guardian ad litem should attorneys be used, noting that in Geauga County, there are approximately sixty (60) CASA volunteers currently involved with the program, and they give more time than is officially reported. Every year it is estimated that their work translates into \$270,000-\$300,000.00 worth of volunteered time. Ms. Steigerwald stated that CASA's role is also defined by rules established by the Ohio Supreme Court, and that CASA does coordinate with others funded by VOCA and the various Victims' Advocate specialists do gather periodically to discuss trends that may affect all engaged in this work. Ms. Steigerwald stated that the recent increase in heroin addiction by parents is resulting in more crime, and more need for child care, and added that the role of CASA is very specialized as required by federal and state law, and their function is very different than other victims' advocates, so she was not sure how these various victims' advocate agencies could be combined, as all CASA activity is directed by the Juvenile Court.*

*Mr. Claypool expressed the view that "everything the federal government touches, they screw up", so anytime a federal program is created, we should try to avoid participating in it. Mr. Claypool expressed that he feels that Ms. Steigerwald is a great person, and that he has heard from Judge Grendell how great this program is. Mr. Claypool stated that we have great people working for Geauga County but sometimes we don't step back and look at what is reasonable for the taxpayers, as we are using tax dollars, and question whether the current approach is the best way to do it. We have a Juvenile Court Advocate, a Sheriff's Advocate, and advocates for the other courts; they do different jobs but there is still human emotion involved and there may be some efficiency that centralizing this advocacy function may gain. Mr. Claypool noted that he has a sheet summarizing the total federal dollars involved in funding these various advocacy functions, and that this causes him to wonder whether there is a more efficient way to do this, and that he would like the assistance of Ms. Steigerwald to explain it to him. Ms. Steigerwald responded that first of all, in terms of the role of the guardian ad litem, the current structure is the most proactive and effective way to provide this service to children. Ms. Steigerwald added that CASA's role is defined by ORC Rule 48 and by over 400 standards set by the national CASA organization. This factor is key; because when attorneys are utilized to do this work, they are not held to this same high level of standards. Ms. Steigerwald stated that she is a little biased in this regard, but her honest opinion is that attorneys don't get much training on substance abuse, whereas she has over 30 years' experience in this area, and all the other CASA Supervisors have this background. They are more equipped to deal with these situations because they are experienced in substance abuse effects on children, should they need to be placed in therapeutic care. She confirmed that she works closely with JFS but there is a check and balance going on with this relationship. CASA Advocates are required to see children once per month, whereas Rule 48 standards only specify that at least one home visit of the child in the home with their parents is required. They have had cases transferred from Cuyahoga County, where the only*

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documentation provided with the transferred case was a loose leaf piece of paper as the attorney guardian ad litem reported to court, simply saying that he agrees with the caseworker. Ms. Steigerwald stated that CASA reports are generally about twelve (12) pages long, and provide full information on the child in the home and at school. Mr. Claypool agreed that the CASA advocates are totally different from advocates working with other departments and agencies in the county, as this is all they do, noting that the Sheriff's Victims' Advocate comes from a law enforcement background, whereas the CASA advocates come from a background working directly with families. Mr. Claypool asked for and received confirmation that this grant is funding part of the salaries of 4 part-time employees, and that the VOCA program is federal, whereas the SVAA is a state program. Ms. Steigerwald confirmed an approximate total budget of \$137,000.00, with grant funding about \$26,000.00 of that budget.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Geauga County's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA #2013VADSCE480) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA #2013SADSCE480) 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, 2012 through September 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MICHAEL SIEBERT

Director Doug Bowen explained that upon hiring Mr. Siebert he had a previously planned vacation with his family.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Michael Siebert for the period October 15, 2012 through October 19, 2012 in the amount of forty (40) hours, as this was an arranged vacation prior to being hired. This will extend his probationary period by five (5) days.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LEASE AGREEMENT – CITY OF CHARDON – 223 CENTER STREET

Mr. Bowen explained that this lease with the City of Chardon was to allow them to continue to use the Water Resources garage on Center Street to store their equipment throughout the winter.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Lease Agreement for the Garage located at 223 Center Street, Chardon by and between the County of Geauga and the City of Chardon for the period October 15, 2012 through April 15, 2013 in the amount of \$2,500.00 per month.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGER ORDER #4 – INFIRMARY CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that the original design at the Infirmary Creek Wastewater Treatment plant had the water well too close to the plant; this contract was to replace that well and also provide for the use of recycled wastewater for some plant functions. The new well needed to be dug deeper to accommodate all needs; this contract provides for the

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*deeper new well, along with a recycling process at the end of the waste treatment stream to allow for recycled water. In response to a question from Commissioner Jemison as to whether this change order caused the overall budget for the upgrade to the Infirmiry Creek plant to be over the estimate, Mr. Morgan replied that this was an additional expense that was covered within the 10% project contingency. Mr. Bowen added that the hospital was covering a large portion of the overall project costs. Mr. Claypool inquired about the area covered by this treatment plant to which Mr. Morgan responded that this treatment plant covers the county facilities located in the area around Ravenwood, Merritt, Aquilla and Ravenna Roads, UH-Geauga Medical Center, and a few private properties located along Ravenna Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #4 with Jack Gibson Construction for the Infirmiry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for auger motor feed wiring, a deeper water well and bigger pump, auger rinse system, additional paving and culvert stone, replacement of fence gate, and connection to Lab FM to splitter box in the amount of \$57,351.85.*

<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 – AMEND MOTION FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 – UPDATE GRANT AMOUNT TO \$46,092.00**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that this was simply to correct a transposed number from the previously approved motion. In response to a question from Mr. Claypool regarding the difference, Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair stated that it was a change in the award amount of \$46,902.00 that had been approved to \$46,092.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to amend the motion from September 20, 2012 to read: approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2012-2013 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) Grant Award and Acceptance Forms for the Sheriff's Office Victims Services Programs for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$46,092.00, \$32,123.00 from Federal VOCA funds #2013VAGENE554, \$10,708.00 Local match from the Geauga County General Fund, and \$3,261.00 from the State Victim Advocacy Act SVAA #2013SAGENE554.*

<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 – RESOLUTION HONORING 2012 CHAPMAN AWARD WINNERS – JUDY CARRUTHERS, ANN LYMNA, MARY JEAN MORENO AND PAT WEYANDT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-178 Honoring 2012 Chapman Award Winners Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno, and Pat Weyandt.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 11, 2012*

*Resolution: 12-178*

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2012 CHAPMAN AWARD WINNERS  
JUDY CARRUTHERS, ANN LYMAN, MARY JEAN MORENO AND PAT WEYANDT**

*WHEREAS, Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno and Pat Weyandt are recipients of the prestigious Chapman Award, that is bestowed once a year by the Geauga County Library Foundation and is given to someone whom was nominated that best represents the values of bringing books and people together; and*

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*WHEREAS, Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno and Pat Weyandt are all retired teachers from the West Geauga Schools, whom as a team took on the task of color coding by reading level difficulty all of the early reader books allowing parents and children to easily identify the best reading level; and*

*WHEREAS, Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno, and Pat Weyandt continue to ensure and enhance positive reading experiences through the many programs and activities they work, like delivering books to Amish schools, nursing homes, homebound patrons, helping with book sales at the Geauga West Library and on the Bookmobile, spending time making bags for new moms and their babies of library materials for Geauga Hospital and the Amish birthing center, and through a reading program for Kindergartners called Books 'n' Bears, where they read aloud to them about getting their very own library card; and*

*WHEREAS, Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno, and Pat Weyandt are dedicated, hardworking volunteers who pitch in and help with any task wherever they are needed and through those efforts they enrich the lives of the thousands of Geauga County residents who use the libraries; and*

*WHEREAS, Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno, and Pat Weyandt are current members of the Geauga County Retired Teachers' Association and the Geauga West Friends of the Library; and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Judy Carruthers, Ann Lyman, Mary Jean Moreno and Pat Weyandt for their dedication and service to the library, the community and congratulates them for being recipients of the 2012 Chapman Award.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes 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 – 2013 GEAUGA COUNTY CEBCO/ ANTHEM HEALTHCARE, DELTA DENTAL, AND WAIVER RENEWAL PLANS AND RATES AND COUNTY AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES**

*Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that CEBCO (County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio) provided Geauga County with a 5.6% healthcare renewal and a 1.2% dental renewal, which along with last year's 1% healthcare decrease translates to an average increase for the last two years of under 2.5%, well under the national trend of 10-12% per year. Ms. Hostutler remarked that this adjustment compared very favorably to the 40% renewal rate proposed to the county by Aetna in 2005 for the 2006 renewal, with the county ultimately switching to Medical Mutual of Ohio for a 30% increase fixed for two years, and then on to CEBCO in 2008, which was a very good move for the county. Ms. Hostutler complimented county employees for working on improving their wellness and utilization of preventative maintenance, and noted that the county is doing well, as one of the 25 Ohio counties participating in the CEBCO program.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and accept the 2013 Geauga County CEBCO/Anthem Healthcare Renewal plans and rates, the county and employee contribution rates, and to further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the County of Geauga Enhanced Plan and Basic Plan 5a Summary of Benefits Forms to be effective January 1, 2013.*

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<b>CEBCO/ANTHEM Wellness Rates - 2013</b>					
<i>Type</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Monthly Premium</i>	<i>Monthly County Contribution</i>	<i>Employee Bi-Weekly</i>	<i>Employee Monthly</i>
Enhanced	Family	\$1,095.64	\$1,003.64	\$ 46.00	\$ 92.00
Enhanced	Single	\$ 415.66	\$ 378.66	\$ 18.50	\$ 37.00
Basic	Family	\$ 965.94	\$ 937.94	\$ 14.00	\$ 28.00
Basic	Single	\$ 366.46	\$ 355.46	\$ 5.50	\$ 11.00

<b>CEBCO/ANTHEM Standard Rates - 2013</b>					
<i>Type</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Monthly Premium</i>	<i>Monthly County Contribution</i>	<i>Employee Bi-Weekly</i>	<i>Employee Monthly</i>
Enhanced	Family	\$1,095.64	\$ 985.64	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00
Enhanced	Single	\$ 415.66	\$ 371.66	\$ 22.00	\$ 44.00
Basic	Family	\$ 965.94	\$ 931.94	\$ 17.00	\$ 34.00
Basic	Single	\$ 366.46	\$ 353.46	\$ 6.50	\$ 13.00

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

*Commissioner Samide noted that this is still a two-tier plan, which allows employees to choose the best plan to fit their needs.*

*Motion:*                    *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and accept the 2013 Geauga County CEBCO/Delta Dental Renewal plans and rates, and the county contribution rate to be effective January 1, 2013.*

<b>CEBCO/DELTA DENTAL Rates - 2013</b>					
<i>Type</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Monthly Premium</i>	<i>Monthly County Contribution</i>	<i>Employee Bi-Weekly</i>	<i>Employee Monthly</i>
DDP	Family	\$ 80.32	\$ 80.32	\$ 0	\$ 0
DDP	Single	\$ 28.18	\$ 28.18	\$ 0	\$ 0

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

*Mr. Jemison asked for confirmation on the increase to the dental rate, which Ms. Hostutler replied that it was a 1.2% increase.*

*Motion:*                    *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and accept the 2013 Geauga County Employee Waiver rates to be effective January 1, 2013.*

*Ms. Hostutler noted that the waiver rates remained the same as last year.*

<b>Geauga County Waivers - 2013</b>		
<i>Type of Waiver</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Single</i>
Full (Medical, Prescription & Dental)	\$2,088.00	\$ 792.00
Partial (Medical & Prescription Only)	\$1,884.00	\$ 720.00

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 26, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of September, 2012.*
- c) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of September 2012, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

*Thu., 10/11 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

*Fri., 10/12 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*

*Mon., 10/15 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Mental Health Board*

*Tues., 10/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Tues., 10/16 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

*Thu., 10/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Thu., 10/18 Budget Hearings beginning at 11:00 a.m.*

*Thu., 10/18 Lights on Afterschool, 6:00 p.m., Chagrin Falls Park Community Center*

*Tue., 10/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Tue., 10/23 Records Commission Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Archives and Records Center*

*Thu., 10/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Thu., 10/25 Soil and Water Annual Dinner and Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds School Building*

*Tue., 10/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Local resident Diane Jones asked the board a question regarding the employee waiver rates; Ms. Samide explained that the county offers employees having other healthcare coverage available to them the option of electing to take that alternative coverage and waiving the county coverage. Those employees then receive the waiver amount specified, which is based on their eligibility for family vs. single coverage, along with the specific benefits that are being waived. It was noted that the waiver rates approved were well under the maximum waiver amount authorized by Ohio law of up to 25% of what the county would otherwise pay as its portion of that employee's healthcare costs, and that payment of a waiver to the qualifying employee thereby saves the county over 75% of what it would otherwise cost the county to provide healthcare coverage to that employee.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:58 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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