

Commissioners' Journal
October 17, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 17, 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 10:05 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 October 15, 2013.

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

**Commissioner Samide was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Revenue Certifications for the Court Technology Fund, the Transit Operating fund and the Youth Center Improvement fund; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account for supplemental appropriations for the Coroner's Office for the purchase of a vehicle; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2013 funding for the County Home and the 2013 principal payment for the Human Services Building Improvement Bond; a purchase order for Chardon Tractor Sales for the purchase of a 2013 Kioti Tractor and loader unit for the Maintenance Department in the amount of \$17,909.00; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Commissioners' Office and the Common Pleas Court; the 4th Quarter payment for 2013 to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,704.55, and a payment to the Portage/Gauga Juvenile Detention Center for the 4th Quarter 2013 in the amount of \$56,918.01.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-185 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 17, 2013.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – PETERSEN CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING – PLEASANT HILL COUNTY HOME BATHROOM RENOVATION PROJECT

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this change order had been approved prior to today as an amendment due to the removal of the Chardon Demolition. This will include work in the dining room floor, counter tops and cabinets.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Petersen Construction and Contracting for the Pleasant Hill County Home Bathroom Renovation Project under Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$12,404.00.

<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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – RIGHT CUT LANDSCAPING SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Ms. Stusek explained that in 2010 they received a Revolving Loan Fund loan and they have paid it off.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for The Right Cut Landscaping Services, Incorporated as the Revolving Loan Fund Loan in the amount of \$217,400.00 has been satisfied.

<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

Commissioner Jemison acknowledged and congratulated Dan McClelland on being a 2014 Emerald Leader, adding that it is well deserved.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this is the third quarter report for the Violence Against Women grant, adding that this is a reimbursement grant that pays for the investigator's time to follow up on domestic violence calls and on calls that involve violence against women.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report for Violence Against Women (Grant #2012-WF-VA2-8214) for the period ending September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$14,360.02.

<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 OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – JORDAN MCGHEE – PLANT OPERATOR 2 (#2313)

Director Doug Bowen stated that they were asking to accept the resignation of Jordan McGhee, noting that originally Mr. McGhee started as summer student and then was hired full-time.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Jordan McGhee, Plant Operator 2 (#2313) to be effective October 25, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – PLANT OPERATOR I (#2326) INTERNALLY 10 DAYS – THEN EXTERNAL TILL FILLED

Mr. Bowen stated that they would like to post for the position internally and then externally if there are no qualified candidates.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Plant Operator I (#2326) in accordance with the union contract for a period of ten days. In the event that no qualified candidate is found the position will be advertised externally and remain posted until filled.

<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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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP –
ENGINEERING SERVICES - TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Bowen explained that per the ORC they are required to hold a Request for Proposals for the Engineering Services. Mr. Bowen stated that four companies came in and gave presentations and they then chose the best candidate. Mr. Bowen noted that during this process they get to hear different options and ideas on the project and then can take those and use the best option. Mr. Bowen stated that they were talking with ODOT about pumping under LaDue and if we can then it will eliminate a treatment plant, if not then we have to make improvements and rebuild Troy Oaks plant. Mr. Bowen stated that this just gives us permission to begin negotiating for a contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to authorize the department to begin negotiating a contract with GPD Group to perform Engineering Services for the Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

<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 – DISCUSSION – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Commissioner Spidalieri stated that Christine Wilson is a Thompson resident and she would like to speak to the Board about her concerns. Ms. Wilson explained that they live on Thompson Road just west of the square on the south side and as the current proposal stands will be the newest neighbor of the Thompson Treatment plant. Ms. Wilson expressed concern that five years ago her and her husband purchased a 100 acre farm, built their dream home, cleaned up the property and are raising their family. Ms. Wilson expressed that they would not be benefiting from the plant as they put in a new septic system that cost \$20,000.00 and is working properly. Ms. Wilson expressed that the properties to the west of the square are not affected by the current sewage problems, so the district is just the square, a little north and east to the school. Ms. Wilson stated that they would like additional time for the county to consider other possible locations. Mr. Jemison stated that it was his understanding that the Wilsons had sat down with Mr. Bowen and Mr. Morgan to discuss other possible locations. Mr. Bowen stated that over the last four or five years that they have looked at several locations, adding that the two locations for discharge were denied by the EPA. Mr. Bowen explained that the EPA wanted us to construct a force main to the Grand River which would have cost an additional three to four million and would have destroyed the project by making it unaffordable. Mr. Bowen continued by noting that some other areas that were looked at were out of the question due to wetlands in the area that would have more expensive and required clearance for approval. Mr. Bowen expressed that Trustees also had concern over the location and that they had taken two Trustees and the Road Superintendent to visit treatment plants but after viewing five they were content with the current planned location. Mr. Bowen stated that there was discussion taking place with the attorneys and the property owner about the parcel. Mr. Bowen inquired as to what part of it is the problem, to which Ms. Wilson expressed it is the whole thing, being a neighbor to the plant, effluent being discharged into the stream that her kids and dogs play in, that it will de-value their property. Ms. Wilson stated that she understands that it is going to bring value to the town and it's needed, but is afraid it will hurt them. Although other locations have been looked at, she asked are there other locations that could be looked at. Mr. Bowen stated that as far as the effluent discharge concern, currently the discharges coming from individual systems has sewage in the ditches that is going into the creek following the new plant treating that water the result will be cleaner than what is being put into that creek currently. Mr. Jemison inquired if she and her husband would like to tour the plants and see them, to which Ms. Wilson expressed that they would and didn't quite understand why they weren't considered in the first tour. Mr. Bowen expressed that he had been aware of their concern but was not until now of the understanding that they were so upset about this. Commissioner Samide inquired if the discharge would be similar to McFarland, to which Mr. Bowen stated that McFarland is a membrane plant and the effluent water is drinkable; that this would be more like the other plants, similar but not drinkable. Ms. Samide inquired if there would be an odor, to which Mr. Bowen stated no, to which Ms. Wilson stated that they had been told that if the plant is not working properly that there is an odor, a loud sound and then there may be other noticeable effects from them coming in and cleaning it up. Ms. Wilson expressed that they feel that this is going to be an ongoing problem that they will have to deal with, noting that it's not their

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problem. Mr. Bowen expressed that both Mr. Sidley and the Trustees want this plant, noting that the proposed site is one location with a building in front and landscaping all the way around it. Mr. Bowen described as an example one plant that is located in a backyard with houses all around it. Ms. Wilson noted that those people bought that house knowing that the treatment plant was there. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if as to what would happen if for some reason the current property owner of the identified site chose not to sell it, to which Mr. Bowen stated that there is a process called eminent domain. Ms. Samide inquired how close this was going to be to the Wilson's home. Ms. Wilson stated that their house sits some distance off the road but when you pull into the driveway the plant will be right there. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the discharge point being put further downstream. Mr. Bowen stated that the location is based on what the EPA permit was agreed to, noting that the discharge will be cleaner into the stream than what it flowing into the stream now. Mr. Bowen stated that the EPA is basically forcing them to go to this due to the rock in the area that is causing the problems. Mr. Bowen stated that this will be a vacuum system. Mr. Bowen offered to again take them to as many other existing plants as they would like to see and that landscaping is done to hide them. Ms. Wilson stated that it might give them some comfort to do so but they are concerned about them building their dream home on this beautiful farm and now they are getting a sewage treatment plant for a neighbor. Ms. Wilson expressed that she wanted her concerns to be heard and to be considered in future discussions.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee.

<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>

The Board returned from executive session at 11:18 a.m. and no action was taken as a result.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 17, 2013 – LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL! DAY

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-186 Proclaiming October 17, 2013 as "Lights on Afterschool!" Day and Recognize the participation of Chagrin Falls Community Center in this Nationwide Celebration.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-186

Date: October 17, 2013

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 17, 2013 AS "LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!" DAY
AND RECOGNIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF CHAGRIN FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER
IN THIS NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Geauga County along with the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences that help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills*
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends*
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults*
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children*

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WHEREAS, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center provides leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are a key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center works to engage students, parents, teachers, organizations and volunteers through the Young Scholars program as a way to help make the community stronger, helping students develop lifelong skills that are useful with their education and beyond, and in doing so have shown great improvements in academics and increased self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Many afterschool programs across the country face funding shortfalls so severe that they are forced to close their doors and turn off their lights, however continued support and funding from Geauga County Job and Family Services has allowed for activities and academic assistance to help keep students out of the courts, be successful in school, be positive role models for other students and strive to have successful careers as adults; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 17, 2013 as "Lights on Afterschool!" Day and recognize the participation of Chagrin Falls Community Center in this Nationwide Celebration,

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>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED WAY SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY ON CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-187 Honoring United Way Services of Geauga County on celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-187

Date: October 17, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED WAY SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY
ON CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, A group of Geauga County citizens and leaders began working with the Community Chest of Greater Cleveland and the Welfare Federation of Cleveland towards bringing Red Feather Services to the residents of Geauga County. After several studies and surveys were completed, it was agreed upon that the United Appeal of Greater Cleveland would come to Geauga County and offer services that included family counseling services, child guidance, psychiatric help, assistance with problems of alcoholism, homemaker services and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, In 1963 an office was rented on the corner of State Routes 44 and 322 that housed the Family Services Association Office and the Geauga Welfare Federation Office thus creating the first United Appeal in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970's the new symbol of a helping hand along with the new name of United Way were adopted and so became the United Way Services of Geauga County. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's United Way Services brought many volunteers, community organizations, and government officials together forming partnerships as a way to bring solutions to tough community problems; and

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WHEREAS, In February 2004 the United Way Services of Geauga, Greater Cleveland and Lake County started the help line program, 2-1-1. United Way Services of Geauga County continues to help improve the lives of the residents of Geauga County by strengthening the community; and

WHEREAS, United Way Services of Geauga has held many successful fundraising campaigns throughout the years and recently set a new goal for 2014 to raise \$835,000.00 and hope to be able to expand services with the help a grant through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the United Way Services of Geauga County for the many contributions they have provided to the residents of Geauga County as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

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>Aye</i>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 2, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/17 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mon., 10/21 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health and Recovery Services

Tue., 10/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 10/22 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold two (2) Public Hearings, first at 10:20 a.m. for the proposed Road Name Change Request in Newbury Township and the second at 10:30 a.m. for the Petition for Annexation of .28 Acres in Middlefield Township to the Village of Middlefield.

Thu., 10/24 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/24 Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Dinner meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds School Building

Tue., 10/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 10/29 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

OTHER

Local resident Blake Rear inquired about the Budget Hearings and whether he could attend and what departments would be heard today. It was noted that the hearings are open to the public and that hearings are held every year, and it was noted that the Auditor, Municipal Court, Department of Emergency Services and the Maintenance Department budget hearings are being held today.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:50 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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