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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 2, 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 FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a contract increase for United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services for the agency's commitment for 211 information and referral services.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-139 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 2, 2012.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</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.*

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER – INFINITY PAVING COMPANY

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton explained that this was a contract for the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center parking lot improvements project through the formula grant. This project involves an expansion of the parking lot, repaving of the existing lots and increasing the number of spaces, as this is much needed as the center is a very busy place, adding that this has taken a few years of planning. Commissioner Claypool asked a favor of Ms. Benton, and that was about providing some of the basic things he looks for in reference to grants, so that he can be better prepared. Ms. Benton asked if the grant agreement would be helpful for him to review. Mr. Claypool stated that there is a lot of information that he is trying to get through in order to get up to speed, so the sooner he has the information, it would give him more time to get comfortable in voting on it.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a Three-party Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and Infinity Paving Company for the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Improvements Project, under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$65,492.85.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PAYMENT REQUEST FORM #2 – OHIO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this was for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for which the county has a grant from the EPA for \$160,000.00. This is the second system under this program and already been installed. It is required to have a signature on the payment request form in order to pay the contractor. Ms. Stusek explained that the WPCLF was made available through the State EPA for installation of replacement septic systems for low income people; a family of up to four with income less than \$22,500.00 is eligible for 100% grant with no repayment, and this is totally forgivable with no mortgage. A family of four with income at \$44,100.00 is eligible for a 85% grant, and has to come up with 15%. Ms. Stusek stated that with the first two systems the homeowner has had to come up with

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the 15%, with a certified check made out to the contractor but is held by the Office of Community Development until the system has been started to be installed.

Ms. Stusek said that the request is required to request the funds from the State in order to pay the contractor. Mr. Claypool inquired about why this was going through Community Development and not the Health District. Ms. Stusek stated that the Commissioners applied for the grant, it's administered by Community Development, however the Health District is involved in the process. Director Anita Stocker stated that Bob Weisdack at the Health District requested that the Commissioners apply for it as he didn't want to take it through their office. Mr. Claypool then asked the Board why the Commissioners would go out and take the grant, and if there were other alternatives available and the reason for it. Commissioner Jemison stated that there are residents with failing systems and they need replaced as that affects the whole community and there is a need to get those systems fixed. Mr. Jemison stated that this is a method for people who may not have any other means to be able to fix them, this is what is needed to have a healthy and safe community as we don't want failing septic systems. Commissioner Samide added that she was not aware of any other places where the money could be garnered for people who don't have the established foundation of cash flow or credit to make that up. Ms. Stusek explained that the Commissioners allowed the department to open up a county loan fund specific for this purpose. This is a loan and has been used in the past. Ms. Stusek stated that a ten year mortgage is placed on the property; however they do not make payments because they cannot afford another payment, so at the end of the ten years we expect them to refinance and pay it back or if the property is sold they pay the county back, and this is still a zero percent interest.

Ms. Stocker explained that Federal Government handles a failing system by taking the homeowner to court and filing against them; if they don't have the funds they can place it on the taxes or order them out of the house, so they are really at the mercy of the court. Ms. Stocker stated that only systems that have been deemed failed by the health department are eligible. Ms. Stocker stated that many of them are seniors who were fine when they had 400 acres, but as the area around them builds up then they start to have neighbors who get a little picky. Most of what is coming up are systems that should have been taken care of already, but often the owners are land rich but have nothing in the bank.

Mr. Claypool explained that this is a struggle that many people have, but questioned when does it end, that we cannot take care of everyone in all situations and if someone is not able to afford to live in their house, what is the purpose of government? Mr. Claypool stated that these are the kinds of conversations that need to be had, that there are a variety of approaches to handle many of these things, one of them being mentioned by taking on a future liability to the house and when it is turned over the county it is taken care of at that time, so it is not a welfare state so to speak. Mr. Claypool noted that he struggles with programs like this, with 16 trillion dollars in debt in this country, and continuing to grow this can bury this country if we don't start looking at things in a hard adult manor; nobody wants pollution, adding that he currently has two neighbors with systems that need to be replaced. Mr. Claypool commended the existing Commissioners for a least addressing the issue, but added that he would like to see other methods rather than taking federal grants, stating that every federal grant is a 40% loan to the Chinese or whoever it is and contributing to our debt.

Ms. Samide stated that the travesty is all of the people whose systems are failing are most often seniors who have paid their dues, have lived by the rules and done what they felt was proper all their lives and all of a sudden find themselves in a position that they cannot afford where they are living because of taxes, and cannot afford to have their septic replaced. Do you throw them under the bus and say tough luck, who cares that you spend the last fifty years building this county, that it doesn't count because you can't pay, can we find money elsewhere other than taking money from the federal government – will the people of Geauga decide it they are worth helping?

Mr. Claypool expressed his feeling on never taking a hand out from the government, and that if and when his parents who are in their eighties cannot afford to make their mortgage payment, that his brothers and himself will take care of that situation, as families and churches are options rather than putting this nation further into debt.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Pollution Control

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Loan Fund Home Sewage Treatment System Improvements Principal Forgiveness Payment Request Form #2 for installation of a replacement septic system located at 8649 Ravenna Road, Chardon in the amount of \$10,783.00.

<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 – WAIVER REQUEST LETTER – RE-ALLOCATION OF REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

Ms. Stusek explained that in 2010 that they came to the Commissioners and asked to allocate funds through the Revolving Loan Fund These funds were sitting in a fund and not being loaned out by the end of the year, like the State prefers, and asked to allocate those funds for various improvements in the County and one was the infrastructure money where people could come and get loans to replace their septic systems or wells. At that time the Board agreed and the State of Ohio also said it was fine; now we have come to a point where we find seniors are having other issues besides septic systems and wells, they are having problems with their furnaces, their roofs are leaking and they cannot afford to replace them. These are emergency type repairs. Ms. Stusek stated that they are now asking to re-allocate some of those funds that the Commissioners and the State previously said we could use for septic systems and wells and expand that for emergency repairs.

Mr. Jemison added that these repairs are deemed to make the structure safe for someone to live in, then it becomes a Health and Safety issue. Mr. Jemison stated that if they don't have a furnace, not only are they at risk, but their home is at risk. This is a gain, giving out grants to seniors, but the Commissioners have asked that a five year mortgage be placed on the property to prevent them benefitting in the event they sell within five years. Mr. Claypool expressed that when he returns from vacation that he would like to sit down with Community Development and be educated, as the method is something he would like to explore more.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board execute a Waiver Request Letter to the State of Ohio Office of Community Development, authorizing the re-allocation of \$103,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund per Resolution #12-124 approved July 3, 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>

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – ELL CON GROUP, INCORPORATED – CARPET CLEANING SERVICES

Director Glen Vernick explained that these contracts are for carpet cleaning at the Safety Center and all the County Buildings. Mr. Vernick stated that there is about 54,000 square feet of carpet at the Safety Center, and that it has been about two years since they have been professionally cleaned. Mr. Vernick explained that the department goes in and cleans areas when they can, expressing that he has been short two employees who are currently out with medical issues. The Board discussed that the maintenance department will spot clean areas as needed and that these are service contracts with amounts not to exceed. These contracts being in place to help if there is an emergency situation like a flood, vomit, or sewage, and not require last minute scrambling if a situation does come up. Mr. Vernick expressed that his department doesn't have the proper equipment, as a cleaning company will most often have a 1,000 gallon tank versus the county using a 5 gallon tank machine. Mr. Vernick expressed to the Board that he has discovered that it is not always cost effective to do everything in house. Mr. Claypool noted that these are not to exceed amounts and that if it is not used that it goes back to the county.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ell Con Group, Incorporated to perform Carpet Cleaning Services for the Geauga County Safety Center for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

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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 execute a service Contract Agreement with Ell Con Group, Incorporated to perform Carpet Cleaning Services for all Geauga County Buildings for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.*

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – PITNEY BOWES SALES, SERVICE LEVEL AND METER RENTAL AGREEMENT – POSTAGE MACHINE

Mr. Vernick stated that his was the yearly agreement for the postage meter and machine. This contract includes an increase of \$840.00 this year, but that this agreement has saved the county money, adding that last year they lost a motherboard in the meter and it was covered under the agreement. Mr. Vernick explained that within the next year to two years that the machine will need to be replaced, adding that they process about 200,000 to 250,000 pieces of mail a year. Postage is something that will be discussed in more detail during budget hearings this year as this is an area that needs to be looked at for better cost saving measures by the departments.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Pitney Bowes Sales, Service Level and Meter Rental Agreement for Postage Machine Maintenance for the period August 2, 2012 through August 1, 2013 in the amount of \$2,308.00.*

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND CLAIM FOR TRANSIT BUSES

Director Kristina Reider explained that this was the quarterly reimbursement for the State of Ohio tax on fuel; even though the county is tax exempt, we have to pay the tax, but that the county is eligible for 27 of the 28 cents back because we are a transit system, adding that transit systems and schools are eligible for the reimbursement. Ms. Reider stated that they apply for this quarterly and are asked to send a copy of the fuel bills and a print out of a report showing that the fuel is going into transit vehicles. Mr. Claypool expressed his concern for the Board having to approve and execute the form. Ms. Reider stated that the President of the Board is required to execute as Ms. Reider is not authorized to execute the form. Mr. Jemison added that the Board is attesting to the amount that it is.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Taxation Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$2,710.08.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CERTIFICATON AND PERFORMANCE FOR MCFARLAND COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT, PHASES 1-3

Director Doug Bowen explained that this was the closure of the McFarland Waste Water Treatment Plant project that was completed in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Bowen stated that the project cost was \$1.2 million, and that the county received \$600,000.00 as a forgivable loan, meaning that they have 20 years at zero percent interest to pay it back. Mr. Bowen explained that the sewer lines are probably 30 to 35 years old, noting that on a dry day that they could have 1.2 million gallons of flow come through the lines, but on a rainy day it could be up around 1.8 million gallons of flow. Mr. Bowen explained that there were leaks getting into the system through creeks and easements in the McFarland Creek area from Knowles to the Canyon Lakes

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area. The project was to have cameras go through the system and all the areas that were bad were sealed or parts were replaced.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Certification and Performance for the McFarland Collection System Rehabilitation Project, Phases 1-3 (WPCLF Loan #CS390028-0011) as all the performance criteria outlined in the Ohio EPA letter dated August 17, 2009 have been fulfilled.

<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. Bowen touched on another project that they recently had discovered a difference in the usage of water from Cleveland, noting that our usage billed to customers didn't match what Cleveland was billing us for. Mr. Claypool inquired about purchasing water from Cleveland. Mr. Bowen explained that there is a master meter on the line in the Bainbridge area, that the county has two towers and several pump stations where the water is chlorinated and sold to the residents in that area. The county takes whatever Cleveland's rate of charge is and adds the maintenance cost to it. Mr. Bowen explained that there are two other water systems in the county, one being by the safety center and the other in Scranton Woods. Mr. Claypool asked for clarification that our systems are well, and where Cleveland obtains their water. Mr. Bowen replied that yes our systems are well based and that Cleveland gets the water from Lake Erie.

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE – RENEWAL OF .50 MILL – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION

Executive Director Jim Adams and the Board had a discussion about the overall total budget of the Mental Health and Recovery Services along with the cuts received in funding and the cuts made to their programming. Mr. Adams explained that they have lost income due to property tax evaluations. Mr. Jemison stated that their effective rate is the same as the estimated rate, and that in other levies if the values went down the effective rate would go up, as HB 920 says that you have to collect, but there is no place for this to go. Discussion took place about the state line items in the budget and how that each line item is specified for services. Mr. Claypool asked what was the amount of funding that had been lost. Mr. Adams replied that it has been about 1.5 to 1.7 million over the last two years per year. The greatest impact now is the loss of availability of services, with discussion about the wait times going from two to four weeks to now being six to ten weeks. Mr. Adams expressed the concern in the increased need of services since the Chardon shooting at the school in February, noting a 20% increase in the number of people a month that are coming in for services and a 25% increase daily in the crisis line. There was some discussion on the population of people served in Geauga County, and that most often they are those without insurance coverage for the services needed, or those with a lifetime diagnosis of a severely persisting medical illness. Mr. Adams stated that 25% of the people in Geauga County will have a mental health issue this year, noting that they see about 3,000 of those people on any given year for services. Three to five percent of those are severe, while six to ten thousand will have some type of crisis that will require medical attention this year in the mental health field. Some discussion took place regarding state and federal mandates in place and how they affect the services offered.

Commissioner Samide added that by splitting the levies into two, this allows the tax payer the right to say yes or no, that the Board was not giving their approval in either direction, but giving the tax payer the ability to vote for what they want to pay for.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regards to the renewal of an existing .50 Mill Mental Health Program Levy.

<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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-137 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the County's Community Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service District at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-137

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 31st day of July 2012, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:

Mary E. Samide Tracy A. Jemison Walter M. Claypool

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Claypool moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services fna Geauga Community Board of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding one-half (.50) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$0.05) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of one-half (.50) mill.

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Section 2. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2013 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 3. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.221 and .25 to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the general election to be held on November 6, 2012 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of elections on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.

Commissioner Jemison seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE – ADDITIONAL .25 MILL – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Certificate of Estimate Property Tax Revenue in regards to the additional .25 Mill Mental Health Program Levy.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-138 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the County's Community Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service District at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, O. R. C. 5705.221 and .25.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-138

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Commissioner Claypool moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services fna Geauga Community Board of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding one-quarter (.25) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to two and a half cents (\$.025) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is an additional levy for said mental health programs.

Section 2. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2012 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 3. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.221 and .25 to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

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Commissioner Jemison seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM CRAFT RONYAK

Ms. Samide expressed what a pillar in the community Mr. Ronyak was, and about all the things that he had done for the community.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-140 Honoring the life of William Craft Ronyak.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-140
Date: August 2, 2012

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM CRAFT RONYAK

WHEREAS, William Craft Ronyak was born into this world with his twin brother James, on January 9, 1937 to his loving parents AJ and Effie (Craft) Ronyak where he was a lifelong resident of Burton Village; and

WHEREAS, William Craft Ronyak worked for the family business, AJ Ronyak Asphalt Paving in Burton, later continuing that business with his brothers as Ronyak Brothers Paving until his retirement to Florida in 1995; and

WHEREAS, William Craft Ronyak enjoyed bowling, playing golf and spending time with his family, including his five children, Todd, Kristi, Kimberly, LaMura, Amy and Joe along with his four grandchildren and many friends; and

WHEREAS, William Craft Ronyak was formerly a member of Village Lodge 274, F &AM in Burton, the Al Koran Shrine in Cleveland and Burton Congregational Church; and

WHEREAS, William Craft Ronyak will be greatly missed for his passion for his employees and the work they did in asphalt, his jokes, and his love of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor the life of William Craft Ronyak and his many contributions to Geauga County;

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

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<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>

Some of Mr. Ronyak's family was present in the audience and thanked the Board for the resolution and invited them to attend his celebration of life on Sunday, from two to five at Grandview Golf Club.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2013 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (CCAO) WORKER'S COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler and Account Executive for Comp Management Bobbi Jo Werren explained to the Board about the Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement. Ms. Werren explained that the County is currently participating in a Group Retrospective Rating program that is a true pooled program, that is deferred performance in Worker's Compensation. The County has been in this program since 2010, which was the first year it was offered to the public sector, and is doing very well in the program. There is no discount up front on the premium payable to the state, but there is the possibility of an assessment or rebate money back three years post policy year. Ms. Hostutler stated that the county had received their first check back and it was for \$102,913.21. Ms. Werren explained how the program works, stating that in the 2010 the first policy year, that the first evaluation date for that was 12/31/2011, so the check is based on the evaluation cost of the 12/31/2011 date. There will be two more evaluation dates based on the claims for calendar year 2011, so that \$102,000.00 could go up or the county may have to pay some back, but that won't be known until the final impact date of calendar year 12/31/2013. This amount is 20% less, meaning that the rebate is prorated, and that they only gave employers 80% and held back 20%. Ms. Werren stated that Geauga was also in the program in 2011 so that sequence will be 12/31/2012 as the first evaluation date, the second in 2013 and the final in 2014. The County will have three evaluation dates at the same time in 2013, so look at the evaluations as global. The County was in the program for these three years, this will happen no matter what, however the county has been invited back for 2013, and the numbers are trending better than projected. Ms. Werren added that the more counties that participate, the greater the pool, the broader for every county in it to absorb losses should there be a high claim count. Mr. Jemison inquired if they only invite counties that have a good history, with safety programs in place to keep costs low. Ms. Werren stated that Geauga County is a better performing county based on this size, doing safe practices, and utilizing programs are the counties that generally do not have injuries. Ms. Werren used Michael Phelps as an example, when he dives into a pool in the backyard, the water is displaced because there is not as much water as when he dives into an Olympic pool, where the water is not displaced as much due to more volume in the pool, this is how this program works, more volume by way of premium and payroll dollars. County Administrator David Lair added that the county has instituted practices to make sure there is a safe work environment; the employees are trained to things safely, but on the backside, there are practices like salary continuation, and to do whatever we can to get the employee back to work, so now the primary risk is bad luck, and accidents happen. Discussion took place about the risk in group retro versus the individual retro program, and the risk is group retro is much less. Ms. Werren stated that Ms. Hostutler is very proactive in making sure the other counties in group retro are holding their feet to the fire, and that checklists have been put into place and if some counties are not doing certain things, that they are given a time period to get them into place. Mr. Claypool inquired about where the rebate funds go. Mr. Jemison explained that the county has a workers compensation fund that from time to time has a portion taken out and leveled out to the departments budgets in proportion to what they pay out, but it's there as a cushion in case premiums increase. Mr. Lair stated that Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart was instrumental in working with the previous board to implement a charge back program that was phased in over a period of five years, adding that a department with high claims was paying the same payroll dollars as a department with no claims; the charge back program gives those departments an incentive to work on their claim numbers as they are now charged based on their claims activity. Ms. Hostutler talked about programs in place like the transitional work program that allows employees to get back to work as soon as they can, but maybe on light duty, and that the safety council that has helped the county and local businesses to reduce their claims. Discussion took place about the number of counties involved in the program, that workers compensation is often a reason why businesses leave the state, as Ohio is only one of four that are state funded, the base rates and how they are adjusted by the Bureau of Workers Compensation.

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Ms. Werren presented the Board with the Executive Summary Report for the 2011 Policy year and briefly discussed the positive message that it brings. Geauga County's lost time claims, where an employee misses 8 or more calendar days have dropped 70% from 2010 to 2011. Claims overall have dropped by 11%. Ms. Werren explained that actual cost versus allowable cost which is set by the bureau shows that over a four year experience period that the claims cost has dropped as well. Geauga County's experience modifier has improved since 2008, so the county is moving in the right direction for 2013. Mr. Claypool asked how the county accounts for the improvement. Ms. Werren stated that she attributes it to the charge back program, transitional duty, accident prevention and salary continuation. The Bureau is always changing, but if you can change a mindset that will help to mitigate future increases, now you have payroll dollars and claims experience. The Board briefly discussed the charge back program in more detail and the salary continuation program which allows an employee to continue to be on active payroll, get paid, still accrue benefits, and the temporary total disability does not kick in. Once an employee is off for eight days they become eligible. Most often the employee is back before that 8th day.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the 2013 County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement and Bureau of Worker's Compensation Employer Statement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the CCAO Service Corporation.

<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.

MEETINGS

Tues., 8/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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

Tues., 8/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 8/14 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg.#1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 8/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 8/20 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health

Tues., 8/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Wed., 8/22 Peach Jamboree – Department on Aging, Chagrin Falls Senior Center 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wed., 8/22 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill – Dry Run

Thu., 8/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:39 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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