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September 26, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 26, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 19, 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>

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 24, 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 ON AGING – ADVERTISE BIDS – SENIOR ASSESSMENTS FOR GEAUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS, AGE 60 AND OVER

Assistant Director Kathy Petrella stated that they were requesting permission to advertise for bids for the senior assessments for Geauga residents age 60 and over.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for bids for Senior Assessments for Geauga County Residents, Age 60 and over to be held Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, October 3, 2013 and on the county website.

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about what the assessments involved to which Ms. Petrella explained that the assessment is a look at the overall senior showing signs of having difficulty with independent living to find out if it's a problem with medication or if it's the onset of dementia, or if it's a physical problem. Ms. Petrella stated that they are looked at by a Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist. Mr. Spidalieri asked how they are selected to which Ms. Petrella stated that they currently volunteer or are recommended that they have it done. It was noted that if there are changes in behavior or there is concern that they are no longer safe in their homes, this is a good thing to have done.

<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>

Patty Fulop noted that both of her parents had gone through the assessments and that it was very helpful and gave suggestions on things to do.

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY –REHABILITATE TERMINAL APRON (CONCRETE – PHASE 2) AND IMPROVE AIRPORT DRAINAGE – OUTLAY REPORT AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT #5, PROJECT CLOSEOUT REPORT AND COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Business Manager Patty Fulop stated that they were done with and closing out the Rehabilitation of Terminal Apron Phase 2 and have started working on the drainage project. Ms. Fulop stated

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that they were asking to get the final reimbursement in place, a close out report and a compliance certificate to be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the permit that was required to show them that the project is complete.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs for Final Reimbursement #5 FAA Project #3-39-0054-1512 Rehabilitate Terminal Apron (Concrete – Phase 2) and Improve Airport Drainage in the amount of \$28,957.86 (\$26,062.00 FAA Portion and \$2,895.86 County Match).

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Project Closeout Report FAA Project #3-39-0054-1512 Rehabilitate Terminal Apron (Concrete – Phase 2) and Improve Airport Drainage as the project has been completed.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Compliance Certification for FAA Project #3-39-0054-1512 Rehabilitate Terminal Apron (Concrete – Phase 2) and Improve Airport Drainage.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT #1 – IMPROVE AIRPORT DRAINAGE

Ms. Fulop stated that they were requesting a portion of the new grant to assist with Engineering on the new project that is to improve drainage.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge the submission of Reimbursement #1 for FAA Project #3-39-0054-1613 Improve Airport Drainage in the amount of \$9,461.15 (\$8,515.00 FAA portion and \$947.15 County match).

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF COMMITMENT – NEWBURY COUNTRY MEATS, LLC

Director Anita Stocker explained that she was waiting for the State to sign off and so she is being proactive on getting some paperwork in place, noting that this is non-binding. Ms. Stocker stated that this is contingent upon the State and the remaining funding, but because we are getting close to hunting season and they want to be ready as soon as they can. There was a brief discussion on the family being from Newbury and that they used to have Geauga Meats out on State Route 422.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Letter of Commitment to Newbury Country Meats, LLC for the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan for the acquisition machinery and equipment, leasehold improvements and inventory for the facility to be located at 11392 Kinsman Road, Newbury Township in the amount of \$20,000.00 for five (5) years (60 months) at eight percent (8%) interest.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – GRANT AGREEMENT #B-F-13-1AZ-1

Ms. Stocker explained that they finally had gotten the confusion settled with Burton Village and that instead of paving they will be doing the bathrooms.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio, State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Community Development Block Grant, Grant Agreement (Grant #B-F-13-1AZ-1) for the period September 1, 2013 through February 28, 2015 in the amount of \$163,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Abstain
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE BIDS – 2013-2015 SNOWPLOWING AND SALTING OF FOUR COUNTY OWNED SITES

Director Glen Vernick explained that he was requesting to advertise for bids for the snowplowing and salting of the four county owned sites. Mr. Vernick stated that he was a little behind in getting this out, noting that he will be trying to push this through in the next four weeks in order to be ready to go November 1st through May 1st. Mr. Vernick stated that if we get a lot of snow they bring in the heavy equipment and clear out the snow and then during the day the maintenance department handles clean up and the sidewalks.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for bids for the 2013 - 2015 Snowplowing and Salting of four (4) County-Owned Sites to be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for site #1 - Chardon Square, 2:05 p.m. for site #2 - 24 Hour Service Area, 2:10 p.m. for site #3 - 470 Center Street and 2:15 p.m. for site #4 - Safety Center. Notice of these bid openings will be advertised on October 3, 2013, October 10, 2013 and on the county website.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2014 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO WORKER'S COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT – BUREAU OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION EMPLOYER STATEMENT

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that previously there was a presentation regarding how well the County was doing with Group Retrospective, adding that this is the agreement to continue with the program. Ms. Hostutler stated that the cost is an estimated \$10,400.00 for administrative fees adding that the county has already received over \$140,000.00 in rebates showing that the plan is really working for Geauga County.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2014 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.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO, INCORPORATED (CEBCO) PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Ms. Hostutler explained that this is a three year contract, noting that we had joined CEBCO in 2008. Ms. Hostutler noted that in 2009 the renewal rate was 8.8%, in 2010 it was 14.5% and in 2011 as wellness initiatives were implemented the rate was 9.8%, in 2012 it was a -1% and in 2013 was 5.6%. For 2014 a higher rate was expected due to the Affordable Care Act, but the county saw only a 6.8% rate. Ms. Hostutler noted that had our coverage been with a private carrier the increase would have been over 12%. Commissioner Jemison noted that one entity he is aware of is seeing a 84% increase for next year. Ms. Hostutler added that she feels the county is in a good position and this agreement is for another three years with CEBCO.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio, Incorporated (CEBCO) Participation Agreement for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CEBCO / ANTHEM HEALTHCARE RENEWAL PLANS AND RATES – CEBCO/DELTA DENTAL RENEWAL PLANS AND RATES – EMPLOYEE WAIVER RATES

Ms. Hostutler stated that due to the 12% that was budgeted for health care rates, we are able to keep the rates the same as last year for the employees with the exception of an increase to the standard employee contribution rates, noting that those employees not participating in the wellness programs would pay a higher rate than in the past. Ms. Hostutler stated that there was no increase in the Delta Dental rates. County Administrator David Lair added that there is a notation for the Over Age Dependent Ages 26 to 28, adding that CEBCO has always given us a suggested rate to charge, but that they have never charged us for those. Due to the numbers on the plan are going up for this coverage and that the fact that other counties are charging employees for this coverage, we recommend charging the rate that is being suggested. Ms. Hostutler stated that dependents age 26 to 28 can stay on their parents' plan but have stricter guidelines. Ms. Hostutler stated that in the beginning the county did not have any employees taking this coverage, the next year we had a couple, however now we are up to 6 or 7, so we are recommending the charge. With the Affordable Care Act and the Exchanges that will be offered, this will give them another option.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and accept the 2014 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, 2014.

CEBCO/ANTHEM Wellness Rates – 2014

Type	Coverage	Monthly Premium	Monthly County Contribution	Employee Bi-Weekly	Employee Monthly
Enhanced	Family	\$1,169.90	\$1,077.90	\$46.00	\$92.00
Enhanced	Single	\$ 443.84	\$ 406.84	\$18.50	\$37.00
Basic	Family	\$1,031.42	\$1,003.42	\$14.00	\$28.00
Basic	Single	\$ 391.30	\$ 380.30	\$ 5.50	\$11.00

CEBCO / ANTHEM Standard Rates – 2014

Type	Coverage	Monthly Premium	Monthly County Contribution	Employee Bi-Weekly	Employee Monthly
Enhanced	Family	\$1,169.90	\$1,035.90	\$67.00	\$134.00
Enhanced	Single	\$ 443.84	\$ 389.84	\$27.00	\$ 54.00
Basic	Family	\$1,031.42	\$ 990.82	\$20.30	\$ 40.60
Basic	Single	\$ 391.30	\$ 375.30	\$ 8.00	\$ 16.00

**Over Age Dependent 26 -28 Years: Enhanced Plan: \$297.26 Basic Plan: \$262.18*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and accept the 2014 Geauga County CEBCO/Delta Dental Renewal plans and rates, and the county contribution rate to be effective January 1, 2014.*

CEBCO/DELTA DENTAL Rates – 2014					
<i>Type</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Monthly Premium</i>	<i>Monthly County Contribution</i>	<i>Employee Bi-Weekly</i>	<i>Employee Monthly</i>
<i>DDP</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>\$80.32</i>	<i>\$80.32</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>DDP</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>\$28.18</i>	<i>\$28.18</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and accept the 2014 Geauga County Employee Waiver rates to be effective January 1, 2014.*

Geauga County Waivers – 2014		
<i>Type of Waiver</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Single</i>
<i>Full (Medical, Prescription & Dental)</i>	<i>\$2,088.00</i>	<i>\$792.00</i>
<i>Partial (Medical & Prescription Only)</i>	<i>\$1,884.00</i>	<i>\$720.00</i>

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT DAVID LAIR – ALTERNATE FOR MARY E. SAMIDE - NOACA

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint David Lair as Alternate for Mary E. Samide to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meeting on October 11, 2013.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REVISION TO 2013 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the revision to the 2013 Budget Hearing Schedule moving Public Defender from Thursday, September 26th at 2:30 p.m. to Tuesday, October 29th at 1:45 p.m. and moving Archives and Records Center from Tuesday, October 29th at 1:45 p.m. to Thursday, September 26th at 2:30 p.m..*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Thursday, November 28, 2013 due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.*

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CLOSE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide in light of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday that the Geauga County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed on Friday, November 29, 2013. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal. Further, in order to maintain operations, employees under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners required to work on November 29, 2013 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 Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

CITY OF CHARDON - DISCUSSION

Mr. Jemison stated that the Board had received a request from the City of Chardon regarding a proposed Hidden Glen Residential Incentive District, a proposed Windemere and Willo-Tree Residential Incentive District, and the proposed Cider Mill Residential Incentive District. Mr. Jemison asked City Manager Randal Sharpe and Planning and Zoning Administrator Steve Yaney to explain. Mr. Sharpe explained that Residential Incentive Districts (RID's) are provided for in the ORC for Townships, Municipalities and Counties to provide for infrastructure funding to attract more investment in the community and to help offset growing population demands. The RID's will re-direct property tax to help fund the infrastructure, referring to the maps included with the request, noting that these include the Wilson Mills Road improvement project and the Meadowlands Drive extension project. Mr. Sharpe stated that expenditure for the Meadowlands Drive project will be around \$667,000.00 next year and in the future will be around \$2.5 million, and the Wilson Mills Road improvement is not slated on the five year capital plan but is estimated to be a \$1.7 million project. Mr. Sharpe stated that each one has an additional project included to use the property tax funds re-directed including a sanitary sewer line that will serve the western quadrant and the railroad trunk sewer which follows the old rail right of way through town extending out by the State Patrol Office, as a way to get the area developed. Mr. Sharpe stated that for the City it will help offset those costs for those projects, adding that they are not relying on those funds to pay for those projects, they will be done whether or not the development occurs, but the RIDs will help offer additional programs and infrastructure improvements in the community. Mr. Sharpe stated that the TIF's and RID's date back to the 1950's and 49 states use them, noting that this would be the first one here in Geauga County. Mr. Sharpe added that they had met with the Chardon Board of Education on Monday, September 23, 2013 to answer their questions.

Mr. Jemison stated that to clarify that what happens is that the taxes that are paid by the improved parcels if houses are built there, and get shifted to pay down the debt to pay for the infrastructure which the city is looking to do it for thirty years, adding that some places do it for ten years. Mr. Sharpe stated that they could do it for ten years at 75% without either the school or the Commissioners weighing in, however the city wants to do it for thirty years at 100% keeping the schools whole, which means they will still collect the same amount of money. Mr. Jemison inquired about the school's opinion, because besides being whole that is about 400 plus more homes and a lot more kids going to school, noting that for every dollar a resident pays in taxes it costs the government approximately \$1.76 to provide services. Mr. Yaney expressed that the school didn't take a stand but concerns raised were regarding the thirty year term, but that was alleviated when they were able to be kept whole and any new levies for the schools will still get the funding. Mr. Yaney stated that they did express concern on the number of homes, but to that these areas are planned for residential and every project has come to the city in some fashion and have been reviewed. Mr. Yaney added that 500 houses to Chardon is a lot but you're looking at a 20 to 25 year build out, and the city doesn't envision these coming on line in the next two to three years. Commissioner Samide expressed that she wanted to understand that the taxes paid now to the county and the levies would be preempted as the growth came in, adding the city of Chardon is going to get 2% in income tax for every person that lives and works in Chardon, so the city will benefit from that and thirty years is a long time. As the years go by operations get more and more expensive, she questioned how can the city promise the school district, adding that the school district's current levy can only make themselves whole for about four years, but the city is going to promise to keep them whole for thirty. Ms. Samide stated that this is hard to accept for all the departments that have levies that would otherwise anticipate the funding from the growth. Mr. Sharpe expressed that in the RID it does state that

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the funding would go to them and the rest would go to the community.

Mr. Sharpe noted that the thoroughfare plans are to handle developmental pressure not only in the city but also the County as a way to handle the traffic, and this plan will help us offset some of those costs. Ms. Samide stated that the surrounding townships have zoning in place for large lot zoning and septic systems, adding that a lot of those areas are built out, so the congestion would be mostly in Chardon, not in the surrounding townships.

Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool stated that he was confused because this is for development of homes so what is the city's involvement, as developers usually bear the cost of development, so why is the city providing incentive? Mr. Sharpe stated that it is not an incentive it's a re-direction of taxes, it will be city sewers and a city roadway that will be put in. Mr. Yaney stated that the projects going in that the RID and TIFS will fund are city wide projects, water main, sewer main and major road projects. The money won't go to the developer to put in the roads or sidewalks for the developer, it will be used for the main trunk lines that service the entire area and not just the project. Mr. Claypool stated that as a resident I pay an assessment for the sewer, so if the developer can't bear the full cost for the development maybe it doesn't make fiscal sense. As a Geauga resident it doesn't concern me what the city does, except when it starts impacting the county because I don't want my tax dollars going to the city of Chardon. Mr. Sharpe stated that the projects are for the entire community not just for the development, the developer will build off of them and cover the costs to connect into them. Ms. Samide stated that if the Board does not agree that the city can go ahead with it, to which Mr. Sharpe agreed for the ten years, and the years 11 through 30 the county would receive the 12.5%. Mr. Jemison added that if the Board rejects the city's request the resolution to do so includes an option to negotiate. Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle asked Mr. Sharpe that if there is an objection to the term in the excess of ten years, as in the ORC it says they can negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement which is not more than 50% of the taxes that would be payable to the county or if the objection includes an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of the 75% percent compensation equaling value of not more than the 50% of the taxes that would be payable to the county on the portion of the improvement in excess of 75%. Ms. LaChapelle added that when you're dealing with an objection regarding the term and the percentage, how does that play out – it is not completely clear. Mr. Sharpe stated that he would have to get Virginia Benjamin from the attorney's office in contact with her. Mr. Jemison noted that this is the first one in Geauga County and having just received it in the last ten days and given that the Board is required to respond within so many days, and with not having a full Board or session to discuss this prior to today, we have had resolutions drawn up to reject it and allow us to enter into negotiations to discuss it further which would allow for more time.

County Treasurer Christopher Hitchcock re-presented the Board a report that was presented in March about the tax collection for the County, Municipalities and the School Districts. Mr. Hitchcock stated that as the tax collector, the report indicates that real estate tax collection in the county is extremely strong, noting that in 2011 we collected 97% of every current tax dollar due, meaning that for every dollar we collected 97 cents, so 3 cents was delinquent. Throughout the state a rate of 3 cents of 3% is considered extremely strong, and when you add efforts to collect delinquent taxes we were at 100.5% which for every dollar due, we collected more, which is almost unheard-of. Mr. Hitchcock stated that Cuyahoga County delinquent taxes are about 18.7%, Lake County is about 7.8%, while Geauga is lower. Mr. Hitchcock stated that the City of Chardon's collection rate is 97.5% which is stronger than the County, and with delinquent efforts it makes it 101.8%, so this rate cannot stand over time, and it will diminish. This is the third highest collection rate in the County, after Hunting Valley and Russell Township. From a tax collection perspective the City of Chardon is paying their taxes in very strong if not record numbers.

Mr. Claypool asked where the initiative was coming from, if it was local, HUD or some other Federal agency, to which Mr. Sharpe stated that it, is local, adding that their finance committees have discussed it several times. Mr. Sharpe stated that it is used prevalent in other areas, noting Lake County and Cuyahoga County have used it. Mr. Claypool asked why the city wanted to do this, the purpose, to which Mr. Sharpe stated that it is to offset the debt service they are going to take on to do these infrastructure projects. Mr. Jemison asked the Board's opinion, noting that his personal preference is to reject this in order to give us time to discuss this and understand it better, noting that at best the County would start to see funds in year eleven. Commissioner Spidalieri agreed, adding that if it was done it would set precedence, noting that

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he didn't like it and that it should be the city's responsibility to work within their means and work within what they can afford to do. Mr. Spidalieri added that he expressed that even the residents of Chardon wouldn't like it either. Mr. Sharpe added that most other areas look at it as a win-win, because it brings more investment and infrastructure into the community. Ms. Samide added that when you add more residential in it also costs more. Mr. Sharpe added that they did have a study done before the income taxes increased, noting that on a \$300,000.00 house it would pay for itself. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about a current zoning problem with offsets and if those 500 houses would turn into 1000, to which Mr. Sharpe stated that that zoning has nothing to do with this, that zoning is not going to change. Mr. Yaney added that the projection of maximum build out is based on existing zoning, noting that Hidden Glen is moving forward and that the road will be being put in within the next couple of weeks.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-177 Objecting to the Exemption for the Number of Years in Excess of Ten and the Exemption for the Percentage of the Improvement to be Exempted in Excess of Seventy-five Percent relating to the proposed Hidden Glen Residential Incentive District in Accordance with R.C. 5709.40 (E)(2).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 26, 2013

Resolution: 13-177

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE EXEMPTION FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN EXCESS OF TEN AND THE EXEMPTION FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE EXEMPTED IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT RELATING TO THE PROPOSED HIDDEN GLEN RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 5709.40(E)(2)

WHEREAS, on or about September 10, 2013, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("County") received formal notice from the City of Chardon ("City") of the City's intention to consider the passage of the Hidden Glen RID Ordinance ("Ordinance") pursuant to Section 5709.40(C) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Ordinance by the City would create an incentive district and exempt from real property taxes 100% of the incremental increase in assessed value of certain parcels of real property identified in the Ordinance for thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, one hundred and ten (110) single family residential units are proposed for construction within the area proposed for tax exemption and the true value in money of the improvements is estimated to be approximately \$33,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that service payments in lieu of taxes created by the improvements will be used to pay for public infrastructure improvements which will serve properties within the incentive district; and

WHEREAS, Section 5709.40(E)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code permits a board of county commissioners of a county within which an incentive district will be located to object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and/or the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent; and

WHEREAS, if a board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative authority of the municipality and the compensation provided to the board cannot exceed the property taxes foregone due to the exemption; and

WHEREAS, if a board and legislative authority for the municipality fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted by the legislative authority shall provide to the board compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption

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period equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes that would be payable to the county; and

WHEREAS, if a board's objection includes an objection to the exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes would be payable to the county on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five percent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

WHEREAS, the City is currently requesting the County waive their objection to the Hidden Glen RID Ordinance and any right to compensation with respect thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County objects to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent, as provided in O.R.C. 5709.40(E)(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County requests the City enter into discussions with the County for purposes of negotiating a mutually acceptable compensation agreement for the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County does not otherwise waive its right under O.R.C. 5709.913 to receive a portion of the service payments made each year equal to the amount calculated under O.R.C. 5709.913(C)(4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chardon City Council no later than thirty (30) days after the County's receipt of the City's notice.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-178 Objecting to the Exemption for the Number of Years in Excess of Ten and the Exemption for the Percentage of the Improvement to be Exempted in Excess of Seventy-five Percent relating to the proposed Windemere and Willo-Tree Residential Incentive District in Accordance with R.C. 5709.40(E)(2).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 26, 2013
Resolution: 13-178

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE EXEMPTION FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN EXCESS OF TEN AND THE EXEMPTION FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE EXEMPTED IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT RELATING TO THE PROPOSED WINDEMERE AND WILLO-TREE RID ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 5709.40(E)(2)

WHEREAS, on or about September 10, 2013, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("County") received formal notice from the City of Chardon ("City") of the City's intention to consider the passage of the Windemere and Willo-Tree RID Ordinance ("Ordinance") pursuant to Section 5709.40(C) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Ordinance by the City would create an incentive district and exempt from real property taxes 100% of the incremental increase in assessed value of certain parcels of real property identified in the Ordinance for thirty (30) years; and

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WHEREAS, three hundred and fifty seven (357) single family residential units are proposed for construction within the area proposed for tax exemption and the true value in money of the improvements is estimated to be approximately \$ 89,250,000; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that service payments in lieu of taxes created by the improvements will be used to pay for public infrastructure improvements which will serve properties within the incentive district; and

WHEREAS, Section 5709.40(E)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code permits a board of county commissioners of a county within which an incentive district will be located to object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent; and

WHEREAS, if a board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative authority of the municipality and the compensation provided to the board cannot exceed the property taxes foregone due to the exemption; and

WHEREAS, if a board and legislative authority for the municipality fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted by the legislative authority shall provide to the board compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes that would be payable to the county; and

WHEREAS, if a board's objection includes an objection to the exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes would be payable to the county on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five percent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

WHEREAS, the City is presently asking the County to waive their objection to the Windemere and Willo-Tree RID Ordinance and any right to compensation with respect thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County objects to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent, as provided in O.R.C. 5709.40(E)(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County requests the City enter into discussions with the County for purposes of negotiating a mutually acceptable compensation agreement for the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County does not otherwise waive its right under O.R.C. 5709.913 to receive a portion of the service payments made each year equal to the amount calculated under O.R.C. 5709.913(C)(4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chardon City Council no later than thirty (30) days after the County's receipt of the City's notice.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-179 Objecting to the Exemption for the Number of Years in Excess of Ten and the Exemption for the Percentage of the Improvement to be Exempted in Excess of Seventy-five Percent relating to the proposed Cider Mill Residential Incentive District in Accordance with R.C. 5709.40(E)(2).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Date: September 26, 2013
Resolution: 13-179

**RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE EXEMPTION FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN
EXCESS OF TEN AND THE EXEMPTION FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF THE
IMPROVEMENT TO BE EXEMPTED IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT RELATING
TO THE PROPOSED CIDER MILL RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVE DISTRICT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 5709.40(E)(2)**

WHEREAS, on or about September 10, 2013, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("County") received formal notice from the City of Chardon ("City") of the City's intention to consider the passage of the Cider Mill RID Ordinance ("Ordinance") pursuant to Section 5709.40(C) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Ordinance by the City would create an incentive district and exempt from real property taxes 100% of the incremental increase in assessed value of certain parcels of real property identified in the Ordinance for thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, twenty four (24) townhome units are proposed for construction within the area proposed for tax exemption and the true value in money of the improvements is estimated to be approximately \$ 5,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that service payments in lieu of taxes created by the improvements will be used to pay for certain public infrastructure improvements which will serve properties within the incentive district; and

WHEREAS, Section 5709.40(E)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code permits a board of county commissioners of a county within which an incentive district will be located to object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and/or the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent; and

WHEREAS, if a board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative authority of the municipality and the compensation provided to the board cannot exceed the property taxes foregone due to the exemption; and

WHEREAS, if a board and legislative authority for the municipality fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted by the legislative authority shall provide to the board compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes that would be payable to the county; and

WHEREAS, if a board's objection includes an objection to the exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty percent of the taxes would be payable to the county on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five percent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

WHEREAS, the City is currently requesting the County waive their objection to the Cider Mill Residential Incentive District Ordinance and any right to compensation with respect thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County objects to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten and the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five percent, as provided in O.R.C. 5709.40(E)(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County requests the City enter into discussions with the County for purposes of negotiating a mutually acceptable compensation agreement for the County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County does not otherwise waive its right under O.R.C. 5709.913 to receive a portion of the service payments made each year equal to the amount calculated under O.R.C. 5709.913(C)(4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chardon City Council no later than thirty (30) days after the County’s receipt of the City’s notice.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PRESENTATION ON MEDICAID EXPANSION AND NEW ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

**Implementation of Integrated Eligibility and the Affordable Care Act by
Gauga County Job and Family Services**

Or

“Why you should go ahead and shoot the messengers and put us out of our misery...”

Executive Director Tim Taylor stated that the Affordable Care Act is probably second to the Vietnam War in his lifetime in terms of the response and opinions of things that have happened in our country. You could find opinions on both extremes, but the job of his staff is to take the laws and rules that are written in their form and work with individuals and do their best to apply those rules and apply the systems to help them the best they can. Certainly there are questions to the information about the Affordable Care Act on the State of Ohio’s approach which they will be happy to answer, but as an agency they approach this issue in a problem solving viewpoint of what it is we are given to do and how they go about achieving it.

Here is a snapshot of the services provided:

Geauga County Job and Family Services - Human Services Division – Current Program Participation:

Calendar Qtr	1st 12	2nd 12	3rd 12	4th 12	1st 13	2nd 13	
GCJFS Human Services							
Cash Assistance Cases - All Family OWF	25	18	17	18	15	12	
Nutrition Assistance (Food Stamp) Cases	1875	1799	1818	1871	1941	1899	
Expedited Food Stamps	145	130	134	133	135	132	
Food Stamp Recipients	4357	4236	4210	4009	4158	4067	
Covered Families and Children Medicaid Cases	2022	2032	1979	1988	2031	2077	
New Applications Worked Each Month (FS & Cash)	221	214	227	214	230	199	

Mr. Taylor stated that the top sheet that was handed out is an article about the Launch of the New Medicaid Eligibility System: Courtesy of Gongwer News Services, September 22, 2013

Mr. Taylor stated that these highlights tell the story of where the State is and where the Counties are:

Interview with Greg Moody, Director, Office of Health Transformation, State of Ohio

- Ohio’s 32 year old Client Registry Information System – Enhanced software will soon be replaced with a new Medicaid eligibility determination system that meets changes required under the Affordable Care Act.
- Under the federal ACA, states will be required to use new Modified Adjusted Gross Income calculations to determine program eligibility. This, coupled with the current system’s outdated software, pushed the administration to invest in a new integrated eligibility system, Mr. Moody said.

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- “You always want a modern system running your programs,” he said in an interview. “The old system gets Medicaid eligibility wrong 60% of the time – that is just outrageous – and county caseworkers have to manually override the system to get it to give the right answer.”
- The need to override the system, the director explained, is often attributed to the software’s failure to update with Medicaid policy changes, meaning that local caseworkers must continuously be on the lookout for false determinations.
- According to the director, it will take the state about two years to fully transition Medicaid and other entitlement programs to this system...Mr. Moody expressed skepticism over the likelihood that the two systems will be able to communicate without issue, come October.
- “We’re going to build a big complicated thing and turn it on Oct. 1 and they’re going to build a big complicated thing and turn in on Oct. 1,” he said. “I think we both will probably hit that deadline, but we have not had adequate time to kind of test the information going back and forth.”

Mr. Taylor added that it will be the counties job to get both of these systems to work. It is going to be extremely frustrating for both the client and the staff, but will do the best they can.

These are the Current Eligibility Guidelines of Medicaid:

UNINSURED CHILDREN (Up to Age 18)

MEDICAID CURRENTLY COVERS UNINSURED CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES UNDER 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

- A HOUSEHOLD OF 3 (1 ADULT, TWO CHILDREN) WOULD BE ELIGIBLE UP TO A MONTHLY INCOME OF \$3,255

INSURED CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 18)

MEDICAID CURRENTLY COVERS INSURED CHILDREN BY PROVIDING A SECONDARY COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY A PRIMARY INSURANCE IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH INCOME UNDER 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

- A HOUSEHOLD OF 3 (1 ADULT, TWO CHILDREN) WOULD BE ELIGIBLE UP TO A MONTHLY INCOME OF \$2,442

LOW INCOME PARENTS AND CARETAKERS

MEDICAID PROVIDE MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR LOW INCOME ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AND A MONTHLY INCOME OF LESS THAN 90% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

- ADULTS IN A HOUSEHOLD OF THREE THAT INCLUDES CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE UP TO A MONTHLY INCOME OF \$1,465

Mr. Taylor stated that this is a source of debate in the State of Ohio because of the expansion of the Affordable Care Act, because the expansion takes the 90% and increases it to 138% for all adults and people without minor children.

OTHER CURRENT MEDICAID COVERAGES

An uninsured pregnant women is eligible for medical coverage up to 200% during the pregnancy and for sixty days after the birth of the child.

- A HOUSEHOLD OF 1 (PREGNANT WOMEN) WOULD BE ELIGIBLE UP TO A MONTHLY INCOME OF \$1,915

Mr. Spidalieri inquired if that income was taxable, to which Income Maintenance Supervisor Lisa Milgate that it is gross income limit before deductions.

CURRENT AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED (ABD) ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AS WELL AS OTHER MEDICAID “WAIVER” PROGRAMS ARE NOT CHANGING.

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THESE ARE THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MEDICAID POST ACA IN OHIO AS OF TODAY:

1. INCOME WILL NO LONGER INCLUDE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.
2. CHILDREN MUST BE "CLAIMED DEPENDENTS" ON THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL TAX RETURN TO BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD
3. HOSPITALS AND CLINICS CAN MAKE A PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION BASED ON LIMITED PARTICIPATION INFORMATION. MEDICAL SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR UP TO 30 DAYS PENDING DETERMINATION BY THE CDJFS.
4. A PREGNANT WOMEN MAY CLAIM UP TO ONE UNBORN CHILD WITHOUT MEDICAL VERIFICATION.

Mr. Claypool inquired if a women claims twins does that make a difference in payment. Ms. Milgate stated that if a woman claims twins that she would have to provide medical verification because it would change to three.

THE EXPANSION OF THE ELIGIBILTY OF LOW INCOME ADULTS WITH CHILDREN FROM 90% TO THE MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LEVEL – 138% OF FPL – HAS NOT, AS OF TODAY, BEEN APPROVED IN OHIO.

Ms. Milgate explained that she is Geauga County's readiness manager for this roll out, noting that she attends meetings, brings the information back and along with Mr. Taylor and other supervisors we try and make decisions on how Geauga County is going to roll it out here. Mr. Taylor added that there are weekly teleconferences and assigned tasks, noting that there are monthly meetings in Columbus. Ms. Milgate noted that this is the state's presentation to the Commissioners.

The following slides are the power point presentation for Ohio's 88 Boards of County Commissioners developed by the Office of Health Transformation...

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County Commissioner Outreach
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Why is Ohio Adopting Integrated Eligibility?

Current eligibility determination for health and human services programs in Ohio are fragmented, overly complex, and rely on a 30-year-old legacy technology.

What This Means...

Applying for health and human services is confusing and time consuming.

Current health and human services eligibility policies leave gaps in coverage.

Why is Ohio Taking Steps to Address these Challenges Now...

Federal funding is available to eliminate the coverage gap.

Federal funding is available to simplify and automate eligibility systems.

Ohio law requires eligibility modernization.

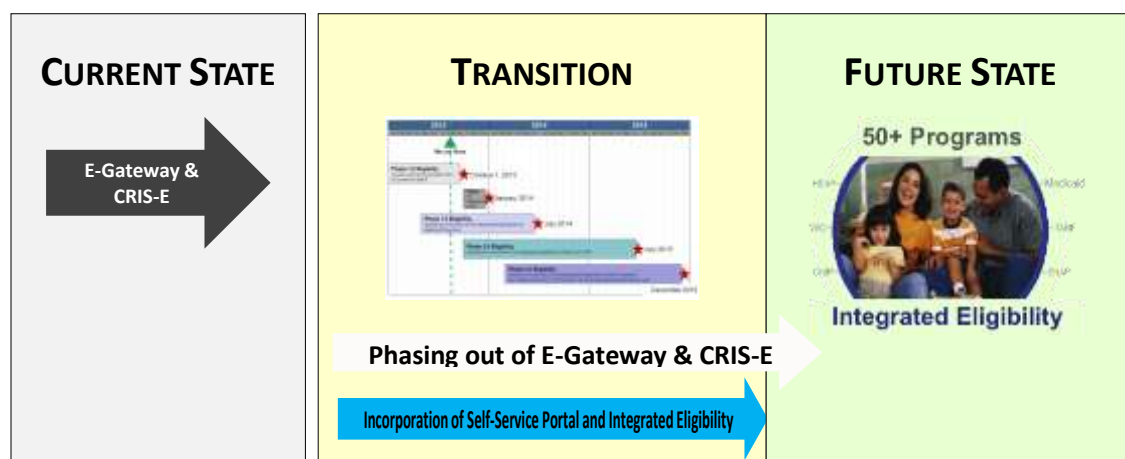
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The Ohio Integrated Eligibility system will be implemented in phases over the next **18-24 months**, improving care for vulnerable Ohioans, increasing program efficiencies, and reducing costs for Ohio's taxpayers.

Ms. Milgate explained that at first it will be the MAGI Medicaid, but eventually all of the programs will be in one system, and there will be a difficult transition phase when over 4,000 Medicaid cases that will have to manually transition from the CRIS-E system to the I-E System and will be done on the county level.

Project Vision

- The **future vision** for the Ohio Benefits and the Ohio Integrated Eligibility system is to be an all-encompassing platform for all healthcare related programs in Ohio
- It will gradually **replace the existing eGateway and CRIS-E platforms**
- Starting October 1, **Medicaid applications will be processed through the new Ohio Benefits Self-Service and Ohio Integrated Eligibility portal for the MAGI population**
- **Other benefits programs including SNAP and TANF will continue to run through eGateway and CRIS-E**, until they are converted in future phases of the project
- Eventually **all Health and Human Services programs** will be transitioned into Self-Service Portal and the Ohio Integrated Eligibility system



Mr. Taylor stated that the State sees a vision where there will be one portal that will tell you your eligibility for many programs.

Ohio's Integrated Eligibility Objectives

Project Objectives

Ohio Integrated Eligibility and Organizational Change Management project will transform the state's health and human services benefit delivery for years to come. The project will:

Redesign business processes helping offices gain efficiencies

Support Medicaid-eligible Ohioans (eligible as of January 1, 2014)

Transform and improve the way over 15,000 county and state workers support Ohioans

Improve the efficiency of state and local services

Simply eligibility following the new guidelines through automated-technology processes

Support multiple HHS programs servicing millions of Ohioans

Optimize technology used by Health and Human Services



Key Takeaways for County Commissioners

The State of Ohio is committed to fostering a strong state and county partnership.

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- The state has allocated an additional \$28M in our budget toward supporting county partnerships
- We have encouraged deep involvement of county workers, JFS associations and other key county stakeholders to design and build the new integrated eligibility system

The Integrated Eligibility system will bring a variety of specific benefits to counties.

- Frees up county resources by automating the simplest cases
- Allows county workers to re-focus their attention on the more complicated eligibility cases
- Affirms that case work is best done by the individual (self-service) and at the county level
- Replaces a 30-year old system which required significant manual intervention and re-work due to an outdated system and policy updates

We need your executive support.

- We are operating an aggressive timeline to meet the technical requirements, as mandated by federal law
- The Ohio Integrated Eligibility project will be implemented in multiple phases over the next few years, with a greater focus on organization readiness and business processes in future phases
- There are going to be challenges with running two systems, diverting resources and trying to provide additional resources, we need your understanding and support during the multiple phases of this project to achieve the end goal of integrated eligibility.

A resident’s point of view...

Residents will have multiple channels to apply for services.

“No Wrong Door” Policy means there should be a single seamless process of applying for health coverage – regardless of where a resident applies.



ONLINE

The Ohio Benefits website will enable residents to check eligibility and apply for a variety of benefits.



PHONE

Phone representatives will help residents by collecting the information needed to determine eligibility or apply for benefits.



IN PERSON

Residents who desire individual assistance or who have complicated cases can visit county offices to work directly with a case worker.

Tools used to collect and process eligibility information.

For Residents



Ohio Benefits Website

- *Check eligibility
- *Fill out applications
- *Report changes

The Ohio Benefits website is secure, multi-

For County Case Workers



Integrated Eligibility System

- *Determine eligibility
- *Calculate benefits
- *Issue Notices of Action

Case intake and management for all Ohio

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Lingual and integrates with the Ohio Integrated Eligibility System. It will allow residents to Create and access cases.

residents will be handled by this system. It will include cases recorded online, through the phone and in person.

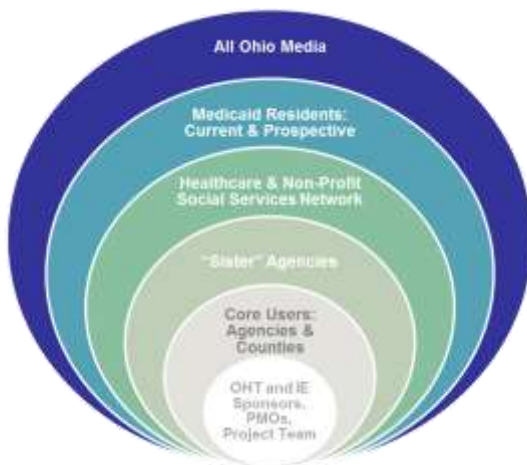
Mr. Taylor talked about challenges with tax documents differing from today's circumstances and that will involve the new portal once they find out eligibility, after which they would then work on it with a case worker.

Project Background and Details...

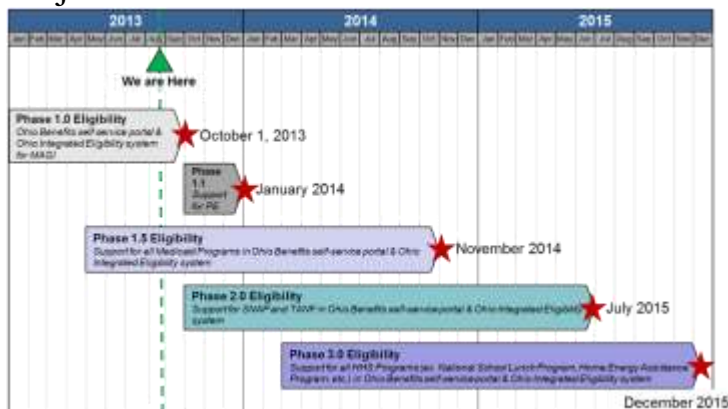
Project Stakeholders

To ensure counties are getting the information they need regarding the Ohio Integrated Eligibility project, the Organizational Change Management (OCM) team has been working directly and collaboratively with designated county personnel and other agencies. The change management activities outlined below highlight the type of work that has started and what will be executed to support county staff, community partners, and residents of Ohio.

- Communications
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Change Network Management
- Business Process Re-Engineering
- Business Process Training
- Business Readiness, Organization Design and Solution Alignment



Project Timeline



The Ohio Integrated Eligibility project is made up of several phases with key releases in each:

- Phase 1.0 October 1, 2013 – Launch of a resident Ohio Benefits and the Ohio Integrated Eligibility system for MAGI eligible Covered Families and Children (CFC)
- Phase 1.1 January 2014 – Increased functionality in the Ohio Integrated Eligibility system for presumptive eligibility
- Phase 1.5 November 2014 – Increased functionality in Ohio Benefits and the Ohio Integrated Eligibility system to support the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD)
- Phase 2.0 July 2015 – Increased functionality in Ohio Benefits and the Ohio Integrated Eligibility System to support SNAP and TANF
- Phase 3.0 December 2015 – Increased functionality in Ohio Benefits and Ohio Integrated Eligibility system to support all Health and Human Services projects

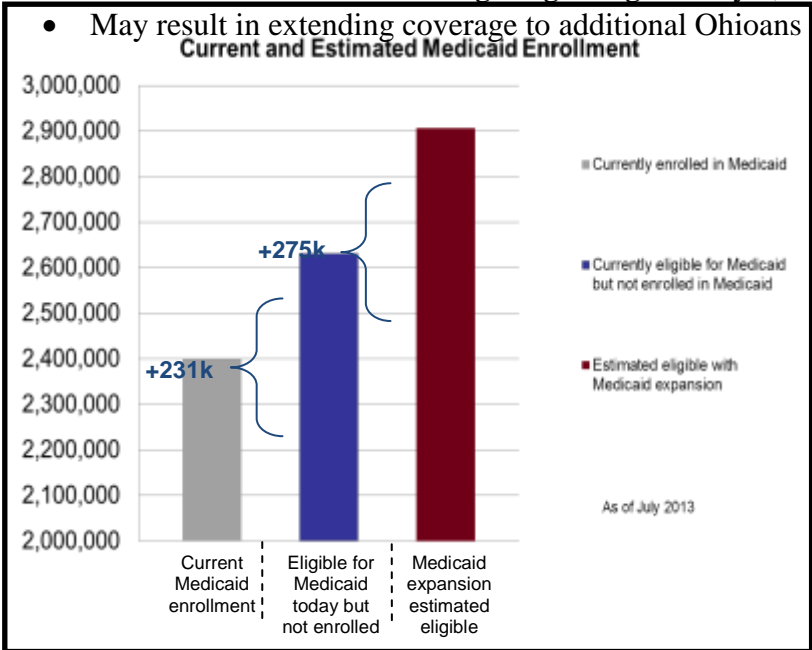
How is Medicaid Eligibility Changing?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) significantly changes state Medicaid programs:

- Requires online, real-time, web-based application, verifications, and determinations
- Delinks Medicaid from other federal entitlement programs
- Uses new “Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)” methodology to determine income, household composition and family size
- Requires states to align systems and determinations with the new Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM)
- Ohio may extend Medicaid coverage to additional Ohioans as noted in the orange bar on the right

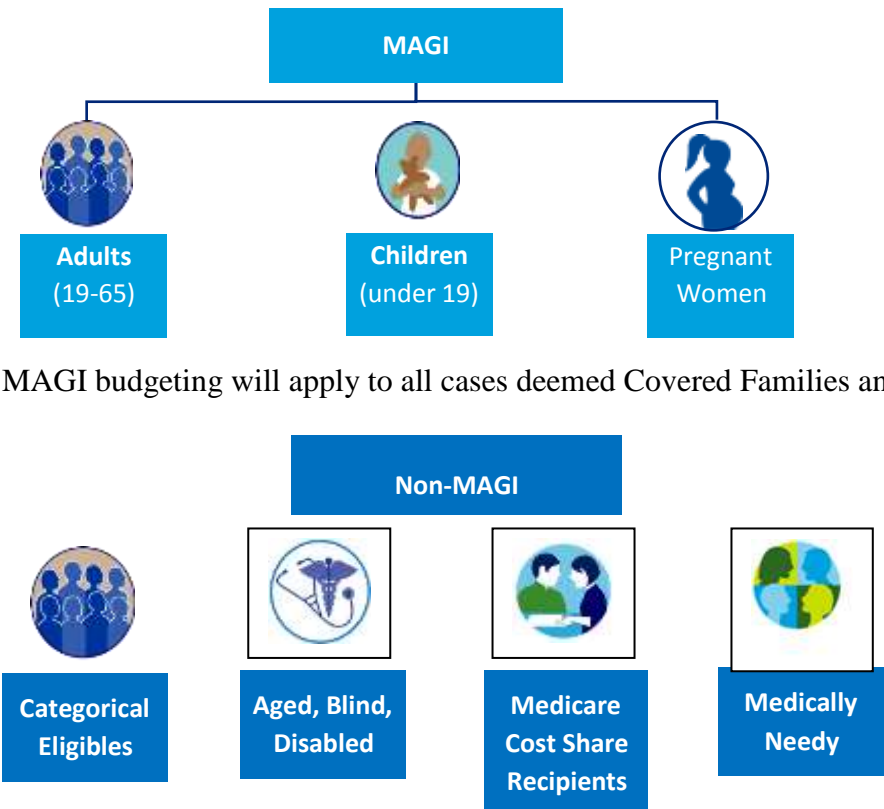
Mandates “go-live” dates:

- Process applications for health coverage beginning October 1, 2013
- With effective dates of coverage beginning January 1, 2014



Affected Groups

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) streamlines and standardizes the eligibility standard for Medicaid and subsidized insurance by using a household’s Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI). The new MAGI eligibility rules are defined across the country and Ohio has worked to apply this model by incorporate the following categories:



MAGI budgeting will apply to all cases deemed Covered Families and Children Medicaid

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MAGI methodology will NOT apply to Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories
Readiness Efforts & How We Will Ensure Successful Change

- Open Lines of Communication -



In-Person Representatives

- County Coordinators –One per county
- County Readiness Managers – One per region

Two-way communication

- Weekly teleconferences with County Coordinators
- Monthly working sessions with County Readiness Managers

Training

- Ohio customized Web-Based Training (WBT) for MAGI and non-MAGI workers
- Training Environment with exercises for ILT and training simulation practice
- Online help available in the new Integrated Eligibility system

Help Desk

- Residents – Leverage existing Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline
- County Staff – Leverage existing Ohio Department of Medicaid Technical Assistance Hotline for policy and technical issues

Additional Resources

The Ohio Integrated Eligibility project is one of many initiatives taking place within Ohio.

If you are interested in learning more about the Integrated Eligibility project, or additional Ohio Health Transformation initiatives taking place, please visit Ohio's Health Transformation website at: <http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/>

Appendix

Key Terms and Definitions

- **CMS** - Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **DAS** - Department of Administrative Service
- **HHS** - Health and Human Services
- **IE&BI** - Integrated Eligibility and Business Intelligence
- **MAGI** - Modified Adjust Gross Income
- **OBM** - Office of Budget and Management
- **OCM** - Organizational Change Management
- **ODJFS** - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- **OHT** - Office of Health Transformation
- **SOA** - System Oriented Architecture

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- **MAGI Standard** – Modified Adjusted Gross Income – an income standard used to determine financial eligibility, and based on the Primary Tax Filer, certain defined relationships (spouse, parent, stepparent) and any claimed tax dependents. Streamlines and standardizes the type of income used for eligibility determination and the manner in which it is counted.
- **Medicaid Expansion** – The ACA legislation introduced the ability for each state to expand Medicaid coverage to childless adults below the age of 65 with a household income at or below 133% FPL – the Supreme Court upheld this expansion, but limited the ability for the Federal Government to penalize States who do not comply with the expansion.
- **“No Wrong Door”** – An application for assistance should be simple and seamless, regardless of the application method (paper, phone, online) and process (Self-Service Portal, Marketplace, state agency) and should be able to be submitted through a variety of channels
- **“No Touch” Automatic Application Processing** – The concept that an application for assistance should be accepted and processed without a single worker intervention (if all required data is present and verifiable) in “real time” (real time has not been defined, but is assumed by clients to be within minutes)
- **Reasonable Compatibility** – A standard applied for determining if client attested value (e.g. income) can be considered verified by another source within a defined parameter or threshold.
- **Reasonable Opportunity** – To avoid unnecessary reapplication processing and burden on the consumer, an application for renewal will be accepted within 90 days of the date it is due.
- **Single Streamlined Application** – An application for assistance should be easily available to the consumer (paper, online, in person, phone) and only ask those questions that are relevant for a MAGI determination inclusive of both Medicaid and Marketplace eligibility.
- **Alternative Application** – States have the option to utilize an alternative application for assistance that must be approved by CMS, and may collect additional data beyond that required on the streamlined application, but not prohibit an application from being processed if the additional data is missing.
- **Electronic Verifications** – Each state must submit a State Verification Plan highlighting their plan to verify each required MAGI eligibility data element. Electronic verifications should be used as much as possible.
- **Federal Data HUB** – A composite of multiple interfaces allowing an agency to access Federal data to verify applicant eligibility data such as income, citizenship, identity.
- **Identity Proofing** – All states using the trusted data sources made available through the hub for real-time verifications for the online application or a telephone application that is enabled by real-time hub services must prove identity prior to processing the application via a federally-facilitated service.
- **State Based Marketplace (SBE)** – A State-based health insurance marketplace where individuals and small businesses will be able to shop for coverage. States planning to operate an SBE were required to submit an Marketplace blueprint to the Federal DHHS in December 2012.
- **Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM)** – If a state did not indicate their intentions for either an SBE or a Partnership Marketplace model, they will default to using the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, which will coordinate eligibility and enrollment determinations for non-Medicaid coverage, and potentially also Medicaid coverage depending on state decision (assessment versus determination model).
- **Advance Payment Tax Credit (APTC)** – MAGI eligible persons between 133-400% FPL qualify for a tax credit, payable in advance on a monthly basis, that can be used to offset the premium cost for insurance coverage purchased on an exchange. The tax credit amount is pegged to a sliding scale affordability standard and the cost of health plans offered in the applicant's region.

MAGI Non-Financial Eligibility

- Citizenship/Qualified Alien Status
- Lawful Permanent Residency
- Incarceration Status
- Relationship
- Tax Household Information
- Living Arrangement

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- Aged, Blind, Disabled (Long Term Care)
- Requesting Financial Assistance for Medical Coverage
- Not receiving other financial assistance (Foster Care, Other Health Insurance)

MAGI Financial Eligibility

- Tax Household Income against Federal Poverty Limit Financial Test.

Challenges Ahead for GCJFS...

October 1

- Volume of work – meet current casework mandates and add the casework requirements of ACA and IE using systems that are incomplete and untested.
- Continue to be trained in and become proficient with the new requirements and the new system.
- Provide accurate general information and case specific information to our residents.
- Identification of Geauga County cases in the new IE system.
- Buffer the impact of the new systems on our residents to the extent possible.

January 1

- All new Medicaid applications will be processed in IE but we will continue to use CRIS-E for existing cases – there will be friction and fallout between the two systems.

Spring 2014

- County departments of Job and Family Services will begin the manual transition of cases from CRIS-E to IE

Fall 2014

- County departments of Job and Family Services will begin the transition of ABD cases from CRIS-E to IE

There was a brief discussion about the limited number of case workers that can be in the new computer system and that Geauga County currently only has three licenses for simultaneous system access.

Local resident Ed Corsi asked for clarification about whether or not Job and Family Services was requesting funding from the Commissioners for this, to which Mr. Taylor stated that they were not, the funding was coming from the State and Federal level. Mr. Corsi then asked why this presentation was taking place, to which Mr. Taylor stated that he is employed by the Commissioners and they oversee the Department of Job and Family Services and this is the most significant change to the way we serve the residents of Geauga County that has happened since bringing in computers at the agency. Mr. Taylor stated that there is a lot of information in regards to the Affordable Care Act and where and how you get information and all of this kicks off on October 1st. Changes are going to be taking place in the next two years and he wanted to make sure the Commissioners are informed of what is taking place. Mr. Corsi expressed a concern about Obama Care and influx of people into the system and questioned how all these changes were going to save them time. Mr. Taylor agreed but in fairness expressed that the system is a huge transformation and even if the Affordable Care Act went away the State would still be continuing to implement the change. Mr. Corsi questioned if they should wait until questions that are being raised get answered. Mr. Taylor stated that the State has rules and deadlines that they have to follow themselves, adding that the change of this magnitude is a huge change for a system that is thirty-two years old. Our job is to make the least impact on those who come to our agency.

There was a brief discussion about the amount of funding that Geauga would be receiving to help implement this program, to which it was noted that the hope is to receive \$30,000.00 of the \$7 million allocated statewide which will allow them to pull down \$90,000.00 from the federal funding, totaling about \$120,000.00 total. It was noted that they hoped to use a temp service to assist with data entry along with the addition of an employee. Mr. Jemison stated that it will go the best it can in Geauga due to the employees and Mr. Taylor's leadership.

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ANNOUNCEMENT – TRACY A. JEMISON – RESIGNATION

Mr. Jemison stated that yesterday he submitted his resignation as Geauga County Commissioner to Ed Ryder, Chairman of the Republican party to be effective October 31, 2013 at 11:59 p.m..

Mr. Jemison stated that this year he celebrated thirty-one years working for the county and today he celebrated his sixty second birthday, adding that half of his life he had the pleasure of serving the residents of Geauga County. It has been a series of remarkable opportunities for him, starting in the Maintenance Department, then with the IT Department, becoming Auditor and then a Commissioner. Mr. Jemison stated that he could not have asked for anything better with his career here with the county and hopes that he has a few more chapters left to pursue opportunities in other arenas. Mr. Jemison thanked everyone for what they have done over the years, having been blessed to be surrounded by great people.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Gauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from August 21, 2013.*
- b) *The Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center, Board of Developmental Disabilities Annual Report for 2012-2013.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 9/26 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 9/26 Geauga County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Hall, Chardon

*Tue., 10/1 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Thu., 10/3 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tue., 10/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 10/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

*Thu., 10/10 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Mon., 10/14 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Tues., 10/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 10/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:48 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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