

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 24, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 24, 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.*

**VETERANS**

*Former Director Jim Gray presented a certificate and American flag to Commissioner Spidalieri and Great Lakes Outdoor Supply for his support of Geauga County Veterans.*

*Mr. Gray then thanked the Board for all the support they gave him over the years.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Block Grant for the purchase of grant funded equipment, and for the Board of Mental Health, the Department of Job and Family Services and Water Resources for operating expenses; a Contract for Hershberger Roofing and Siding for the replacement roof for the Department of Emergency Services building in the amount of \$25,000.00; a Travel request for the Juvenile Court; a payment to Portman Electric Incorporated for a light tower generator purchased with Homeland Security funding; and a payment to United States Postal Services for the purchase of postage for the mail meter in the amount \$30,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-75 itemizing the financials 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>

**AUDITOR AND TREASURER – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – AUGUST 2013**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of August, 2013 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<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 accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of August, 2013 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – REPLAT OF SUBLOTS 335-A AND 335-B – REPLAT OF SUBLLOT 335 – CANYON LAKE COLONY SUBDIVISION, PHASE 12-B – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this was a re-plat of 335 A and B which are now called 335 Y and Z. Mr. Cattell stated that the developer changed the configuration of the lots around to better accommodate what he needed to do. Mr. Cattell added that it still meets all the regulations. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired why Dave Dietrich from the Planning Commission wasn't handling this, to which Mr. Cattell explained that there had been some*

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*confusion over what department should bring the plats before the Board. This is already a road but was expressed that it might be easier if the Engineer handled this.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Re-plat of Sublots 335-A and 335-B, a Re-plat of Sublot 335 of Canyon Lake Colony Subdivision, Phase 12-B in Bainbridge Township.*

<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>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – HIRE MICHAEL PECK – FULL TIME MAINTENANCE HELPER (#1906)**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that he was asking to hire Mr. Peck to be a maintenance helper that will be working in the Courthouse. Mr. Vernick noted that Mr. Peck previously worked part-time cleaning at the Perry Plant and has eighteen years of experience in cleaning.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Michael Peck to the position of Full-time Maintenance Helper (#1906) to be effective October 15, 2013 at a rate of \$10.17 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$10.70 per hour.*

<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>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – LEASE – RAVENWOOD MENTAL HEALTH CENTER – THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM – FRANK G. LAVRICH YOUTH CENTER**

*Mr. Vernick stated that this is a new lease with Ravenwood Mental Health for the Youth Center, adding that this will be a one year agreement with the option of four additional one year terms.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Ravenwood Mental Health Center to operate a therapeutic program in the Frank G. Lavrich Youth Center Building located at 13000 Aquilla Road, Chardon (Parcel #13-705020) for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 with four (4) additional one year terms.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – DISCUSSION ABOUT ACCIDENT INVOLVING HYDRANT IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Director Doug Bowen explained to the Board that over the weekend someone had hit a hydrant on Chagrin Road, noting that this time the motorist not only took out the hydrant but also the valve which allows the water system to be shut down, which nearly caused the water tower to drain and forced the department to issue a boil alert because the system pressure dropped below 20 PSI. Mr. Bowen stated that all expenses will be compiled and submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the cause for the boil alert, to which Mr. Bowen explained that the water comes to us from Cleveland Water to a Master Meter and then is pumped to a booster station to the water tower and is then distributed. With no pressure to the system, it is safer to put the area on the alert, adding that with no pressure the system could back feed. Commissioner Jemison inquired about how much water had been lost, to which Mr. Bowen stated we lost a half million gallons of water, which is about \$3,000.00 worth of water. Mr. Bowen stated that he had received a phone call from the EPA commending them on how they handled the situation. It was noted that the tower in question is located in the Knowles Industrial Park. Mr. Bowen commended his staff, including field maintenance personnel, office employees, and lab personnel for going above the call of duty to minimize disruption to customers on a weekend.*

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING –  
MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)

*Mr. Bowen stated that they have an existing posting for the Maintenance Worker and had both of the summer help employees apply; adding that one of them is close to obtaining his Operator I license. Mr. Bowen stated that they are modifying the package plant inspection system back to five operator routes, which will reduce the number of plants that each person will to carry, which will make it easier to handle with the guidelines placed by the EPA. It was noted that even with hiring these two positions their budget will still be under what it was all the way back to 2008.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to increase the current posting for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) from one available to two available positions and remain posted until filled.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE BRIAN BENSON AND CAL MCGHEE –  
MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Brian Benson to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage Facility to be effective September 30, 2013 at a rate of \$16.61 per hour with a 120 day probationary period during which he is required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).*

<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 hiring Cal McGhee to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage Facility to be effective September 30, 2013 at a rate of \$16.61 per hour with a 120 day probationary period during which he is required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES AS  
DETERMINED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-176 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.34, 5705.35.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-176*  
*Date: September 24, 2013*

*Tax Year 2013 (2014 Collection Year)*

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED  
BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX  
LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

**(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)**  
*Revised Code, Sections 5705.34, 5705.35*

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*The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 24th day of September, 2013 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:*

*Tracy A. Jemison, President  
Mary E. Samide  
Ralph Spidalieri*

*WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing on January 1st, 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:*

SCHEDULE A										
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITORS ESTIMATED TAX RATES										
FUND	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Inside 10 Mill Limitation				Amount Approved by Budget Commission Outside 10 Mill Limitation				County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied	
	Column II				Column IV				Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
									V	VI
General Fund (A)	7	322	944	00					2.50	
Road & Bridge Fund (D)					3	104	026	00		2.50
District Board of Health (E)					585	836	00			0.20
General Bond Retirement (O1G)			0	00					0.00	
Senior Citizens Special Levy Fund (T88)					2	929	178	00		1.00
Child Welfare Services Special Levy Fund (SS)					2	050	424	00		0.70
Mental Health & Clinics Special Levy Fund (AA)					3	515	013	00		1.20
Mental Retardation Special Levy (Metzenbaum) (S03)					9	091	492	00		3.30
Gauga County Public Library Special Levy Fund					5	411	456	00		2.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>10.90</b>

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SCHEDULE B LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES						
FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy <small>(City of Columbus, Ohio)</small>				
General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years						
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<b>Total General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation</b>						
Childrens Services Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2010 not to exceed 5 years	0.70	2	050	424	00	
Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 03, 2009 not to exceed 5 years	0.70	2	050	424	00	
Metzbaum Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2008 not to exceed continuing years	3.30	9	091	492	00	
Health District Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2008 not to exceed 5 years	0.20		585	836	00	
Road & Bridge Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2010 not to exceed 5 years	2.50	3	104	026	00	
Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2007 not to exceed continuing years	1.00	2	705	728	00	
Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 6, 2012 not to exceed 5 years	0.50	1	464	589	00	
Senior Citizens Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2009 not to exceed 5 years	1.00	2	929	178	00	
Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2010 not to exceed continuing years	1.00	2	705	728	00	
Fund: Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years						

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

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

**LIQUOR LICENSE – TAVERN CONCEPTS, LLC CHESTERLAND TAVERN – CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

Motion:                    by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to concur with Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Tavern Concepts LLC Chesterland Tavern located at 8190 Mayfield Road, Chesterland (C TRFO 8815820).

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

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – DISCUSSION ABOUT BOARD MEMBERS DECREASING FROM 18 TO 14 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

Executive Director Jim Adams from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board briefly explained that when he started in 1987 the Mental Health Board consisted of 12 members and in 1990 it was increased to 18 members, adding that they have never been able to stay at 18, so with HB 59 that was passed this dropped the requirement for members down to 14, which will take effect January 1, 2014, but they were required to give notification to the Commissioners by September 30, 2013. The Commissioners will appoint 8 of those 14 and then Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will appoint 6 of the 14. Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool asked who has final oversight of that board. Mr. Jemison stated that ultimately it would be the voters deciding on how they want to fund them, adding that the Commissioners do oversee the budget. County Administrator David Lair stated that the Board meetings are open to the public. Mr. Adams stated that they are only 1 of 7 boards in the State that are certified under

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*a Statewide Certification and go through a 156 point Audit and that Audit is coming up again shortly. They provide a community plan approved by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Mr. Claypool expressed that often times these boards operate outside of view of the public and asked what is the best way for the public to understand what the board is doing. Mr. Adams stated that geauga.org is their website and on there you will find the community Plan, the Strategic Plan for the next two years, and how local, state and federal funds are spent, adding that he has never not seen the public at their meetings. It was noted that their meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and their minutes are also on their website.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 11, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending August 2013 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending August, 2013.*
- d) *Gauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Resolution 13-09-4 Election to become a Fourteen (14) Member Board.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

- Tue., 9/24 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Wed., 9/25 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Fall Economic Briefing, 8:00 a.m. at Punderson Manor Lodge*
- Thu., 9/26 Investment Advisory Board Committee meeting, 9:45 a.m. in Chambers*
- Thu., 9/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- 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.***

*There was a brief discussion about Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, as the Board usually cancels session after a holiday, but decided to continue to hold session that day due to the other days in the month being cancelled.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:27 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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