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June 18, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 18, 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 Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 13, 2013.

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| <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> |

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Transit Department's capital fund for farebox project revenue; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2013 funding for the County Home and the Youth Center; a Travel request for the Transit Department; a Contract for the Treasurer of the State of Ohio to return unused funding for the HEAP program; a payment to Hardwood Flooring and Paneling, Incorporated d.b.a. Sheoga Hardwood Flooring for the partial disbursement of a CDBG Revolving Loan Fund loan for the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$157,500.00; and a payment to Fogle/Stenzel Architects for design services for the Board of Developmental Disabilities residential downsizing renovations in the amount of \$16,612.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-119 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 18, 2013.

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| <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 – RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO MAKE APPLICATION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FY2013 – AUTHORIZE
PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE DOCUMENT FORMS**

Director Anita Stocker explained that these documents complete the application to the State. The Commissioners recommended the Department on Aging Knox Boxes, Burton Village to do paving in front of the Log Cabin and the Fairgrounds paving of walkways on the grounds.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-120 Authorizing the President of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners to make application to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development, for financial assistance under the State of Ohio's Community Development Block Grant Program for the FY2013 Formula Grant Program.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Date: June 18, 2013
Resolution: 13-120*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GEAUGA
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF**

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DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FY2013 FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio, Department of Development, provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local needs; and

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga, Ohio desires to participate in the Program to receive financial assistance under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2013 Formula Program; and

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga, Ohio has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the state of Ohio, Department of Development, through its Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Formula Program.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County must direct and authorize the Department of Community & Economic Development, Director, Anita Stocker to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners authorizes Anita Stocker as the official representative of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners application to participate in the State of Ohio Department of Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Formula Program.

SECTION II. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby approves filing an application for financial assistance under the State of Ohio Department of Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Formula.

SECTION III. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby understands and agrees that participation in the Program will require compliance with program guidelines.

SECTION IV. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby commits itself to provide the local share funding as described in the application.

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| <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> |

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the following documents for the CDBG FY 2013 Formula Grant; Community Development Allocation - General Information Table, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Applicant / Recipient Disclosure / Update Report, Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form, and the FY2013 Community Development Allocation Program Public Service Certification.

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| <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> |

JUVENILE / PROBATE COURT – BUDGETARY REQUEST

Judge Timothy J. Grendell presented the Board with the following breakdown for the period 1-1-2013 through 5-31-2013:

PROBATION STAFF - Training & Mileage and CONSTABLE – Training & Service Mileage

I. Probation Officer - Mileage Reimbursement – Total \$2,746.0 (Range from \$101.86 to \$1,293.22)

Variables

**Number of assigned cases*

**Juvenile's behavior*

**Type of delinquency*

**Residence of juvenile on probation*

**Trips to Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center (Ravenna)*

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Probation Fee

Probation Fee - \$150.00 (Increased from \$100.00 May 1, 2013)

II. Constable Mileage - \$1,941.91

44 services / visits (13 out of county services)

Variables

**Case filings*

**Subpoena requests / Court needs*

**Parties' conduct / misconduct*

Constable Fees Charged by Court to Parties - \$2,271.00

III. Probation Officer Training - \$641.00 (fees and mileage)

IV. Constable Training - \$971.00 (fees and mileage)*

**\$600.00 Ohio Supreme Court / OPATA – Court Security Course*

(Copies of certificates included)

Judge Grendell explained that the judiciary is an independent and separate branch of government but the funding flows through the county in part and as Probate / Juvenile Judge, he is tasked with the duty to satisfy all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the court. Today he would like to discuss some adjustments to Probation Staff and Constable training and mileage in the current budget due to not having the luxury of controlling their intake of activity coming before the court. The court is at the mercy of the customer base, in this case, juveniles that increase activity and whom then require the courts services, parents of dysfunctional families, and the increase of the drug program which is also increasing activity for the guardians of the court. Guardianship requests for individuals over eighteen years old has increased in just the last week due to incompetency resulting from drug use. Judge Grendell noted that on the report presented that they would need to make adjustments for the cost of mileage, noting that originally the budget was set for \$6,000 to \$6,500.00. Judge Grendell noted that he has been trying to use more house arrest or intensive probation rather than detention. This seems to have a better effect on behavior control because they are constantly being tested with representatives from the court showing unannounced to do this, which causes the probation officers to travel more, but is less of a cost than detention. Any expense incurred is based on pure service time, noting that the more trouble they cause the more visits are required. Judge Grendell explained that if a juvenile lives outside of Geauga County, under rule #11 of the court he can find them to commit the offense but can give them a sentence or transfer the case to the county of residence, which means that the other county would pick up the expense of the probation. If it's a Portage, Ashtabula or Lake County juvenile he normally sends it to the other county, but if it's a Cuyahoga County juvenile he does not because the cases sent there were dismissed, due to high end felony problems being more of a problem there. Judge Grendell noted that he has raised the probation fee again this year, hoping to do what he can to help recover these costs, but they don't come in right away. The Constable's services are tracked in a book to have a record of all subpoenas or services. Judge Grendell noted that constable fees have been charged that will hopefully pay for it, but again it has variables. Training expenses may see an increase due to the possibility of mandatory probation officer training coming out of Columbus of up to forty hours a year starting with next year, noting that he was looking in to this further for clarification. Judge Grendell noted that in response to several court shootings last year the Supreme Court held a program for in court security and this fall the Supreme Court will be here to do a review of the court, but the court will be doing training with the Sheriff's Office prior to them arriving. Commissioner Jemison inquired about what amount of the Constable fees shown as charged by the court thus far have been received back, to which Judge Grendell said he has asked for a recovered to date amount and when they obtain that number he will get that to the Board, noting that there is a delay in collections. There was a brief discussion about fees that are often hard to collect, noting that these fees are a direct result of a person's conduct and that he was currently working with the Prosecutor's office on whether he would be able to charge an upfront fee for the Constable service as a deposit to avoid the hassles of tracking down those fees. Mr. Jemison inquired if there were other areas in the budget that they might be able to move funds from to cover the increases in these costs. Judge Grendell stated that the number of drug cases requiring the FLIP program has declined and hopes that there will be funds left at the end, but asked the Board to consider extending the FLIP pilot program from August to December 31st. Mr. Jemison expressed the need to see the results before moving the funding necessary for the program to be continued next year. Mr. Jemison mentioned another line item in the budget

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called 'other transcripts' that is used for court reporters that has \$11,000.00, that to date only shows a couple hundred dollars being spent. Judge Grendell expressed that he felt that the number might not include the recent expense for the Lane case. Judge Grendell expressed that he did not want to overspend, that he just wants to make sure that they don't zero out on their accounts and not have enough to reimburse the Probation Officers for their expenses. Judge Grendell stated that he would like Mr. Lubecky and Mr. Lair to look at the numbers and figure out a way to keep everything covered.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE NATALIE DOLEZAL – PART-TIME ASSISTANT SITE COORDINATOR (#1005-1)

Assistant Director Kathy Petrella stated that they were requesting to hire Ms. Dolezal to the position of Part-time Assistant Site Coordinator at the West Geauga Senior Center, noting that they had three really good candidates to choose from.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Natalie Dolezal to the position of Part-time Assistant Site Coordinator (#1005-1) to be effective June 24, 2013 at a rate of \$12.26 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$12.91 per hour.

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| <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 – AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATION / RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND DECLARATION OF ENTRY OF APPEARANCE – SUSAN T. WEILAND, ESQ. TO REPRESENT GEAUGA COUNTY – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Director Doug Bowen explained that a few meetings back the Board had approved Mr. Bowen to be able to represent the county during the appeal hearing and they have asked for that same form for Ms. Weiland.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Authorization for Representation / Release of Information and Declaration of Entry of Appearance for Susan T. Weiland, Esq. to represent Geauga County in connection with the Thompson Township Sewer Project.

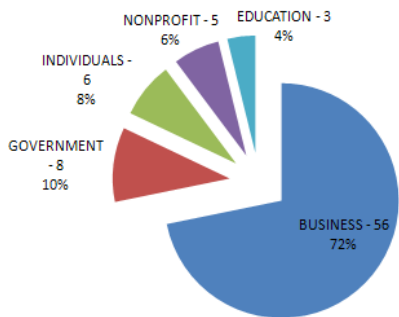
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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

GEAUGA GROWTH PARTNERSHIP – FOLLOW UP TO TOUR IN CARROLL COUNTY

Gauga Growth Partnership President Frank Samuel and Shale Energy Task Force Chair John Stiegerwald provided the following information in regards to the Geauga Growth Partnership and the Tour in Carroll County. Mr. Samuel feels that this area was important to see in order to determine what the actual impact is on ground zero of the actual area where the work is happening, adding that this activity is moving northward. Mr. Samuel stated that a well has been drilled in Portage County and a test well in Geauga. This will give us time learn from others in the process.

Mr. Stiegerwald introduced recent NCDL Graduate Eric Knapik, who is interning for them at GGP this summer. Mr. Stiegerwald explained that he represents a group of Board members and members of the Geauga Growth Partnership who in a short period of time have created a spot on the map with their ability to reach out and connect. Mr. Stiegerwald noted that he wanted to frame out the partnership and then continue the presentation into the Shale Energy and Carroll County trip that created a balance and view of the potential economic benefit from the environmental and business side of the evolution of a new business industry evolving all over the state.

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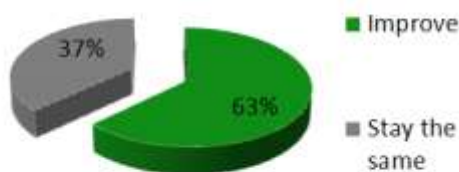
In 2013, 78 active GGP Members fall into five categories.

Mr. Stiegerwald explained that the active membership of the partnership was intended to be business member driven activity, noting that every year they like to do a survey of their members to get a picture of the economic picture in their minds and what they are interested in.

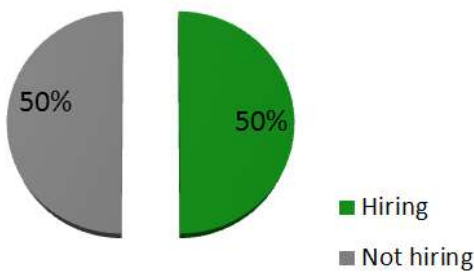
2013 Survey Results



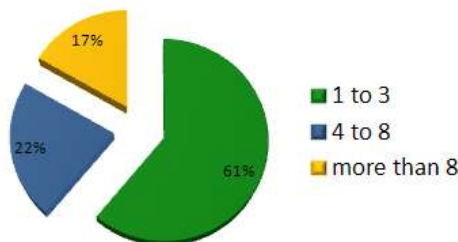
Majority believe business will improve



Half of respondents will be hiring

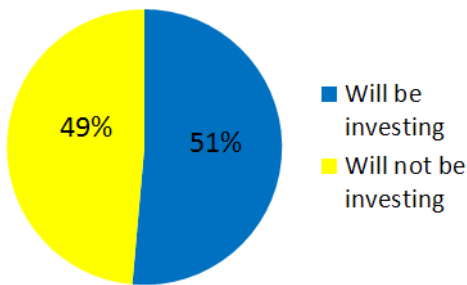


How many new employees will be hired in the next 6 months?





Are businesses planning on making major investment



What do Geauga businesses struggle with?



Mr. Stiegerwald stated that it's not a surprise that these bubbles were the top answers in the survey. They also asked:

What should GGP focus on?

- *Healthcare reform*
- *Attract qualified workers*
- *Prepare high school students for the workplace*
- *Attract business to the county*

Trying to find qualified workers is a common thread all over. Mr. Stiegerwald noted that the partnership has done a good job at trying to prepare high school students with the internship program that they started about two years ago.

Shale Energy

Mr. Stiegerwald explained that exploration in search of Utica Shale, also known as wet gas, is benefitting energy firms engaged in this exploration due to getting three products out of it instead of just one, including crude oil, the "anes" (methane and butane), and natural gas, noting that development activity started almost ten years ago. The Partnership decided that they needed to help our members understand this and share with the community the knowledge and understanding from all dimensions. A task force was formed and this group decided to "go to the mountain", Carroll County, to see what is happening.

January 2012

Shale Energy Task Force established

March 2012

Fact-finding trip to Carroll County, Ohio

Other 2012 Milestones:

June 13

Annual Meeting Presentation by Jim Samuel, Capitol Integrity Group

July 24

Landowners Forum (knowledge reach out about land leasing)

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August

Launched new supply chain business directory focused on shale energy: www.geaugashale.com

September 25

Drilling Supply Chain educational program (second outreach held)

2013 Activities:

January 29

Drilling Regulation educational program (held at West Woods to talk about drilling regulations, included a panel members that answered questions)

March

First Geauga County ad in Crain's shale quarterly

May 22

Second fact-finding trip to Carroll County (visited to see what a year had meant to them from a year prior)

June

Second Geauga County ad in Crain's shale quarterly

Fall

Education program (topic to be determined) Looking like to be held in October, hoping to look at supply chain, but in second and third tier methodology.

Carroll County Visits

March 24, 2012

May 22, 2013

Highlights

Well Statistics

2012:

-12 Producing

-400 Planned in 2012

2013:

-39 Producing

-108 well pads under construction

-90 more sites permitted

-4000 Chesapeake wells by 2030

Economic Effects

2012:

-In 5 years doubling population

-40% increase in real estate prices

2013:

-2x-3x increase in residential rentals

-Shift from owner-occupied to rental residential properties

Unemployment

Normal: 9%

2011: 13%

2013: 6%

Law Enforcement

2012

-Increase in robberies

2013

-Few drug problems, theft, and public drunkenness

-Increased Sheriff's Department activity, mostly traffic issues

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-Chesapeake has a zero tolerance policy on bad behavior

Roads

2012

-Chesapeake paying about \$1.1 million per mile for improvements

2013

-Chesapeake has paid \$40 million to help improve 90 miles of county and township roads

This is just an example of one company, but it was noted that the roads are all two lane, country roads.

Workforce

2012

-Most drilling crews imported from PA, TX, and OK

2013

-Drilling crews still imported

-Pipeline companies hiring locally

-Welders in high demand

-Some hiring from local employers, e.g. mechanics

Safety is an important priority and exploration companies express the need for expertise in their workers.

Issues of Concern

**Traffic*

**Housing*

**Water and Sewage needs*

These are not new items, these are continuous. A snap shot was provided of what is evolving in Carroll County and will move it in and around that area. An idea was to try and figure out how to provide support to this industry, as a way of dovetailing into this business. Other activities include support of this economic condition through provision of housing and the needs that go along with it, using laundry services as an example. This business is twenty-four hours a day/ seven days a week, that 2:00 a.m. is the same to them as 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Spidalieri noted that he was able to attend the tour and that it opened his eyes to a lot of unknowns, and was able to get an understanding and feel for what they are experiencing. Mr. Spidalieri tipped his hat to the Partnership for those that have an interested investment in this county. Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool inquired about whether the Partnership would be educating the community about the realities, noting the amount of information out there and the misunderstandings. Mr. Stiegerwald noted that any of the outreach programs are available to anyone out there to attend. GGP as a group has not isolated themselves on the subject, noting that the educational program in the fall will be open, adding that most people who attend are not members. This subject has a lot of opinions and a lot of facts around it and they want to make sure they give the best understanding and knowledge possible without too many opinions. Commissioner Samide noted that Carroll County was a very poor county and they had to triple the restaurants, personnel, and housing in order to accommodate this growth. Mr. Jemison stated that in 2012 they were concerned about the sociological impact, noting that they were talking about a 250 person man camp outside of town; that's not even in the talk now, it never happened, adding that these companies are not tolerating drugs, drinking or roustabouts. Recorder Sharon Gingerich noted that she learned on the trip that any damage is fixed immediately. All the housing and land is bought up, noting that 97% of the land is property leased. County Administrator David Lair commented that the only negative is the escalating pricing of rentals due to those that see the economic opportunity from renting. Mr. Samuel showed the Board the recent ad in Crain's Shale Quarterly.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees at the Department of Job and Family Services.*

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Mr. Jemison noted that Tim Taylor, Paul Reiman and David Lair would be joining them in executive session.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. and as a result no action was taken.

OTHER

Mr. Lair brought up a couple of issues for discussion, one being that typically a provision is in the annual budget to provide funding to Tourism, the Agricultural Society, and the Historical Society, noting that it had started at \$35,000.00 a year each and now is down to \$20,000.00 a year. Mr. Jemison noted that Tourism includes it in their budget and their year ends June 30th. There was discussion about the Board moving to approve and then having the encumbrance on the financials on Thursday, following with the expenditure being approved on the following Tuesday. Mr. Lair also noted that Ms. Delaney had sent the tax budget worksheets to the Board, briefly explaining what was sent showing 2011 and 2012 actual receipts and expenditures that also includes a 2013 forecast, with a projection for 2014. This is the Tax Budget that is used as a planning tool and as the basis for much of the permanent appropriation for the coming year. Mr. Jemison stated that it is important, because we use it as a planning tool. There was further discussion about adjustments that are made in December when the budget is adopted. Mr. Lair asked the Board to please forward to Ms. Delaney any changes or tweaks that they would like, so she can make them before it gets sent to the Auditor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of May 2013, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 6/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session, during which will hold a Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. regarding the Convenience and Necessity for the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road, Chardon Township

Tues., 6/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Wed., 6/26 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Thu., 6/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session, during which will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Geauga County 2014 Tax Budget

Tue., 7/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

*Fri., 7/5 **County offices under the Commissioners Hiring Authority will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Tue., 7/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 7/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

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Thu., 7/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:42 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidaleri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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