

Commissioners' Journal
October 22, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 22, 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 FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for supplemental appropriations for plan review for the Building Department; a Supplemental appropriation for the Youth Center Improvement fund for the purchase of a generator; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2013 funding for the CASA program; and Travel requests for the Department of Emergency Services and the Commissioners' Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-188 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 22, 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>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND CLAIM

Director Kristina Reider explained this was the Quarterly Fuel Tax reimbursement.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$3,207.49.

<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>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – TRANSIT POLICY MANUAL BEST PRACTICES

Ms. Reider explained that the current manual has been in place since 2004 denoting that there have been several changes since that time. Ms. Reider explained that the current Driver Supervisor had previously worked for UPS and asked him to go over the policies giving his input. Ms. Reider noted that the discipline section is different than the County policy adding that it is due to the transportation of people, including different descriptions and more strict. Ms. Reider noted that the format is from a template that had been provided by ODOT.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and adopt the Transit Policy Manual Best Practices to be effective November 1, 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>

NOACA DISCUSSION – CODE OF REGULATIONS

Executive Director Grace Gallucci from NOACA presented the following presentation:

Ratification of NOACA Code of Regulations

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What is the Code of Regulations?

- *Serves as the agency's governing instrument*
- *Defines the agency's organizational structure relative to the Board of Directors*

NOACA's Board of Directors approves all updates to the Code of Regulations.

What is included in the Code of Regulations?

- *Mission Statement*
- *Board membership (explicit to the Number of Board members as well as position by county)*
- *Organizational structure*
- *Officers' duties*
- *Meeting conduct*
- *Committee responsibilities*

Why Change the Code?

- *The Code of Regulations can be revised to reflect new regulations, changing conditions and needs of the agency.*

Ms. Gallucci noted that some of the changes are directly due to her new tenure and in meeting with the Board members individually gathering feedback from them on what works and what doesn't work that are relevant to the organization, committee structure and to the Board of Directors. Based on those discussions they held a visioning session to work towards a regional strategic planning process that was primarily focused for NOACA to be focused on what the Board wants the agency to carry out.

- *Changes initially discussed at Board of Directors visioning session in February 2013*
- *Discussed at March Executive Committee meeting*
- *Code of Regulations Task Force organized in May 2013*

Board of Directors Survey

- *Conducted by Board Volunteers Unlimited and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence – April 2013*
- *Board members indicate a desire for strong working committees so that the full Board of Directors understands how issues are deliberated and brought to the Board for action.*
- *New committee structure more adequately meets agency's needs and ensures involvement of all Board members*

It was discovered that not all Board members were engaging in committees and that caused some disconnect in how decisions were being made and how the agency was operating. There are terrific Board members, with tremendous levels of expertise and NOACA wants to leverage that in the best way possible and take as little time as needed from them to do that.

New Committee Structure

- *Six standing committees established:*
Executive Committee
Planning & Programming Committee
Policy Committee
Governance Committee
Finance & Audit Committee
External Relations Committee
- *Developed by Code of Regulations Task Force and adopted by Board of Directors on August 9, Resolution 2013-027*

Additional Approved Code of Regulations Changes

- *"Governing Board" becomes "Board of Directors"*
- *City of Cleveland added as a member responsible for dues payment, along with the five counties*
- *Clarification that the Ohio Sunshine Law (referring to open public meetings) and procedural Robert's Rules of Order apply to all meetings*

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New Standing Committees

- *Standing committees will be made up of Board members and their alternates only*
- *President of the Board of Directors appoints chairs and members of standing committees, with approval of the full Board*
- *All Board members must serve on at least one standing committee*
- *All standing committees report to the Executive Committee, which reports to the full Board*
- *Subcommittees, councils and task forces may include non-Board members or alternates from the region with specific expertise*
- *Former Transportation, Air Quality and Water Quality Advisory Committees are now subcommittees*
- *Citizen and / or business participation on subcommittees or councils shall be as directed by the Board of Directors*

One of the conditions prior to the changes of the standing committees included a blur in terms of the membership with Board members that were members of the community and staff members. The Board members are on the standing committees and need to drive the agenda and not those outside of the Board of Directors.

Changes Require the Concurrence of the Five Counties

*Some amendments to the Code of Regulations require the concurrence of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties within 90 days – November 7th (deadline for ratification)
NOACA Seeks Your Approval for:*

Article IV and Article IX require ratification.

- *A requirement that members of the Board of Directors must be elected or appointed officials, or government employees*
- *A requirement that Board alternates must be elected, appointed or employed by a political subdivision, government agency, or public body within the geographic area of the appointment authority*

The intent for this stipulation has been there since the beginning of NOACA's existence but several years ago some NOACA Board members retired from public office and were then appointed as alternates by Board members. Other exceptions included changes of employment that kept an alternate in place even though they no longer worked for the government body. Ms. Gallucci expressed that this is a council of government with intent to serve the public and they should be serving it through the elected officials that the public appoints or that are employed by them. A concern was expressed that this could be a loophole for alternates to be appointed to the Board with intent of having private interests and not those that would benefit the public's interests. Other changes included in the referenced articles include:

- *A process for appointing alternates (to have consistency throughout the counties)*
- *Clarification that the State of Ohio ethics laws apply to all Board members, although without the requirement of separate and additional filings*
- *Adding the City of Cleveland as an approving body of future major governance changes, along with the five counties*

It was clarified that the City of Cleveland is already responsible for paying their own dues, and this change confirms their ability to participate in the ratification process. This would be in addition to the vote that Cuyahoga County already gets. Commissioner Jemison inquired if this would provide the City of Cleveland with Veto power, to which Ms. Gallucci stated only for membership, adding that it would be fair to say that they would have Veto power for membership. Ms. Samide inquired if the City of Cleveland was not already represented by Cuyahoga County. Ms. Gallucci stated that in most places it listed the five counties and the City of Cleveland, showing six bodies that comprise NOACA, adding that informally they were paying dues but this states now that specifically they pay their own dues, along with the ability to participate in the ratification process. Ms. Samide asked for clarification if the City of Cleveland was identified as Cuyahoga County representatives, to which Ms. Gallucci stated that the City of Cleveland has its own representation that is appointed by the Mayor of the City of Cleveland that is separate from Cuyahoga County but not separate dues or ratification. Ms.

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Samide asked if any additional people were being added, to which Ms. Gallucci stated that it does not change the membership number or composition of membership, that it is only changing clarification of the City of Cleveland for paying dues and the ability of ratification. There was a brief discussion about in the past it had brought up about only having elected officials as officers and that suggested change was vetoed by Cuyahoga County. Mr. Jemison stated that now the City of Cleveland has been elevated in effect to the sixth county. Commissioner Spidalieri asked why we would even consider this, that already we go into this with the cards against us, to which Ms. Gallucci stated that the six bodies have always been listed. Mr. Spidalieri asked why it was good for Geauga County. Ms. Gallucci stated that she couldn't say what was good for Geauga but what was good for the organization was to have the document reflect how things operate. There was discussion about how much in dues is paid by the City and the County, to which it was noted that the City of Cleveland pays around \$50,000.00 and Cuyahoga County pays around \$165,000.00. Ms. Gallucci stated that the ratification element is unique and is not seen all the time and suggested some of the things that need to be studied more be brought before the Governance Committee. One such suggestion was that the ratification process be revised to be a super majority rather than concurrence by simple majority, which can result in actions promoted by Cuyahoga County being passed when all the four counties disagree.

- *Two-thirds vote needed for removal of a Board member, but without removing the seat held by that entity*

Ratification

- *The Code of Regulations revision has been ratified by:
Lorain County Commission – August 28
Lake County Commission – August 29
Cuyahoga County Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee,
Passed October 16*

It is up for a vote in Cuyahoga County this afternoon to the full council. Medina County appeared to not be inclined to ratify due to concerns over the City of Cleveland ratification power, the alternate issue and about the portion of Article IX that redefines which portion of Article IV required ratification.

Ms. Samide expressed that even though Geauga is small that we should have our three Commissioners and our Engineer included on the Board, that this is all about our Roads and Bridges and the Engineer should be on that Board. Ms. Gallucci stated that those positions are based on population. County Engineer Joe Cattell noted that Medina County's population is 172,000. Ms. Gallucci stated that based on the 2010 census that membership should be looked at. Ms. Samide thanked Ms. Gallucci for coming, noting that it's difficult with everyone having a different opinion. Ms. Gallucci stated that this is an organization that should work together and in doing so this is how we build relationships and how we can advance to the strongest region we can be.

There was a discussion about the long range plan over twenty years that NOACA receives \$9 billion and that it should be looked at so that smaller projects be included so that all projects are included. In long term the money isn't there upfront it but doesn't mean we can do something to create strategies to get financing to accompany that. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern about the alternate position and whether they can dictate to a Commissioner who they can and cannot have represent them. An elected official who serves the people should be able to have the people represent them. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he has concerns about their agenda noting a concern he raised about the funding priority for bike paths. Mr. Spidalieri noted that there are roads that are in desperate need of repair and what the concerns are today, noting that everyone struggles, and at the end of the day we are not sunny Florida that we can actually use a 12 month bike path. Our residents in this County deserve better and he should the right to choose who he puts on and it should not be dictated as to who he puts on. Ms. Gallucci noted that bike path funds are received that are earmarked for specific projects and had those funds not gone to Geauga they would have gone to another county for another bike path.

Mr. Spidalieri asked his alternate Mr. Claypool to comment. Mr. Claypool stated that often a statement is made that if we don't take grant dollars that they are issued to someone else. Ms. Gallucci stated that it is not, that if Chardon chose not to take those funds that there are ten other people who would have used those funds. It depends on the source of funding, and in that instance she was referring to other options within NOACA. Mr. Claypool stated that the

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resolution has been passed and the only thing being discussed is Article IV and Article IX – noting that the problem is that Cuyahoga County has 23 votes and if you include Lorain and Lake County and that is 35 votes. Geauga County only has 3 votes so what do you think our influence is on NOACA, and upon reading Article IX he expressed concern over the majority of votes going to Cuyahoga and Cleveland having the ability to change rules. Ms. Gallucci stated that membership must always be ratified which is specified in Article IV. It was noted that it those two Articles must have concurrence of all five counties in order for it to pass. Ms. Gallucci stated that the only things to be added are in Article IV and some were moved from a different section because it fit better there. Mr. Claypool expressed that no one here has ever contemplated that Cuyahoga and the City of Cleveland can change these regulations in their favor. If Article IX is approved that is what will happen. Mr. Claypool stated that what is trying to be passed with the changes is for alternates to be an elected or appointed official or employee. Mr. Claypool went over some of Medina County's minutes regarding the discussion that was held regarding these changes, stating Mr. Hambly is not supportive in favor of Article IX and that they are also not in favor of Article IV expressing that individuals that they feel are qualified could be excluded from serving and the NOACA Board could lose a wealth of knowledge and experience. Mr. Claypool stated that as an alternate that attends often he feels that Geauga needs to constantly have to be on guard to defend our unique rural nature and if this is passed it impacts our ability to choose that individual who best represents a given Commissioner's thought process and passion. Mr. Claypool stated that when Mr. Spidalieri was elected he was elected to be accountable to his constituents and he should be able to choose someone he feels will uphold that accountability. Mr. Claypool stated that like Medina's viewpoint you limit the pool of options where you limit the people who can fight for our interests. Ms. Samide added again that there should be a super majority, that when multiple counties vote for something their vote should matter. Mr. Claypool added that NOACA has not really created a good reason for doing this, other than they don't like it, noting that the Code of Ethics would bar against that, noting that it would be in the best interest to vote this down.

New Meeting Schedule

- Committees and Board of Directors Meet Quarterly
- 1st Month of the Quarter – Standing Committees
- 2nd Month of the Quarter – Executive Committee
- 3rd Month of the Quarter – Board of Directors

New Schedule launches in January 2014

Ms. Gallucci stated that the intent was to have clarity for the Board members and alternates, not to be negative, harmful or to impede anyone's choices, but to say if Board members need to have these qualifications so should their alternates. Lastly, she added that although Mr. Claypool indicated that Geauga County has the smallest number of representatives but they have done far better for themselves in terms of funded projects than its representation, with allocation of dollars. Ms. Samide stated that we respect the choice of a Commissioner but also feel strongly about the Engineer to be included and for a Commissioner to be NOACA Board President.

Mr. Jemison stated that there are several different scenarios but that Geauga County's position would be much stronger in rejecting these that could allow discussion to be brought back to the table that might allow for a super majority or that fourth seat and asked that a motion be to read that rejects these.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-192 rejecting the amendments and changes to the NOACA Code of Regulations including those in Article IV and Article IX.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MARNA DRUM –
NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP)**

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-189 Re-Appointing Marna Drum to the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) Facility Governing Board for a three year term ending November 9, 2016.

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Resolution: 13-189

Date: October 22, 2013

**RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MARNA DRUM TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) was established by the Common Pleas Judges of Portage, Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula and Trumbull counties in 1997 and serves as the Community Based Corrections Facility (CBCF); and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.51(E) provides that the CBCF be governed by a Facility Governing Board to which the judicial advisory board of the CBCF shall appoint two-thirds of the members and the boards of county commissioners of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint the remaining one-third of the members; and

WHEREAS, it is within the discretion of and has been mutually determined by the CBCF's member counties that the Facility Governing Board should be comprised of nine members which requires that boards of county commissions of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint three of the members; and

WHEREAS, Marna Drum has expressed an interest in being reappointed to the board and it is now necessary to re-appoint Marna Drum as her term expires on November 9, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, in agreement with all members of the CBCF, re-appoints Marna Drum to serve on the Facility Governing Board for a three year term to expire November 9, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Clerk forwards a copy of this resolution to County Commissioners of Ashtabula, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties and that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

Commissioners' Clerk noted that a resolution was received from Lake, Ashtabula and Trumbull that were all in agreement on that re-appointment.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING 2013 CHAPMAN AWARD
WINNER MARY ANN MOCZULSKI**

Mr. Jemison stated that every year the Geauga County Public Library Foundation names a Chapman Award winner who best represents the value of bringing books and people together.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-190 Honoring 2013 Chapman Award Winner Mary Ann Moczulski.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 22, 2013

Resolution: 13-190

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2013 CHAPMAN AWARD WINNER
MARY ANN MOCZULSKI**

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Moczulski is the recipient of the prestigious Chapman Award, which is bestowed once a year by the Geauga County Library Foundation and is given to someone that best represents the values of bringing books and people together, along with promoting the interest of reading; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ann Moczulski developed her love of books and reading during her childhood in East Cleveland where she spent countless hours in her local library. Mary Ann Moczulski graduated from Shaw High School, attended Kent State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree and then went on to attend Case Western Reserve University where she received her Master of Arts; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Moczulski shared her passion and love for books with the many students she taught over twenty-nine years in East Cleveland, now retired she continues to give back in many ways, including being a member of the Geauga West Friends of the Library Board; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Moczulski gives many hours of her time reviewing, sorting and cleaning books, along with identifying, researching and pricing any collectible books which are donated and then sold during book sale fundraisers to help raise money that is used to assist with the purchasing of materials and programming for the Geauga West Library; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Moczulski also serves her community by being a member of the West Geauga Senior Center Program Committee, Chesterland Historical Foundation, Celebration Lutheran Church and the Geauga County Retired Teachers Association, along with volunteering for the Cancer Society, Geauga Park District, she also served on the Geauga Humane Society Board ; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Mary Ann Moczulski for her dedication and service to the library, the community and congratulates her for being the recipient of the 2013 Chapman Award.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING JOHN W. GANDER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. Jemison stated that Mr. Gander is a long time Geauga County resident and business owner who is celebrating his 100th Birthday. Mr. Jemison stated that he is often the voice of reason at the Rotary Club, and that in sixty years he as never missed a meeting.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-191 Honoring and Celebrating John W. Gander on his 100th Birthday.

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING JOHN W. GANDER
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, John and Jessie Gander celebrated the arrival of their son John W. Gander on November 5, 1913 in Muskingum County where he was raised with his six brothers and two sisters on a 220-acre livestock farm in Meigs Township. John W. Gander was one of only six students who graduated from Meigs High School in 1932 before attending and graduating from Ohio University in 1939 with a Bachelor's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, John W. Gander joined the Army in June of 1941, where he served five years, married Dorothy Seidel and raised two daughters Marilyn and Ellen. John W. Gander worked with the Veterans Administration and Lordstown Ordinance Depot for the U.S. Civil Service for six year before partnering with the Rose Family to purchase the Barnes Greenhouse on Route 87 in Burton ; and

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WHEREAS, John W. Gander moved his family in the fall of 1952 to Burton when he assumed full operation of Burton Flower and Garden. In 1972 Burton Flower and Garden became incorporated, and in 1975 the horticultural distribution business under BFG Supply Company was added and in 1976 built the warehouse on Route 87. John W. Gander sold the greenhouse in 1980 and expanded BFG Supply Company to include nine warehouses in five states that serve greenhouse and nursery growers across 12 states; and

WHEREAS, John W. Gander has long held an interest in sports, from playing both baseball and basketball in high school, semi-professional baseball in Southeastern Ohio, being the pitcher on his baseball team at college in 1937, 1938, and 1939, and as a Coach in Grafton from 1939 to 1941. John W. Gander's interest and love of sports continued, as he is a seventy-five year Cleveland Indians Fan, a long standing season ticket holder, and has had the honor of throwing out a first pitch at Jacob's field. John W. Gander helped organize the Badger Booster Club, assisted with lights at the football stadium and the baseball field at Berkshire High School and most recently the completion of the John W. Gander Field in 1993; and

WHEREAS, John W. Gander has been involved with many organizations throughout his years, including the Burton Chamber of Commerce and Beautification Committee, Badger Booster Club, Tunebackers, Greater Geauga Ruritan Club, Geauga Historical Society, Burton Masonic Lodge, Burton Congregational Church and the Burton-Middlefield Rotary which he joined in 1952 and has sixty years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, John W. Gander later married Helen Zang and finally retired as Chairman of BFG Supply Company and since has devoted much of his time to his twenty-five (25) acre hardwood tree farm, nut grove and perennial garden. John W. Gander cherishes his four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and celebrate John W. Gander on his 100th Birthday.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 due to Veteran's Day.

<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 – CANCEL SESSION – NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, November 5, 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – DECEMBER 10, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 due to the CCAO Winter Conference.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CLOSE OFFICES – DECEMBER 24, 2013 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to announce that in light of Christmas Eve that the Geauga County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, 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 December 24, 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – DECEMBER 24 AND 26, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and Thursday, December 26, 2013 due to the Office being closed for the Christmas Holiday.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 3, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of September, 2013.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 10/21 Board of Revision 2:00 p.m., Auditor's Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:14 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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