

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**December 19, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 19, 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, Mary E. Samide 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 Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 17, 2013.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a contract increase for the State Board of Building Standards remittance for the Building Department and voucher payments for the County Home and Department of Water Resources.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-217 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 19, 2013.*

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

**COUNTY TREASURER / AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF COUNTY FINANCES - SEPT 2013**

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

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

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

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

**COUNTY TREASURER / AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF COUNTY FINANCES – OCTOBER 2013**

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

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

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

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT – GRANT APPLICATION – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

*Department on Aging Director Jessica Boalt asked that the Board approve the application for services grant for transportation services. This is the second year of the grant funding.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the grant application documents for the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for Older Americans Act/Senior Community Services funding for Transportation Services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$263,874.93.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE UNPAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE – SHERRI DAVIS**

*Department on Aging Director Jessica Boalt explained that Sherri Davis is out on FMLA and has utilized her available sick and vacation time; therefore Ms. Boalt is requesting unpaid leave for the remainder of the anticipated absence.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave for Sherri Davis for the period December 13, 2013 through December 30, 2013.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2014**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that the Board has already approved some of the "convenience and necessities" scheduled for completion next year, but these new actions will end out the balance, as the resolutions of convenience and necessity need to be signed before moving forward. Engineer Cattell presented the commissioners each with a county map listing next year's improvement projects. Mr. Cattell explained that the pavement marking improvement project is to cover roughly half of all county roads, as is done each year. The improvement on Jug Street (CH 46) from Route 422 to Patch Road in Troy Township is a resurfacing job with traffic maintained. The project covering the intersection of Munn and Taylor May in Auburn Township is a sight distance issue, and while the current intersection meets minimum ODOT requirements, speeds on Munn tend to be higher than the posted speed limit creating issues at times. Engineer Cattell added that Kenston Schools as part of a government program have students find issues within the community and try to resolve them. They identified this intersection a couple of times as an issue. Mr. Cattell stated that the accident rate is not really high there, but when there is an accident it is very severe. The planned work will include cutting part of the current hill on Munn Road, south of Taylor May to improve sight distance. Mr. Cattell continued that this work will involve going outside of the road right of way, but preliminary talks with property owners indicate they are happy with this planned work to improve safety at the intersection. Mr. Cattell added that sadly enough in looking at the accidents that have occurred, it tends to be a relatively inexperienced teenaged driver approaching that intersection while on Taylor May that pulls out and gets creamed. He concluded that the reality is that the intersection meets the current sight distance requirement, but if people on Munn are speeding, the current sight distance is not enough in some cases for someone to avoid pulling out from Taylor May into the intersection in front of a speeding car.*

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*Engineer Cattell stated that the next two resolutions are for existing wooden box structure bridges on Heath Road located north of Mulberry Road, currently paved with chip seal. Mr. Cattell said that right now we don't have enough funding for these projects in 2014 and they are being categorized as 2015 projects, but he wants to proceed with the design phase of the replacements, as funding may arise later in the year. The replacements would be straightforward replacements of the wooden box structures with precast concrete structures. Mr. Cattell next explained that the Snyder Road bridge reconstruction is located a half mile north of Crackel and has been scheduled for 2014 in order to help Bainbridge Township facilitate their project to repave that section of Snyder Road next year. This reconstruction project which would have normally been scheduled for 2016 is now to be completed next year. Mr. Cattell continued that Clay Street in Huntsburg Township has an issue at its intersection with Pioneer regarding sight distance that is somewhat similar to the Munn and Taylor May problem. There hasn't been a major issue at this location thus far, but as this intersection sees higher volumes of traffic in the future, it could develop into a problem. Mr. Cattell thinks it would be a good idea to take care of the issue before it does become a problem. There will be repaving activities occurring in this area in 2015, but the intersection itself will be repaved now as part of the current project to improve the sight distance situation. Commissioner Blake Rear asked if these two intersections that have been discussed were two way or four way stops. It was noted that they are both two way stops. Mr. Cattell explained that currently, Pioneer traffic does not stop at this intersection, while Clay Street, having a higher jurisdiction than Pioneer, does stop. Regarding the Taylor May/Munn intersection, Taylor May traffic stops. This is as it should be, with Munn having a greater volume of traffic. In the case of the Pioneer/Clay Street intersection, Clay Street traffic stops, even though it is the higher volume road. The current plan is to change the Pioneer/Clay intersection to follow the established system of jurisdiction and have Pioneer traffic stop, once the reconfiguration of the intersection to improve sight distance is completed. Completing the description of resolutions before the Board, Engineer Cattell noted that the Sherman Road bridge in Munson Township, not far from Heath was on the five-year plan for reconstruction, but was not planned for next year; however, to help Munson Township facilitate its repaving project already in place for next year in that area, the Sherman project will be moved up.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-218 to Improve Various Sections of County Roads by Applying Pavement Markings, Year 2014.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-218*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING  
PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2014**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined that the public convenience and welfare require safety improvements on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges that pavement markings must be maintained on county highways in Geauga County for safety reasons.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that the public convenience and welfare require an improvement to various highways by applying pavement markings to county highways within the County as determined necessary by the Geauga County Engineer.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

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*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of ways of the county highways, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTIONS C – E OF JUG STREET (CH 46) – TROY TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-219 to Improve Sections C – E of Jug Street (CH 46) in Troy Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-219*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTIONS C - E OF JUG STREET (CH 46)  
IN TROY TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections C – E of Jug Street from Main Market Road (US 422) to Patch Road (TR 205) in Troy Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections C – E of Jug Street from Main Market Road (US 422) to Patch Road (TR 205) in the Township of Troy, County of Geauga, State of Ohio by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Jug Street, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Troy Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF MUNN ROAD (CH 32) WITH TAYLOR MAY ROAD (TR 186) – AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-220 to Improve the Intersection of Munn Road (CH 32) with Taylor May Road (TR186) in Auburn Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-220*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF MUNN ROAD (CH32) WITH TAYLOR MAY ROAD (TR 186) IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to the intersection of Munn Road (CH 32) with Taylor May Road (TR 186) in Auburn Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to the intersection of Munn Road (CH 32) with Taylor May Road (TR 186) in the Township of Auburn, County of Geauga, State of Ohio by grading, re-profiling the intersection, constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, asphalt repaving and improving the shoulders as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of ways of Munn Road and Taylor May Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT HEATH ROAD BRIDGE, #105-5.02 – CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-221 to Reconstruct the Heath Road Bridge, Structure #105-5.02 over Martin Creek in Chester Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*  
*Resolution: 13-221*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE HEATH ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #105-5.02 IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Martin Creek on Heath Road, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Heath Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Heath Road Bridge, Structure #105-5.02 over Martin Creek in the Township of Chester, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 5.02 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Heath Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be apportioned as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Heath Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chester Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT HEATH ROAD  
BRIDGE, #105-5.20 – CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-222 to Reconstruct the Heath Road Bridge, Structure #105-5.20 over Hariss Creek in Chester Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013  
Resolution: 13-222*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE HEATH ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #105-5.20 IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Hariss Creek on Heath Road, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Heath Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Heath Road Bridge, Structure #105-5.20 over Hariss Creek in the Township of Chester, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 5.20 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Heath Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be apportioned as follows:  
The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Heath Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chester Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE SNYDER ROAD BRIDGE #192-0.33 – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-223 to Reconstruct the Snyder Road Bridge, Structure #192-0.33 over the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River in Bainbridge Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*  
*Resolution: 13-223*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE SNYDER ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #192-0.33 IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River on Snyder Road, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Snyder Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5550.332 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Snyder Road Bridge, Structure #192-0.33 over the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River in the Township of Bainbridge, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 0.33 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Snyder Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be apportioned as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Snyder Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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



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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – IMPROVE SECTIONS A & B OF CLAY STREET (CH 37) – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-227 to Improve Sections A - B of Clay Street (CH 37) in Huntsburg Township.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date:* December 19, 2013

*Resolution:* 13-227

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTIONS A & B OF CLAY STREET (CH 37) IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections A & B of Clay Street from Durkee Road (TR 117) to Mayfield Road (US 322) in Huntsburg Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections A & B of Clay Street from Durkee Road (TR 117) to Mayfield Road (US 322) in the Township of Huntsburg, County of Geauga, State of Ohio by grading, reconstructing the intersection with Pioneer Road, constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Clay Street, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Huntsburg Board of Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE SHERMAN ROAD BRIDGE #97-5.02 – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-228 to Reconstruct the Sherman Road Bridge, Structure #97-5.02 in Munson Township.

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-228*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE SHERMAN ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #97-5.02 IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Hobart Creek on Sherman Road, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Sherman Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Sherman Road Bridge, Structure #97-5.02 over Hobart Creek in the Township of Munson, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 5.02 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Sherman Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be apportioned as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Sherman Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Munson Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – RECONSTRUCT WOODIN ROAD – SECTIONS A AND B – CHARDON AND HAMBDEN TOWNSHIPS**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this was the first and final change order for this project, decreasing the contract by almost \$21,000. Mr. Cattell added that next year we will resurface all of Woodin Road, but the current project is now closed out. Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri wished to add comment that Joe has a good grasp on his operation and he appreciates the contract decreases. Mr. Cattell replied that bringing contracts to completion with a decrease in budget speaks to the quality of the people who work with him and keep an eye on these projects.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Reconstruction of a Portion of Woodin Road (CH25, Sections A and B), in Chardon and Hambden Townships in the amount of \$20,953.02.*

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

**LAW LIBRARY – APPOINT HOLLY MANNING LYNN – COUNTY LAW LIBRARY  
RESOURCES BOARD – (5) YEAR TERM**

*Law Librarian Susan McGrew stated that when the legislation governing the operations of Law Libraries in the State of Ohio changed several years ago, Law Library Resources Boards were established, allowing County Commissioners to make two of the appointments to this board. The Commissioners originally appointed Jan Blair and Carol Varga. Ms. Blair still has an additional year on her initial appointment, but the term of Ms. Varga was coming to an end. Ms. Varga did not seek reappointment, and instead recommended Holly Manning Lynn, Director of the Burton Public Library. Ms. McGrew said she likes the idea of having someone with public library expertise on her board. Ms. McGrew added that Ms. Lynn has served on the consortium board with Cleveland Net, and will be a great asset in negotiating with the state regarding upcoming consortium issues.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Holly Manning Lynn to the County Law Library Resources Board for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018.*

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

**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) RURAL  
TRANSIT PROGRAM 2014 GRANT CONTRACT**

*Transit Director Kristina Reider stated that this action is just a formality, as she had informed the Board of the 2014 grant amount back in August, with exception of the capital portion and any approved projects. She noted that the 20% local match on the capital portion comes from internal funds. Ms. Reider explained that the funds will allow for the replacement of three vehicles and the installation of security cameras on the remainder of the busses. Ms. Reider added that they had used an onboard camera the other day to document a recent minor backing accident. Funds will also be used to install an additional vehicle lift in the garage, which will allow for ongoing preventive maintenance work to go forward while the current lift is tied up on a major repair job. The last of the funding will be used for capitalized maintenance. In response to a question from Commissioner Blake Rear as to whether all the vehicles will now be camera-equipped, Ms. Reider responded in the affirmative, stating that all vehicles will have three cameras, one pointing out the front window, one directed at the door, and one at the back of the vehicle facing forward. Ms. Reider added in response to a follow-up question that the vehicles are not currently equipped with a backup camera. Ms. Reider also stated that the annual contribution to Transit from the General Fund has remained the same, \$53,000.00, but this is offset by a payment by Transit of \$52,400.00 in cost allocation, so the net General Fund contribution to the Transit operation is about \$600.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rural Transit Program 2014 Grant Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (Rural Operating Contract No. 101-RTPX-14-0100 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$1,178,641.00 (\$618,232.00 Federal Operating Funds, \$171,105.00 State Operating Funds and \$389,304.00 Capitalized Maintenance Funds and Capital Projects).*

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - HONORING BRIAN COBLE, NICHOLAS ELSWICK AND NATHANIEL HALL – ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-224 Honoring Brian Coble on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-224*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN COBLE FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT  
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Brian Coble is a member of Boy Scout Troop 261, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Brian Coble provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Brian Coble's Eagle Scout project consisted of partnering with Holden Arboretum to construct a Bug House for the purpose of attracting "good" insects that eat the more harmful insects that blight gardens.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Brian Coble for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-225 Honoring Nicholas Elswick on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-225*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING NICHOLAS ELSWICK FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT  
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

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*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Nicholas Elswick is a member of Boy Scout Troop 261, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Nicholas Elswick provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Nicholas Elswick's Eagle Scout project consisted of scanning and categorizing 600 Korean War negatives, donating a large number of them to the Korean War Museum.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Nicholas Elswick for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #13-226 Honoring Nathaniel Hall on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-226*

*Date: December 19, 2013*

***A RESOLUTION HONORING NATHANIEL HALL FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT  
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

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*WHEREAS, Nathaniel Hall is a member of Boy Scout Troop 261, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Nathaniel Hall provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Nathaniel Hall's Eagle Scout project consisted of the construction of a primitive campsite including a raised tent pad, fire ring, parking spot, and electric pole at Centerville Mills Park in Bainbridge.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Nathaniel Hall for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) 2014 WELLNESS GRANT APPLICATION**

*Benefits Specialist Kathleen Hostutler stated that we are fortunate that the CEBCO Board of Directors has decided to provide grant dollars towards wellness to member counties involved in the consortium. The Board is comprised of ten county commissioners, one human resource professional, and one county administrator. Ms. Hostutler continued that this year we have been awarded \$12,840.00 and there are very specific guidelines as to how wellness grant money can be used. She reported that this year, a major portion of this wellness grant money provided by CEBCO to Geauga County was used to purchase six automated external defibrillator (AED) devices, adding that American Red Cross representative, Leslie Harris, provider of the AED units will be coming out to train employees in the departments that will be receiving these devices, as the wellness committee wanted to be sure that the units are properly installed and training made available. Ms. Harris is providing a video to Ms. Hostutler regarding a recent news story reporting how one of these units located at Morrison Products in Cleveland was recently used to save someone's life. AED units will be installed in the Commissioners' office, Engineer's Garage, Job and Family Services, County Home, Courthouse Annex, and the Courthouse itself.*

*Ms. Hostutler stated that the Geauga County Wellness Committee was not buying balloons and pencils with wellness grant dollars, but rather spending money on substantial, educational programs that can make a difference in the lives of county employees. Ms. Hostutler also stated that the annual Health and Wellness Expo held each May in recent years has been a hit in terms of promoting employee wellness regarding nutrition, exercise, and other lifestyle changes. The result has been that our premium increases have been in the single digits for the last several years. Ms. Hostutler added that CEBCO has put out an RFP for a firm to provide employee biometric screenings, gathering health information for each employee. The results are HIPAA protected and not disclosed to the employer, but can be used to provide employees with health coaching on lifestyle changes based on their individual situations. CEBCO will be making a decision on the best provider to implement this program which will begin in 2015. The members of the wellness committee agree that getting people to visit their doctor is their single most important accomplishment. An annual doctor visit, paid for by the county is a requirement in order to receive the lower "wellness" employee contribution rate for hospitalization; 95% of the employees are getting to their physicians, providing opportunity for early detection of health issues. It is expected that ongoing improvements to CEBCO's wellness program will provide the health coaching part that is missing, as employees are currently provided with a diagnosis of an issue, but no ongoing coaching or support. Ms. Hostutler concluded that next year's date of the Health and Wellness Expo is May 8<sup>th</sup>, as it has been held in recent years on the Thursday of Public Employee Recognition Week, which always takes place during the first full week in May of each year.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge the submission by County Wellness Contact Kathy Hostutler of the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) 2014 Wellness Grant Application in the amount of \$12,840.00 for programs and \$4,000.00 for administrative costs and training.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SALES ORDER AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – COMDOC, INCORPORATED – XEROX MULTIFUNCTION COPIER**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that the process of purchasing a new color multifunction device had been going on for about six months, looking at various vendors and brands of equipment, and working with the Prosecutor's office to change the language in the purchase contracts to better protect the county. The new machine being recommended will replace an old color laser printer which had served the Commissioners' office well for about seven years. The recommendation is to purchase this device for \$4,975.00 rather than lease it, as the overall cost to buy is lower than to lease. All required maintenance and toner is provided through the maintenance agreement at a cost of \$.007 for black impressions and \$.065 for color impressions, which offers a lower operating cost per copy in comparison to the purchase of a laser printer where the user is responsible for purchasing toner cartridges. Mr. Lair added that while vendors will try to encourage customers to buy new copiers, it has been his experience, that as long as the per-copy maintenance price remains reasonable and an existing copier has all the features needed to handle the work required, there is no reason to buy new equipment. Today's copiers generally last for a long time; the two copiers currently used in the Commissioners' office having been in place for a number of years.*

*In response to a question from Commissioner Mary Samide as to what existing copier was being replaced with this new machine, Mr. Lair replied that neither of the existing copiers was being replaced, this machine will be used in the file room on the other side of the Commissioners' office, in place of a color laser printer which served well for many years but has stopped working and has since been discarded. Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri asked how the use of the color copy function was controlled. Mr. Lair responded that the current color copier can print from departmental workstations that are password protected, and the color copy function on the copier itself is password protected to prevent individuals who might gain access to the office after hours from using that function. Mr. Spidalieri related a story as to how unauthorized copies for political purposes had been made at a government office in another locality, and suggested that while he didn't believe we had that problem here, each user could be assigned a password only known to the user for better accountability as to color copies made. Mr. Lair responded that the new copier and the existing color copier could be set up to work that way.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the President of the Board to execute a Sales Order and Annual Maintenance Agreement with ComDoc, Incorporated for the purchase of a Xerox XER B2C W225P Color Multifunction Device with Ecopy Sharp Scan Software in the amount of \$4,975.00, with a maintenance and supplies cost of \$.007 per copy for black impressions and \$.065 for color impressions.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT LAURA JANSON – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD – (4) YEAR TERM**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Laura Janson to the Developmental Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.*

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THOMPSON USDA CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS CERTIFICATION LETTER**

Water Resources Director Doug Bowen stated that his office had received emails stating that both the office of Community and Economic Development and USDA were locking in the required funding for the Thompson sewer project. Mr. Bowen added that they hope to have the project bid out by the end of January and hope to start construction by May. He stated that Thompson Township Trustee Frank Sirna and the owner of the property where the plant is to be located are looking for alternative sites on this property if possible, in order to reduce the perceived issues of the current planned location on the property.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the President of the Board to execute the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Closing Instructions Certification Letter for the Thompson Township Sewer Project.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND CWA LOCAL 4340 – ALLOW CONTRACT REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL NEW CONTRACT IS NEGOTIATED**

Water Resources Director Doug Bowen stated that this is to allow the contract to continue beyond the deadline date in order to continue negotiations with the union.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute an agreement to allow the contract with the employees of the Department of Water Resources and the CWA Local 4340, which has an expiration date of December 31, 2013 to remain in effect until such time that a new contract is faithfully negotiated.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into executive session for the purpose of reviewing collective bargaining strategy.

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

*The Board returned from executive session at 12:00 p.m. No action was taken.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 11, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 12/23 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the District Office, 5138 Enterprise Blvd., Warren, Ohio (Rescheduled)*



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Tue., 12/24 **The County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, will be closed for Christmas Eve. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

Wed., 12/25 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

Tue., 12/26 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Tue., 12/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER REAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:02 P.M.**

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Mary E. Samide

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Ralph Spidalieri

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Blake A. Rear

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Deborah Ashburn, Temporary Acting Commissioners' Clerk

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