

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**October 29, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 29, 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 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for reimbursements deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013 interest transfers; a Purchase order for Cummins Bridgeway LLC for the purchase of a Genset Diesel Generator for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$21,018.00; Travel requests for the Office of Community and Economic Development, the Engineer's Office and the Department of Job and Family Services; and a payment to Gottschalk Building Company for pay request #1 for the Board of Developmental Disabilities residential unit remodeling / downsizing project in the amount of \$55,900.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-194 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 29, 2013.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – TARA VARGOVICH – STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) AND LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

*Director Dale Wedge explained that when Mr. Laney left the department it left a vacancy on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and stated that they are hoping to place Ms. Vargovich into that vacancy as Information Coordinator who receives reports and complaints from all the area facilities.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Application for Appointment for the following individual to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for appointment/reappointment to the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the period August 15, 2013 through August 14, 2015.*

<i>Tara Vargovich, Emergency Management</i>	<i>Deputy Director</i>
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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 EMERGENCY SERVICES – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN PROMULGATION STATEMENT**

*Mr. Wedge provided the Board with a copy of the required checklist for the Emergency Operations Plan and noted that all the questions included on the list are located there or are*

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elsewhere. Mr. Wedge noted that this checklist is also required to be filed with the plan. Mr. Wedge also presented the Board with a list of all the agencies that are part of the plan and what their roles and responsibilities are and where they are contained in the plan. Mr. Wedge stated that last item presented was an expanded list of those agencies that were provided an opportunity to review the plan annex that they are mentioned in and ample time to respond or comment on. Mr. Wedge stated that several agencies did respond back and this is a 3 year cycle and going forward will be updated on a yearly basis. Commissioner Jemison inquired on the length of time it took to complete, to which Mr. Wedge stated that it was about 3 months total, and that was working off and on to complete it. There was a brief discussion on declaration of emergencies, whether it is on the local / county level, the State level or if an extreme emergency a Presidential level. Mr. Wedge stated that the final version will be sent out via CD instead paper to save paper and trees.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Geauga County Emergency Operations Plan Promulgation Statement and further approve and authorize the Director, Dale Wedge to execute the Promulgation Statement and Foreword.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – AERO-MARK, INCORPORATED – APPLICATION OF POLYESTR PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS, YEAR 2013

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained the Change Order increase was around \$11,000.00 being due to striping of Mumford Road and extra striping on Washington Street due to the higher traffic volume. Mr. Cattell stated that this was due to extra work added to the project and not due to them going over.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, increasing the Contract with Aero-Mark, Incorporated for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various County Roads for the Year 2013 in the amount of \$10,686.11.

<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 TO DECLARE ROAD NAME CHANGE – PORTION OF KIWANIS DRIVE TO SHORE DRIVE – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Cattell stated that the process had been explained during the public hearing and that everyone was in agreement with moving forward.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-196 to Declare a Road Name Change for a Portion of Kiwanis Drive, TR 434 to Shore Drive, TR 433 in Newbury Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Date:* October 29, 2013

*Resolution:* #13-196

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A ROAD NAME CHANGE FOR A PORTION  
OF KIWANIS DRIVE, TR 434 TO SHORE DRIVE, TR 433  
IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, on their own motion pursuant to O.R.C. 5541.04, move to take legal action to change the name of a portion of Kiwanis Drive to Shore Drive in Newbury Township, and;

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*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners received information prepared by the Newbury Township Board of Trustees and the Newbury Township Zoning Inspector supporting the name change to Shore Drive based upon a recommendation from the Geauga County Sheriff's Public Safety Communications System, 911, and;*

*WHEREAS, portions of Kiwanis Drive have been vacated in recent years and the portion of Kiwanis Drive in question is now adjacent and an extension of existing Shore Drive, and;*

*WHEREAS, local Newbury officials and the County Engineer have determined that the road name change will not be detrimental to the general interest of the county, and;*

*WHEREAS, the County Engineer believes that the road number for this portion of Kiwanis Drive also be changed to Township Road 433 which is the current road number for Shore Drive, and;*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on October 24, 2013 in accordance with Section 5541.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and heard resident and other testimony in support of the proposed road name change, and;*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that there is good cause for such a road name change and it will not be detrimental to the general interest of the county.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and declared by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, that Kiwanis Drive from the current northerly intersection of Kiwanis Drive and Shore Drive, northerly to its intersection with View Drive shall be known as Shore Drive and requests the County Engineer to designate the road as Township Road 433.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Recorder, the County Auditor, the Newbury Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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 – AGREEMENT – CT CONSULTANTS,  
INCORPORATED – ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO MCFARLAND WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant is approaching ten years old and the membranes are no longer processing the flow as much as they previously had been. Mr. Bowen stated that for the last several years they had been setting aside \$100,000.00 a year in order to do the replacement. Mr. Bowen explained that there is some newer technology and a better process that may save money on the replacements. Mr. Bowen stated that the pre-treatment screens are starting to let fibers go through to the membranes, noting that about four years ago they had a problem with human hair. Mr. Bowen explained that CT Consultants wants to do a study model of the membrane for \$6,000.00 and the screens for \$5,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and CT Consultants, Incorporated for Engineering Services to Geauga County related to the evaluation of peak loading conditions and recommended upgrades to the fine screens at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$11,000.00.*

<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 – APPOINT JAMES R. PONTAU JR. – MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint James R. Pontau Jr. to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the term, November 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

<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 – HIRE JESSICA BOALT – DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT ON AGING (#1001)

*County Administrator David Lair explained that the Board wished to move forward with the replacement of Ms. Bell for the Director position which had been discussed back in August. Mr. Lair noted that twenty-five applications had been received and of those four had been identified as finalists, two inside the County and two outside of which one of the outside applicants subsequently withdrew their application. An interview team of Commissioner Spidalieri, Sister Debra Doig who sits on the Aging Advisory Board and Mr. Lair who conducted interviews with them and then had those individuals interview with the Board. Of those Ms. Boalt is considered the best qualified for the position, noting that Ms. Boalt has a Master's degree in Music Therapy, has worked for HCR Manor Care and Hospice for ten years working directly with seniors and is active with the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild. Mr. Lair explained that Ms. Boalt will work alongside Ms. Bell till the end of the year in a transition period. Mr. Lair noted that the hire date is to be determined once she gives notice to her current employer and the motion will be amended to reflect that.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Jessica Boalt to the position of Director, Department on Aging (#1001) unclassified, at a rate of \$30.17 per hour (Executive Grade 16, Step 3) with an effective date of hire to be determined, and further approve and authorize up to 80 hours of unpaid leave of absence through November 30, 2014.

<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 CAROLYN LOUISE KARNOSH ON CELEBRATING HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-195 Honoring Carolyn Louise Karnosh on celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 13-195  
*Date:* October 29, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CAROLYN LOUISE KARNOSH ON CELEBRATING HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

*WHEREAS, Ralph and Florence Watson celebrated the birth of their daughter Carolyn Louise on November 30, 1923 in East Cleveland, Ohio before moving to Euclid, Ohio where she was as the oldest of three girls; and*

*WHEREAS, Carolyn Louise Watson married William P. Karnosh on August 13, 1949 where she shared forty-five (45) years, raising both a daughter and a son; and*

*WHEREAS, Carolyn Louise Karnosh and her husband, William owned and operated a one hundred (100) acre egg farm in Thompson, Ohio with over twelve thousand chickens; and*

*WHEREAS, Carolyn Louise Karnosh having since retired, keeps busy with her family including three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, friends, her church, making afghans, watching the birds, her domestic geese and her cat; and*

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Carolyn Louise Karnosh on celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> 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>

**OTHER – ILLUMINATING COMPANY**

*Doug Hogan thanked Dale Wedge, Sheriff Dan McClelland and David Lair for all of their help in helping to restore service to all the residents in Geauga County following the snow storm on Thursday. A brief discussion took place regarding permission for permits in the form of faxed documentation from a licensed electrical contractor to allow service to be restored and then the formal permits would be issued by the Building Department on Monday morning. Mr. Wedge noted that due to several transformers being down there was a possibility of the hospital needing to be evacuated along with a nursing care facility in Chardon, but Mr. Hogan was able to get those fixed as a priority and they were able to maintain care without having to disrupt the patients.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes, September 18, 2013.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

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

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

*Tue., 11/5 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

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

*Fri., 11/8 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*

*Mon. 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Veteran's Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tue., 11/12 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Tue., 11/12 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Thu., 11/14 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 10:27 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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