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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 16, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Jemison asked that before the start of the meeting that we take a moment of silence to reflect upon the horrific events that happened yesterday, the lives that were lost, those families and the City of Boston.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 9, 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 Supplemental Appropriations and Appropriation transfers to correct workers compensation line items in order to pay the 2013 premium due and for Board of Developmental Disabilities funds to adjust appropriations to agree with the 2013 board approved budget; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to increase appropriations for CORSA program costs associated with building, vehicle and liability insurance; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2013 funding for Court Technology and the Office of Community and Economic Development and the local match for the 2013 VOCA grant; Travel requests for ADP and the Auditor's Office; the 2nd quarter payment for 2013 to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,704.54; a payment to Hardwood Flooring and Paneling, Incorporated d.b.a. Sheoga Hardwood Flooring for the partial disbursement of a CDBG Revolving Loan Fund loan for the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$328,270.00; and a payment to Fogle/Stenzel Architects for design services for the Board of Developmental Disabilities residential downsizing renovations in the amount of \$36,382.50.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-072 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 16, 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>

UPDATE ON JUVENILE COURT – JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDELL

Judge Timothy J. Grendell thanked several people for their attendance, including Executive Director Job and Family Services Tim Taylor, Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, Delinquency Prosecutor Chris Joyce, Dependency, Abuse and Neglect Prosecutor Craig Swenson from Job and Family Services, and JFS Social Services Director Gina Schultz. Judge Grendell continued stating that this is a collective issue that affects all the courts, JFS, service providers like Mental Health and Recovery Services and Ravenwood Mental Health, and Law Enforcement. Everyone is doing a great job dealing with it, but the problem is increasing despite our best efforts. Judge Grendell stated that it was his privilege to serve as Probate/Juvenile Court Judge and wants to credit Judge Henry for putting together twenty-four of the best people you could ever work with, noting that he is blessed with the staff, the group at CASA for Kids, and Magistrate / Court Administrator David Lubecky, thanking him for helping keep him out of trouble.

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Judge Grendell shared the following information about the Juvenile Court:

Caseload:

Delinquency cases are up ten percent, noting 274 cases in 2011 and 304 cases in 2012

Traffic cases are down three percent, noting 366 cases in 2011 and 356 cases in 2012

Dependency, Neglect and Abuse cases are up slightly, noting 40 in 2011 and 41 in 2012, adding that they have started increasing in November – December 2011 with 9 cases filed and June-October 2011 only ten cases were filed during those five months. Primary reasons for this in the increase in heroin use in the area

Private Custody cases have increased by ten percent in 2012, in part due to the economy but also the drug use, there is no JFS or CASA involvement, and often no lawyer involvement. A DVD and booklet have been prepared for people to represent themselves so that they can understand the process better. A meditation process also has been started in order to be able to focus on the legal issues involved and less emotional.

*Judge Grendell spoke about **Budget Conscience Factors that are outside of Court Control**, that include the T.J. Lane case, an increase in felony cases and repeat offenders. Judge Grendell explained that the Portage/ Geauga Juvenile Detention Center is shared and that our portion is paid in arrears, that the cost is paid by the bed night use, 2011 was a low use year in part due to the death of Judge Henry, the visiting Judges and himself being new to the court. 2012 has seen a huge increase, with ten percent due to the T.J. Lane case. Judge Grendell stated that he has increased the parent portion for next year from \$20.00 to \$25.00 of the \$120.00 that the County pays per night. Commissioner Jemison inquired if there was a maximum amount that could be charged to the parents. Judge Grendell noted that he was not sure but noted that there are two groups of parents, those that pay and those on disability, unemployment, or never pay, adding that they do offer payment plans that have worked well but takes a great deal of time to see the payment.*

New Probate & Juvenile Court Programs include:

Good Deeds with the County Recorder and County Bar Association have already reviewed over 10,000 deeds and held meetings in five communities so far.

Court is now open the First and Third Mondays until 7:00 p.m. This allows for marriage licenses to be purchased and those wishing to view files to do so without having to take time off from work. Judge Grendell also added that he holds hearings during that time on child support collection as a way to keep those needing to pay that have jobs employed and able to continue to pay.

Teen Court – allows teens from junior and senior class to experience the legal world, in order for a teen case to go to teen court the teen has to admit to the offense, the prosecutor presents the punishment and then teens take on the roles of attorney and jury and decide the sentence on that offense, most often these offenses are curfew violations and exceeding the number of students that can be in a car with a sixteen year old driver. Punishments included apologies, service time and posters. Middlefield Court is held the last Monday of each month for a half a day, as a way to bring a probate paper service and to assist the Amish or anyone with the cost of travel to Chardon.

Probate Court – The court is distributing a Will Information Card which provides information about how property is distributed and handled if you don't have a Will along with suggestions about what should be in the Will and contact information for any further questions.

On the pending list of programs are:

Juvenile Court Farm / Garden is pending currently but would be in addition to the United Way garden program participation at the County Home that community service would be a start to finish from planting, weeding and harvesting to see the finished product and then the food would be donated to food banks in the County.

Juvenile Court F.L.I.P. Program which stands for Family Life Intervention Program this is a pilot program.

2013 Concerns – Increased Impact of drug/heroin use:

Delinquency Drug Cases:

January 1 to April 9, 2012 – 8 new drug related cases were filed with no felonies

January 1 to April 9, 2013 – 21 new drug related cases (2 ½ times increase) were filed with five felonies

In 2013 seventy percent (70%) of the new cases filed involved illegal drug use with most of them being heroin.

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Since March 1, 2012 heroin use has become a daily issue in the Geauga County Juvenile Court and is probably much greater in the Municipal Court. Private cases become public cases when heroin is involved and we are fortunate to have the investigative ability through Job and Family Services.

The Heroin Effect:

Delinquency Cases –

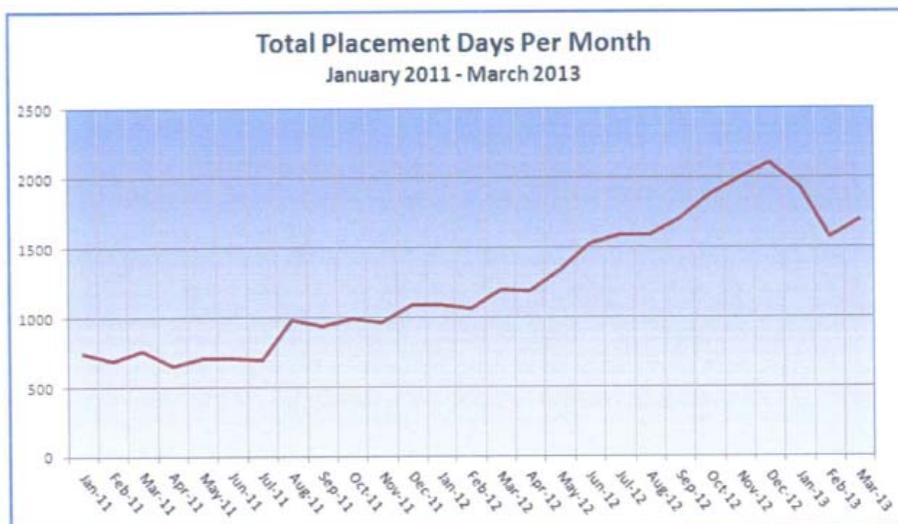
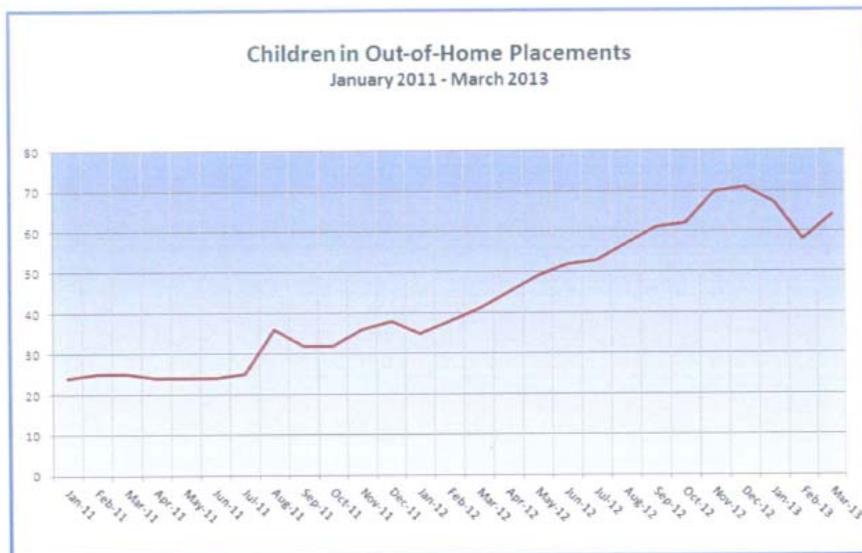
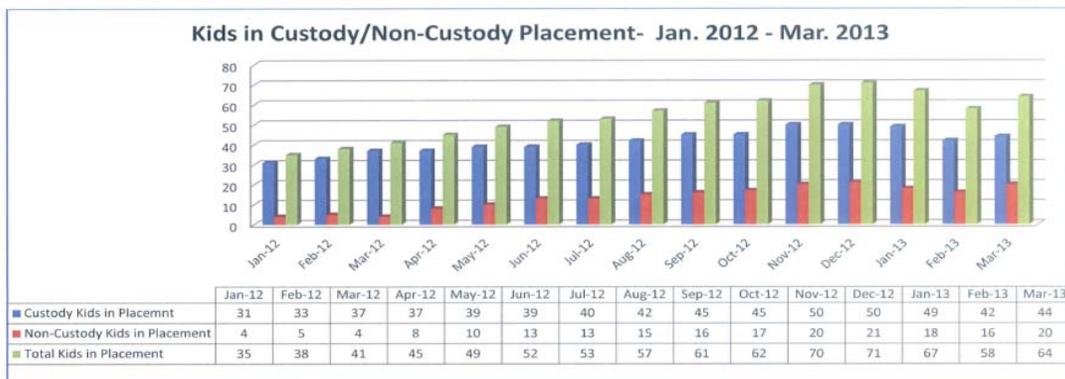
Increased number of appointed counsel; because they are felony cases the court is required to give a juvenile a lawyer and if they cannot afford one, then the county is required to cover the cost of the lawyer.

Increased time in detention

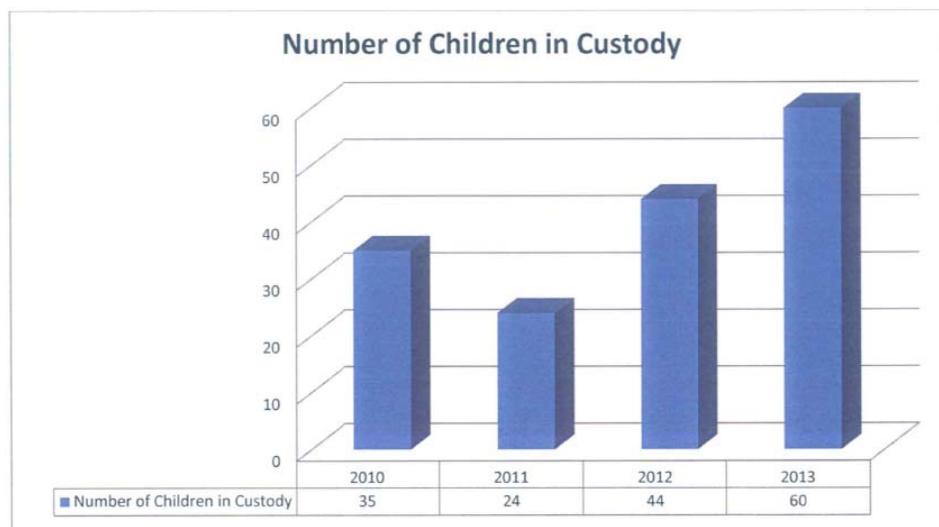
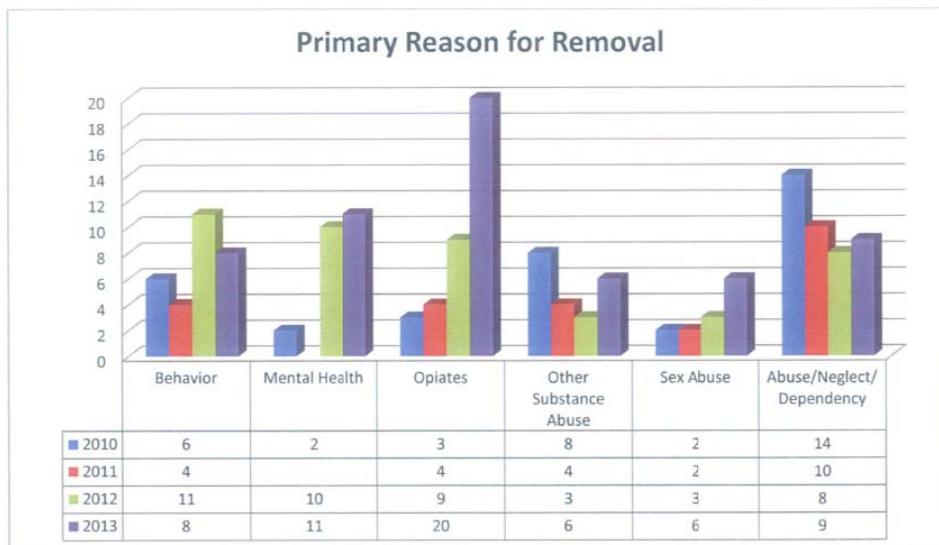
When a juvenile is put into detention, they spend a majority of that time on the weekends on their time not school time, and the other is a summer program. This program offers for deferring time to the summer with the ability to do good and behave, if not, they lose their summer.

Increased demands on Job and Family Services and placements

Kids in Placement Costs & Placement Numbers



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Note: Data used is April of each year

*Need for more services (drug assessments, drug treatment)
Increased probation services (monitoring, drug testing)*

Dependency, Neglect & Abuse Cases

Increased number of appointed counsel

Parents are frequently un-cooperative, do not follow case plans, relapse, are out of the home and in court ordered in-patient treatment

Increase in the number of children in out of home placements

Emergency removals are more frequent, more in the last four months than seen in the last fifteen months.

Placements are out of county and further away (Columbus, Canton)

More people and service providers are involved on cases, demand it outweighing the availability

More difficult to re-unify children with parents

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Increased demands on CASA:

*In 2012 twenty-three percent (23%) of children served by CASA were in cases involving heroin
In 2013 to date forty-five percent (45%) of children served by CASA are in cases involving*

Heroin

Heroin use is challenging available resources in Geauga County through increased drug assessment, drug treatment, and law enforcement needs. The use of technology is making it harder on the police, using text messages to blast text a location and time that people can purchase the drugs.

It is time for an Aggressive Response:

Law Enforcement and the Prosecutors are doing their jobs, and while effort is getting more difficult.

Social Services are doing their jobs

Service Providers are doing their jobs

Juvenile Court, Common Pleas Court and Municipal Court are doing their jobs

Juvenile Court believes an even more aggressive response to the increasing heroin/drug problem is needed. Geauga County Juvenile Court Family Life Intervention Program (F.L.I.P.) is Aggressive Court Intervention, assistance and incentive program to encourage parents to stop heroin/drug use, with the GOAL to assist addicted parents in lessening time a child is removed from their care or assist families in maintaining custody of their children while working to maintain a sober life style.

This program includes:

More expeditious drug and alcohol assessments

The goal is to get them assessed quickly to get them assistance.

Increased drug testing and monitoring

Multiple Court hearings to monitor and encourage progress

Behavioral incentives for non-drug use and sanctions for continued drug use

Failure to comply and continue to use, a visit the Safety Center will result.

Four Phases over sixteen weeks that include Action, Compliance, Maintenance, and Monitoring.

Expected results are to expedite sobriety / reduce time and cost to Geauga County of child placement and family separation.

There ends up being cost to the county and taxpayers as a lot of these people don't have medical care or insurance, or funding. If the problem continues these people will end up costing even more on the county, as the cost of the heroin increases, you will see an even bigger increase in burglaries and theft as these people will stop at nothing to get their hands on the heroin. Judge Grendell stated that he would like to stop this problem before it gets even worse.

Judge Grendell expressed that with Commissioners' support they intend to start the F.L.I.P. as a pilot program from May 1st through August 2, 2013, adding that a portion of the program will be paid from the Juvenile Court's Special Project Funds and hoped that the Commissioners will approve the remaining portion. The total cost for the pilot program is \$22,200.00 and \$6,500.00 will be paid out of the special project fund and he is therefore requesting the remaining \$15,700.00 from the County, maybe from the casino money, citing that it is to go to social service costs. Judge Grendell added that in August the program would be evaluated with the anticipation of it being included in the 2014 budget request. Mr. Jemison expressed that if this decreases use then it is worth every penny. Mr. Jemison stated that the Board has been seeing the increases during the budget hearings with the departments last year and that the cost is weighing on the community and economy, productivity is down, adding that we are not used to this problem in this county but we need to do something. Commissioner Samide stated that being on the Opiate Task Force she knows that this is a serious problem and that we need to get information out to the public about this. Judge Grendell noted that this is a pilot program that they want to try it and see if it is effective. Mr. Jemison stated that we need to throw the right programs at this. Judge Grendell stated that ignorance is not bliss on this, people are dying every day, that it was a parent problem, but now is a juvenile problem. Judge Grendell expressed the need for education, that there needs to be a second wave of the DARE program in high school, noting that the first round is in elementary school, but that a second round is needed.

CASA for Kids Program Director Chris Steigerwald expressed the need to bombard the community with information. Ms. Steigerwald had a conversation with a principal and while they want to step out on a limb to educate, that's what they feel it is because unfortunately parents don't want to hear it. It seems people are treading lightly to deal with this issue, but

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there is truly a domino effect on the number of departments and services that are being impacted by this, but also the trauma happening to the children and to the families.

CASA is a program of the Juvenile Court that provide guardian ad litem services which is advocacy representing what is in the best interest of the children that come into Juvenile Court because of abuse, neglect and dependency. Children are also coming to the need of the court due to family issues of abuse, neglect and dependency. Ms. Steigerwald stated that addiction is chemical, not always a choice. Heroin has a reputation of creating a very strong chemical addiction right from the start. Parents are not completing their court ordered treatment due to relapse. Crime is going up, placements are farther away due to having to search for foster families. It is becoming more difficult to unify parents with their children because of this addiction.

The Opiate Effect:

The following issues impact the CASA Program and Juvenile Court related cases that involve parents addicted to opiates:

Parents frequently do not complete court ordered treatment, they frequently relapse, are out of the home and in court ordered in-patient treatment.

Significant increase in the number of children in out of home placements

Emergency removals are much more frequent than was seen in the last sixteen years

Placements are out of county and further away (Columbus, Canton) due to the lack of sufficient foster homes in and around Geauga County

More people (family, foster parents foster care agencies) and service providers are involved on these cases

It is more difficult to re-unify the children with their parents due to relapse and the strength of opiate addiction

In 2012 CASA for Kids served 159 children on 85 cases, the highest number in the history of the program (CASA volunteers began accepting cases in January 1997)

In the first quarter of 2012, 45 cases were served by CASA volunteers and staff. This was the typical number of cases open at any one time in the last several years. In the next three quarters of 2012, the cases rose to 56, 59, and 60. In the first quarter of 2013, the number was 61. Currently, the number of cases open is 64.

Total number of cases: 85 in 2012, 74 in 2011, 78 in 2010, 67 in 2009 and 64 in 2008

2012: 159 Children served; 63 CASA volunteers were active and supervised

36 or 23% children whose case involved heroin

24 or 15% children whole case had an emergency removal

98 or 62% children were placed out of home

*2013: 20 NEW Children served from January 1 to April 15, 2013: 67 active CASA volunteers
9 or 45% children with heroin involved in their case*

Ms. Steigerwald noted that she was starting a new CASA class with 13 volunteers that are wonderful and often come with experience. Ms. Steigerwald expressed that at this point they have been able to handle the case load but is concerned that the supervisors are over taxed, having a larger case load than they should. Ms. Steigerwald noted that as another department in Geauga County, she wanted to express that this is a very serious problem.

Ms. Steigerwald stated that on Thursday, April 18, 2013 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Channel 3 was going to have a special on the Opiate Problem with Monica Robins and this special will include a highlight on the Lake/Gauga center.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz expressed that they have seen the number of cases increase and that severity of each case worsens, the cases are much different, the resources are much greater and that the parents aren't getting off the drugs. Mr. Flaiz noted that from a crime perspective, burglaries are also up, noting that they are hitting 1 to 2 houses a day to steal jewelry to buy heroin with.

Ms. Samide inquired about the mortality rate on this. Judge Grendell expressed that while he would have to check on the exact number but gave an estimate of between 38 and 40 people in the last fifteen months in Lake and Geauga Counties. In November 12 people were lost in one

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weekend between Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula, citing that it should have been one more, but with the expertise of our local EMS there were able to bring one back.

Judge Grendell expressed that the 60+ volunteers with CASA are free, they don't get paid. Those great people are giving their time and saving the County over \$300,000.00 a year. Judge Grendell spoke about guardian ad litem for private cases, and that on occasion they have used CASA on some cases. Judge Grendell expressed his love for his job, but that he wants to get this information out there and that it needs to be dealt with, and he would like to try this program and try to cut some of this off at the pass. Judge Grendell stated that they have contracted with Barbara Wallace, who was the Drug/Intervention Specialist who put the F.L.I.P. program together and that he would be back after the assessment was completed on the program to talk about the results.

Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool stated that he applauded CASA for Kids for what they do and that he had some personal experience with them. Mr. Claypool stated that recently he had observed drug activity and questioned if there was anything for public involvement for citizens to call in and report seeing this. Judge Grendell suggested that they call the local police or Sheriff to report and keep it anonymous as soon as you see the event, if you can include a license number but to keep safe. Judge Grendell added that they were aggressive steps in process to help with these situations.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Director Anita Stocker explained that this resolution has been done every year since 1983. Ms. Stocker stated that the fair housing program is kept local, controlled in the county and they do this through education. Twice a year they hold landlord / tenant workshops and teach them what they can and can't say in an ad, what they may or may not question when an applicant comes. Ms. Stocker provided a brochure that is given out explaining Standard Law Tenant/Landlord Rights and Obligations. Ms. Stocker explained what fair housing is, a civil right that prohibits discrimination against race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, familial status and military status. You can refuse to rent to anyone as long as you have just cause, you can check their credit report and if it says they don't pay, check past histories and it shows they don't pay, you can turn them down, you just can't make an arbitrary decision, that you only want this based on allowable criteria and not any protected criteria. Twice a year they hold landlord/tenant workshops and show them what happens to those they don't follow the law. Ms. Stocker stated that the most successful landlords follow the law and have better tenants. Only 1 case was filed last year in Geauga County regarding race with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and closed with no show of cause. Ms. Stocker stated that we want to educate and keep a clean record for landlords. Ms. Stocker noted that as a fulfillment requirement this resolution has been passed every year since 1983 proclaiming April as Fair Housing month.

Mr. Jemison read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 16, 2013
Resolution: 13-072

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, April 2013 is the 45th Anniversary of the Passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, April has traditionally been designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the President of the United States and by the Governor of the state of Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, the mission of fair housing in Ohio is to improve the quality of life for all residents and celebrate Ohio's fair housing law which is substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to remember where we started, to celebrate 45 years of successes, and to march toward the future in ensuring justice and housing opportunities for all Americans.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio wish to acknowledge the County's endorsement and commitment to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act and the policy of Fair and Equal Access to Housing and do hereby proclaim the month of April as FAIR HOUSING MONTH and encourage citizens to acquaint themselves with their rights that are protected under the law, and join in reaffirming a commitment to Fair Housing for all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, familial or disability status.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-072 Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

A local resident inquired about only having one case filed in Geauga County in how many years. Ms. Stocker stated that was only last year, that there had been other cases filed in the past. This resident asked when are we going to stand up and say we are a fair housing county and stop doing things like this, why did we do this if we don't have a problem in this county. Ms. Stocker explained that we don't have a lot of rentals, but we try and educate, and due to things happening in other areas, some landlords can become targeted if they say the wrong thing.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TWO SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – ADAM J. AND MELINDA I. SOPENSKI

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that with interest rates so low that a number of clients are re-financing. Ms. Stusek added that they have an option of paying off the mortgage or for a subordination agreement. Ms. Stusek added that they have been encouraging the clients to pay off the county portion and that it was the Sopenski's have done.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute two (2) Satisfaction of Mortgage for Adam J. and Melinda I. Sopenski under the Geauga County Down Payment Assistance / Rehabilitation Program (CHIP Grant #B-C-05-026-1 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and CHIP Grant #B-C-05-026-2 in the amount of \$21,275.00 as both mortgages have been satisfied.

<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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION HONORING TERI MALNAR ON 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Jemison stated we had a rather prestigious honor to bestow today, introducing Teri Malnar to the audience in case anyone didn't know who she was, noting that they should since she had been with the county for forty-five years. Executive Director Tim Taylor stated that this was a wonderful occasion, noting that at her 35th year, stating that they were able to obtain a copy of an old note from her mother giving her permission to work when she first started. Mr. Taylor stated that it's not very often that you find someone who has worked for the same employer for that length of time.

Mr. Jemison read the following resolution:

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 16, 2013
Resolution: 13-073

**A RESOLUTION HONORING TERI MALNAR ON THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HER EMPLOYMENT WITH GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Teri Malnar has worked for the County of Geauga since her senior year in high school when she began working part-time after school at the Geauga County Welfare Department, then located in the basement of the Geauga County Safety Center. Upon graduation from Newbury High School in 1967, Teri was hired as a full-time clerk/typist by Welfare Director Wellington H. Chapman; and

WHEREAS, during Teri's tenure of four and one half decades she has witnessed and contributed to the transition of the department from its dependence upon typed reports and letters to the use of fax machines, computers and then to document workflow and imaging. Teri saw the department relocate in 1978 to its "new" building on Ravenwood Drive and has lived through numerous additions and renovations to that building. Teri has worked for a total of seventeen county commissioners, twelve county administrators and has been the executive secretary to three agency directors; and

WHEREAS, Teri has befriended countless employees who have worked in the agency, has shown the utmost respect to every client she has ever come in contact with, has been the epitome of the words "dependable" and "loyal" and has put her best effort into every endeavor to the extent she has been recognized numerous times by her peers for her dedicated service including as the first recipient of the department's outstanding employee of the year award in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Teri continues to serve with energy and dedication as a valued member of the administrative team at Job and Family Services providing support and continuity to its leadership as well as an undeniable example of professionalism and hard work to the entire staff. Teri Malnar is truly One-Of-A-Kind; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners express its admiration for Teri Malnar and its gratitude for the excellent work ethic she has demonstrated to the people of Geauga County for over forty-five years, that they express sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Teri Malnar for her dedicated service to the children, families and senior citizens of Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners are proud to employ Teri Malnar as she continues to be a valued member of the staff of Job and Family Services and continues as a shining example of the good, hardworking people that make up Geauga County, Ohio.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-073 Honoring Teri Malnar on the 45th Anniversary of her employment with Geauga County.

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

The Board posed for a few pictures, presenting Teri Malnar with her resolution.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – ADVANCED
MECHANICAL PLUMBING AND PIPING SPECIALISTS – BACK FLOW DEVICES – SAFETY
CENTER AND GEAUGA COUNTY**

Director Glen Vernick explained that back flow devices need to be inspected, adding that they are necessary to make sure water from inside the buildings doesn't get back into the main lines

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and contaminate anything down the main line to other buildings. Mr. Vernick noted he had two contracts, one for the safety center and the other for the rest of the county buildings. Mr. Vernick explained that he works with Transit, Job and Family Services, and other departments to consolidate as a way to save money.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Advanced Mechanical Plumbing and Piping Specialists to perform Inspections and Maintenance Services for Geauga County Safety Center Back Flow Devices for Year 2013 and Year 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Advanced Mechanical Plumbing and Piping Specialists to perform Inspections and Maintenance Services for Geauga County Back Flow Devices for Year 2013 and Year 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ROMANO IANIRO CONTRACTING, INCORPORATED

Director Doug Bowen explained that this was a service contract with Romano Ianiro Contracting. Mr. Bowen stated that they have used them off and on over the last four or five years, with a wide range of actual expense used.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve, execute and initial the service Contract Agreement with Romano Ianiro Contracting, Incorporated to perform excavating services as needed at various locations within the County for the Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR II (#2313)

Mr. Bowen explained that per the unit contract these are internal postings for Operator II and Operator III. Mr. Bowen stated an employee hired about four months ago had his Operator II license but had to wait until his probationary period was over before being able to promote him to that position, the second is for another employee that had just received his Operator III license.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Wastewater Plant Operator II (#2313) in accordance with the union contract for a period of ten (10) days.

<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 – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR III (#2312)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Wastewater Plant Operator III (#2312) in accordance with the union contract for a period of ten (10) days.

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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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS P. SOMRACK, ERIC KNAPIK, AND KEVIN JOHN BORSI ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Mr. Jemison stated that these three resolutions for Thomas P. Somrack, Eric Knapik and Kevin Borsi are with a troop out of Newbury, noting that it says a lot for their leadership to have so many at one time. Mr. Jemison explained what each of the young men had done for their service projects.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-074 Honoring Thomas P. Somrack for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a boy scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-074
Date: April 16, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS P. SOMRACK 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, Thomas P. Somrack is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Somrack provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Somrack's Eagle Scout project consisted of coordinating improvement programs at the Great Geauga County Fairgrounds, by having a two-part project. First was to paint the Goat Barn and second was by building an informational kiosk outside the Junior Fair Building which included a map of the fair. In addition, benches were also painted and through solicited donations some landscaping and stonework was completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Thomas P. Somrack 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 Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-075 Honoring Eric Knapik for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a boy scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-075
Date: April 16, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ERIC KNAPIK 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, Eric Knapik is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

WHEREAS, Eric Knapik's Eagle Scout project consisted of designing and coordinating the building of a sensory walking trail at Highbrook Lodge. This camp serving the blind is located in Claridon Township and is affiliated with the Cleveland Sight Center, and this trail allows campers the ability to walk safely using posts and a guideline to move along the path, up and down steps, over a bridge and to a seating area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-076 Honoring Kevin John Borsi for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a boy scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-076
Date: April 16, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING KEVIN JOHN BORSI 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, Kevin John Borsi is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Kevin John Borsi provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Kevin John Borsi's Eagle Scout project consisted of planning, organizing and coordinating materials and the construction of brick enclosed lighted sign for Grace Evangelical Bible Church in Newbury.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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 – AMEND MOTION FROM APRIL 9, 2013

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the motion from April 9, 2013 to read: terminate the employment of Michelle Henderson, Part-time Attendant at the County Home for violations of O.R.C. 124.34 and Section 3. Conduct of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, to be effective April 18, 2013 and to further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation form.

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair noted that the change from the 9th included wording and that originally the President was to execute the form but instead the entire Board is required.

<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 April 3, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

- Wed., 4/17 *Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Board of Directors meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Warren*
- Thu., 4/18 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Tues., 4/23 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Thu., 4/25 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Mon., 4/29 *Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tues., 4/30 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Tues., 4/30 *The Commissioners' will have a hearing with Catherine M. Cooper and Bruce Seifert at 10:15 a.m. regarding a Fence Obstruction in the Right-of-way, O.R.C. 5547.03 and 5547.04*
- Tues., 4/30 *Dam Safety Meeting for Geauga County, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at West Woods Nature Center*

OTHER

Mr. Claypool expressed kudos to Commissioner Samide for voting no against Valarie McCall at the NOACA meeting on Friday regarding a private/public partnership. Mr. Claypool then questioned a project that was discussed during the NOACA meeting about Chardon and the Maple Highlands Trail. Mr. Claypool expressed concern to the Board about the city of Chardon putting in for a project using NOACA under the umbrella of the County and that if they are going under that umbrella that they should be using the County Engineer for the project. Mr. Claypool expressed his desire to do a presentation during a NOACA meeting regarding the NEOSCC and asked the Commissioners send a letter to the other Elected Officials about their objection to the NEOSCC and ask them to support him.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:38 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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