

Commissioners' Journal
August 1, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 1, 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 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

AUDITOR - MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JUNE 2013

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

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

TREASURER – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JUNE 2013

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

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

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – APPLICATION FOR FAA PROJECT – RECONSTRUCT TERMINAL APRON PHASE 2 – DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Business Manager Patty Fulop explained that they have drainage work that needs to be done prior to paving and because the FAA informed them that there will not be any additional funding over entitlements this year, they have decided to back off on the complete project and instead will be doing just the drainage. Ms. Fulop stated that the project has been out to bid and Snavelly Excavating was the lowest and best bid received at \$115,563.00 of which the FAA portion is \$104,006.00 with a local match from the county of \$11,557.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for FAA Project #3-39-0054-1613 – Reconstruct Terminal Apron Phase 2 – Drainage Improvements. The total project cost is \$115,563.00 (FAA portion \$104,006.00 and a local match of \$11,557.00).

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

OTHER – THERESA DANIELLO GRAY

Theresa Daniello Gray from Auburn Township explained that she works on behalf of an organization, sanctioned by the American Medical Association, American Nursing Association and recognized by the Veterans Administration to provide continuing medical education to doctors and nurses about endocannabinoid system – a biological system that was discovered in 1988 and in the late 90's it was discovered that cannabinoid receptors exist in our bodies and brains. The organization is self-funded – all volunteer, because they wish to maintain the integrity of the science. Ms. Gray hopes to work with Cleveland Clinic and Case Western to bring this training to our doctors. Mr. Gray explained that this biological system is self-regulatory, using the example that if someone uses cannabis, the biological system makes you feel hungry, adding that the theory is that they feel that the addiction is connected to the endocannabinoid system, so if they can control the system, they might be able to control addiction,

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along with other diseases and disorders like being overweight or diabetes. Ms. Gray continued by explaining that for thousands of years the human species ate the hemp plant and in the 30's it was taken out of our diet, now we can't eat it, the question is how has our body since evolved and changed. Ms. Gray also works with "moms united to end the war on drugs", who are moms around the nation who have different passions and interests. Ms. Gray noted that the founder comes from a similar community to ours whose children are addicted to heroin and are in and out of rehab. What has been noted is that the harm to families from addiction by putting people in prison is that the person might end up clean, but now has a felony on the record that then affects the rest of the family. Ms. Gray invited the Board to a conference from the Drug Policy Alliance being held in Denver from October 23 to October 26th. This Alliance is funded by Sir Richard Branson and George Soros among others and they are studying drug addiction and opiate problems across the world. Ms. Gray stated that she may not agree with everything, such as the Law Enforcement Against Prohibition group, who believes in legalizing marijuana. Ms. Gray expressed that she personally has a back problem and with all five of her children was told that taking pain meds while breastfeeding would not harm her children, following which she has learned that by doing that she had exposed her children to opiates.

Ms. Gray stated that the hemp plant was eaten for years and then removed it from our diets, and therefore we are not getting the balance that might be there if we continued to have hemp in our diets versus eating a corn-based diet. Ms. Gray stated that hemp is grown wild, with leaves and buds, noting that the stems are what is used to be ground down into flour, along with paper, rope, and other things. Only 8 states are allowed to grow hemp and import it in from Canada, noting that there is no THC, only cannabinoids. The only hemp plant that has medicinal properties is the female plant; referencing marijuana and that the myth that it can be grown everywhere. Ms. Gray noted that it can't be, that it must be grown in an enclosed area and that hemp falls into that same category.

Local resident Diane Jones inquired what "THC" was and what it stands for and inquired about Dr. Andrew Whiles, to which Ms. Gray referenced Ms. Jones to a website called patients out of time, where you can hear Dr. Whiles speak about the endocannabinoid system. THC is part of the female cannabis plant that has not been exposed to the male plant that provides a psychotropic effect. There are CBD's and THC's; the CBD's do not have the psychotropic effects, but instead act to reduce inflammation, mentioning Dr. Gary Wink from Ohio State University and a study about Alzheimer's patients that used cannabis in the late 60s and early 70s who appear to be getting the disease at half the rate of those that did not. Commissioner Samide inquired about those with allergies who begin taking local honey as a way to build resistance, and if that would be similar to the hemp in the body. Ms. Gray stated that she didn't have the answer and that was why she was pushing for the Cleveland Clinic to do the studies. Ms. Gray stated that under O.R.C. 4112, the civil rights commission, the disabled are defined, and those individuals are only allowed a highly lethal and addictive drugs and are not allowed a non-lethal herb to help them, and that is a violation of civil rights.

Harm reduction is what the group wants to do, as there is an opiate crisis in not only Ohio but across the nation, and this is coming here from Afghanistan. Ms. Gray stated that when she was on the medications her brain was telling her to get them, adding that those were prescribed to her and she was picking them up from the pharmacy, but if she wasn't she would have been doing other things as a way to get them.

Local resident Tom Jones inquired if it was possible that medical marijuana could be produced in a way that would not produce a high and not be addictive, to which Ms. Gray stated yes, again that it is about the endocannabinoid system, continuing to explain that this is possible if you have high CBD or no THC.

There was discussion about her personal treatment now for her back pain. Ms. Gray explained to the Board the results of cannabis oil that is being used to treat Crohns patients, diabetic ulcers, and tumors and that currently you can only get it in Colorado.

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ADDITION - COMMISSIONERS – APPOINT MARY SAMIDE – GEAUGA GROWTH
PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Jemison made the following motion:

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint Mary E. Samide as the representative for the Board of Commissioners to the Geauga Growth Partnership Board of Directors to be effective August 1, 2013.

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

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu, 8/1 Some of the Commissioners will attend Sunshine Law Training, 1:00 p.m. Lakeland Community College

Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 8/6 Investment Advisory Board meeting, following session in Chambers

Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Department on Aging and Job and Family Services, 1:00 p.m. at Department on Aging

Thu., 8/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Chambers. The Board will recess from that meeting and reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in Building #8 to continue the discussion from July 30, 2013 regarding the \$600,000.00 from the General Fund in order to hear a Plan from the Sheriff and the Committee regarding a vote for these funds.

Mr. Jemison noted that they would also be hearing from several Community Groups, the Sheriff, possibly the Coroner and other Elected Officials and make a decision. Mr. Jemison stated that a letter was sent to those departments depicted in Mr. Spidalieri's plan requesting a plan for the remainder of this year and the next two. There was discussion about the funds being appropriated to specific lines items, like salaries and equipment.

Fri., 8/9 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 8/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue, 8/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold the first of two Public Hearings at 10:30 a.m. pertaining to updating the permit fee schedule, contractor registration and licensing fees and Building Code updates.

Tue., 8/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 8/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold the second of two Public Hearings at 10:30 a.m. pertaining to updating the permit fee schedule, contractor registration and licensing fees and Building Code Updates.

Fri., 8/16 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Business and Operations Manager Steve Tucker informed the Board of an upcoming event this Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the facilities located at 8200 Cedar Road in Chesterland. This is their Family Fun Fair and is open to the public and will give them an opportunity to see the facilities and tour the residences that would be receiving the renovations.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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