

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**July 16, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 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 for a moment of silence in honor of our friend and local resident Jack McCaskey who had been a frequent attendee to the meetings.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 11, 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 Cash Transfers out of the General Fund for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013 interest transfers, the quarterly gas well allotment to the Board of Developmental Disabilities and portions of 2013 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development, the Youth Center, the Engineer's Office, Court Technology and the County Home; a Contract for Petersen Construction for the Huntsburg Gymnasium ADA renovations in the amount of \$75,686.35; a Contract for Threeskis, Incorporated of Auburn Township for a Local Revolving Loan for franchise acquisition and additional machinery and equipment in the amount of \$80,000.00; and a Travel request for the Engineer's Office.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-137 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REQUESTING AMENDMENT #2 – CDBG FY2012 FORMULA GRANT (#B-F-12-1AZ-1)**

*Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis explained that this amendment is being requested for the CDBG Formula Grant due to the City of Chardon log cabin demolition falling through. Ms. Belconis stated that those funds need to be re-allocated and would like to give them to two existing projects, the County Home and Huntsburg Gymnasium.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to the Ohio Department of Development requesting Amendment #2 to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2012 Formula Grant (#B-F-12-1AZ-1) proposing to eliminate Activity #06 – Demolition / Clearance for the City of Chardon in the amount of \$14,200.00 and increase Activity #2 – Public Rehabilitation for the Pleasant Hill County Home in the amount of \$9,200.00 and Activity #3 – Public Rehabilitation for the Huntsburg Township Gymnasium in the amount of \$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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS PAYMENT REQUEST FORM #11

Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that this was requesting payment for a contractor that did the installation of a septic system.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Home Sewage Treatment System Improvements Principal Forgiveness Payment Request Form #11 for the installation of a septic system located at 8883 Fairmount Road, Russell Township in the amount of \$15,900.00 under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program.

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

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SARA TROGLIN – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

Director Karen DeCola that the hiring of Ms. Troglin will be a replacement of a previous termination, adding that summer help has been being used to cover the vacancy throughout the summer.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Sara Troglin for the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective July 18, 2013 at a rate of \$9.10 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period the rate will increase to \$9.60 per hour.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENTS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES – RECONSTRUCTION OF WOODIN ROAD

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained the four easements, three being for Woodin Road and one for Newcomb Road. Mr. Cattell noted that the three on Woodin Road are located within in the curves. Mr. Jemison denoted that the difference in price is in relation to the size of the easement, to which Mr. Cattell added that most of it is due to size difference but that some trees in the right of way were also included.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Agnes M. Sperry (Parcel #15-079800) in connection with the Reconstruction of Woodin Road in Hambden Township in the amount of \$750.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Linda S. Jones (Parcel #15-042050) in connection with the Reconstruction of Woodin Road in Hambden Township in the amount of \$275.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and James M. Anderson and Lorrie M. Anderson (Parcel #06-

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117650) in connection with the Reconstruction of Woodin Road in Chardon Township in the amount of \$450.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – REHABILITATION OF NEWCOMB ROAD BRIDGE

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Janet Haueter (Parcel #18-031000) in connection with the Rehabilitation of the Newcomb Road Bridge (Structure #130-4.52) in Middlefield Township in the amount of \$750.00.

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

OTHER – DISCUSSION ON GAS LINE EXTENSION FOR RESIDENT

Local resident Richard Fabien explained that he lives on Georgia Road and was inquiring about the gas line that stops at White Road being extended out to State Route 168. Mr. Fabien expressed that the cost of propane and fuel oil can be between \$500.00 - \$700.00 a month, noting that with all the construction that was done on Georgia Road he questioned why gas lines were not put in. Mr. Cattell stated that the reconstruction that was done on the roadway had nothing to do with utilities, adding that utilities have to apply for permit to be in the right of way and such a request would certainly be granted but that the county has nothing to do with what the private companies do or where they go until they do work in the right of way which then has to be done to regulation. Mr. Fabien continued by stating that to extend the gas line to his house would cost him \$126,000.00 and given the high taxes that residents pay, he felt that the county should pay for the cost to put that line in. Mr. Cattell stated that the county has no legal right or ability to install a gas line with road tax money. Mr. Fabien asked the Commissioners to vote on it and work the cost into the budget. Mr. Jemison stated that this is either Dominion or Orwell Gas that make business decisions on where they run their gas lines but that the County is not in a position to pay for the installation of gas lines. Mr. Fabien again expressed his feeling about the taxes that are paid to the county, to which Mr. Jemison stated that taxes paid are a separate issue, that they are paid to provide government services, and providing gas lines is not a government service. Mr. Cattell suggested Mr. Fabien contact the PUCO, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as they are the only ones who might have any authority over the companies. Discussion took place regarding the road tax monies collected that can only be used for certain things and utilities are not included, adding that legally the funds cannot be given to a private corporation. County Administrator David Lair stated that he had just received a call from a resident who lives on Sherman Road who is in the same situation as Mr. Fabien, but that there are large parts of Geauga County who do not have service and the cost would be in the millions to run all those lines. Commissioner Samide commented that she and her neighbors went in together to cover the cost of the installation of the line on her road. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired if the \$126,000.00 is just for him to extend it his property, to which Mr. Fabien responded that if he paid for it to reach his property it would be that cost. It was suggested that Mr. Fabien speak with his neighbors and see if any of them would also be interested in having the line installed and if they would share in the cost of the installation. Mr. Spidalieri explained that he too does not have gas on his road and that he had spoken with the PUCO regarding the sales tax charged on fuel oil and suggested that Mr. Fabien inquire about that too when he contacted them.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #5 – INCREASE CONTRACT – ENVIROCOM CONSTRUCTION – OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that this change order is for the improvements on the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant for some additional hand rails that were put on tanks in some areas that didn't have hand rails to make those areas safer, for grading and the avoidance of run-off to raise the UV manhole, and for adjustments to some old piping that was discovered during the relocation of the wet well that was unmapped.

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Change Order #5 increasing the contract with EnviroCom Construction for additional handrails, raising a UV manhole and the excavation and relocation of a wet well in the amount of \$8,927.88.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE – KAREN DECOLA

*Mr. Lair noted that Ms. DeCola has asked for up to ten days of unpaid leave to be able to do some things with her family that she doesn't have accrued vacation time to cover.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve ten (10) days of unpaid personal leave for the period July 17, 2013 through January 3, 2014 for Superintendent / Director Karen DeCola.

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

MAINTENANCE – PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE – MICHELLE DELBO – MAINTENANCE HELPER

*Director Glen Vernick stated that due to a disciplinary investigation he is recommending a paid administrative leave for Ms. Delbo for her safety, as well as the County until the investigation is complete.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve a paid administrative leave for Michelle Delbo, Maintenance Helper effective immediately, pending the outcome of a disciplinary investigation.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 3, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of June, 2013.*
- c) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of June 2013, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

- Thu., 7/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 7/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 7/23 Some of the Commissioners will attend the OPWC District 7 Local Subcommittee meeting, 11:00 a.m., Engineer's Office*
- Thu., 7/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which Commissioner Spidalieri will give a presentation regarding the Heroin Issues in Geauga County.*

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*Thu., 7/25 The County Home Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill County Home*

*Mon., 7/29 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 7/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:22 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*

***OTHER - PUBLIC DISCUSSION***

*Following the adjournment of the Board meeting, resident Judy Zamlen-Spotts expressed her feeling regarding the Board holding evening meetings to be able to open those meetings to the working residents and for the Board to make a motion to hold evening meetings. There was discussion with audience members about the business that would be conducted during those evening meetings that would include Public Hearings where they would request public input. Each of the Commissioners expressed their individual opinion about holding meetings in the evening.*

*Another topic that was brought up for comment and discussion was in regards to Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Jemison thanked the audience members for the discussion and noted that the meeting had already adjourned.*

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