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*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 27, 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.*

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 25, 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>

**AUDITOR AND TREASURER – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – MAY 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 May, 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>

*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 May, 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 – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #4 – FAA PROJECT #3-39-0054-1512**

*Business Manager Patty Fulop stated that they were asking for acknowledgement of reimbursement of overages on the project from last year. Ms. Fulop stated that in February they had filed for a grant amendment and that it had been approved last Friday. Ms. Fulop stated that funds are available, they just have to file for the reimbursement and that there will be one additional reimbursement when the project is closed out. Commissioner Jemison asked that Ms. Fulop explain what the overages were caused by, to which Ms. Fulop explained when the project was contracted a portion was to repair a small area of drainage and put concrete down; when the area was opened it was discovered that there was additional damage to the drainage tiles that needed to be repaired prior to putting the concrete down. There was a discussion about clay tiles being used originally and not being deep enough, along with no sub-base under the tiles. Ms. Fulop stated that the tiles have been replaced with plastic corrugated pipe.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge and approve Reimbursement Request #4 for FAA Project #3-39-0054-1512 in the amount of \$37,078.15 (FAA portion \$33,370.00 and local match portion \$3,707.82).*

<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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF  
COMMITMENT – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN - THREESKI, INCORPORATED /  
JILSON, INCORPORATED / NELSKI, INCORPORATED

Administrative Secretary Kristen Merrill stated that this was a Letter of Commitment for the company, Threeski, adding that it is not a legal binding document, it just outlines the terms and conditions of the loan.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a Letter of Commitment to Threeski, Incorporated / Jilsin, Incorporated /Nelski, Incorporated for the Local Revolving Loan Fund loan for the acquisition of a Paul Davis Franchise and additional machinery and equipment for the facility located at 11900 East Washington, Auburn Township in the amount of \$80,000.00 for five (5) years (60 months) at three and one half percent (3.5%) interest.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT –  
C.I.R., INCORPORATED – REPLACE BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that this was the first and final Change Order with C.I.R. Incorporated for the replacement of the Bundysburg Road Bridge, adding that it came in about \$4,000.00 under project. Mr. Cattell stated that the bridge is open and looks great. It was noted that C.I.R. Incorporated was also working on Auburn Road and the bridge being replaced just north of East Washington Street will be opening tomorrow and it only took two weeks to complete. They are very organized and do a great job.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, decreasing the Contract with C.I.R., Incorporated for the Replacement of the Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #311-6.60) in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$3,885.10.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – STANDARD CONTRACT – TERMS AND CONDITIONS – FARE  
LOGISTICS CORP –AUTOMATED FAREBOX REVENUE COLLECTION SYSTEM

Director Kristina Reider stated that this project has been a long process, noting that this project had been bid twice and received no bids; the third time the County partnered with the Portage County Transit Agency (PARTA) and two bids were received, Fare Logistics was the lowest and best bid and lower overall by about \$300,000.00 for both projects. Ms. Reider stated that PARTA's project is much bigger than ours, but it was to the County's advantage to partner with them. Mr. Jemison stated that from a customer service standpoint they will have a swipe cards that are loaded for payment of fares. Operations Manager Jack Jackson stated that it is a 'smart card' with no cash value, and will be ride based. Ms. Reider stated that some people will still pay with cash, however these cards will be recycled, replacing the current paper punch cards that are being used. Dan Workman from Burton Township asked why automatic fare boxes are necessary, noting that Transit buses go past his home frequently with not too many riders on them, adding that these boxes cost \$9700.00 and some odd cents apiece which seems like a waste of money that can be spent in other ways. Mr. Jemison added that the question is more of what is the return on investment, why do we need this type of system? Mr. Jackson stated that it is a cashless fare collection system, we're not using automated fare boxes per se. Mr. Jackson stated that part of that cost is installation, hardware, software, servers, and backend training, it all breaks down to a significant amount of money, while the individual units hardware is about \$3,000.00 per bus. Mr. Jackson added that we are moving towards the future, adding that a lot of businesses use automated cards for inventory, etc., we are just heading in that direction. Mr. Jemison inquired if they would outlive the life of a bus, to which it was confirmed that they will, adding that they can be transferred to a new bus. Mr. Jackson stated that it is both hardware and software, adding that it is a small device, a reader and hub between both. Mr. Jemison inquired about how they would improve the operation for riders. Commissioner Samide referenced this being similar to Subway restaurants, where you can

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*purchase a card, have it loaded with funds, use it for purchases and it can be reloaded once the funds are used. Ms. Reider explained that the drivers will be able reload the cards on the bus. If a rider gives them money for a new pass, the driver can load it instantly, and it will eliminate a lot of radio traffic between the drivers and dispatchers. There was some discussion about the new system assisting with better accounting. Ms. Reider stated that there are over 200 trips running a day, that are door to door, with drivers assisting the client out of the house onto the bus, into the doctor's office or grocery store, as most of the clients are elderly or disabled and need that assistance. Ms. Reider added that we do not go to a bus stop and pick up a group of people. Currently paper passes are being used and are punched, and tracked on a sheet of paper, then they reconcile every day. Mr. Workman expressed that he doesn't see the benefit of an automated system, it seems more like a management thing, explaining that when he was teaching they used paper lunch passes. Ms. Reider explained that the schools are also using automated lunch passes, that the students use a code on a computer and the parents can load funds into the system via a credit card on the school website. Ms. Reider expressed that if a client losses a paper pass, there is no way to track the remaining amount of rides on that pass, and this new system will make that much easier. Mr. Jemison stated that he encouraged Mr. Workman to get with Ms. Reider and go to Transit and see the operation a little more in depth.*

*Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool started to ask a question by commenting that it was maddening, to which Mr. Jemison interrupted by stating that he didn't want to hear a comment, to which Mr. Claypool responded in an irate tone that he had every right to ask a question, to which Mr. Jemison stated, "then ask a question", to which Mr. Claypool told Mr. Jemison to 'shut up' so he could ask a question, Mr. Jemison told Mr. Claypool not to editorialize, just to ask a question. Mr. Claypool continued yelling that he needed to set the ground work, telling Mr. Jemison that he was not up to him to tell him how to ask a question, stating that this is \$163,000.00 of his money, of everyone in this room's money and that there is no cost justification for this, there is no reasonable business case, Mr. Jemison asked what his question was, to which Mr. Claypool responded loudly that the question is why don't we do a business case on this stuff, is this a responsible expenditure of people's tax dollars, adding that at the state level they are increasing our budget and that they are going to increase our taxes. There is no business case for that at all, our budget is going to increase here in Geauga County, there is no thought of how we spend the tax dollars of people in Geauga County and that is wrong, where is the business case, that is his question. Mr. Jemison asked if there was a business case, to which Ms. Reider explained that the cost had to be justified to ODOT, that everything had to be shown to ODOT and be approved, ODOT signed off and gave concurrence, adding that the County could not do anything on this project without required documentation, noting that is where the funds are coming from. Mr. Claypool again loudly asked if the County Commissioners had seen a business case on this project, are they looking at the reasonableness of spending tax dollars on this project? Mr. Jemison stated that he himself had not seen a business case. Mr. Claypool expressed that it was irresponsible.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Standard Contract – Terms and Conditions with Fare Logistics Corp for the purchase and installation of Automated Farebox Revenue Collection System in seventeen (17) Transit Department vehicles as part of the ARRA Stimulus project approved August 18, 2009 in the amount of \$163,055.12.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – THOMA TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED**

*Business Manager Adrian Gorton explained that for the last several years a service agreement has been being worked on being rolled into the regular service agreement with Thoma Technologies that will provide us with priority and over the phone diagnostics of waste treatment plant equipment. This primarily is for the operations at the McFarland plant in regards to the bio-membrane reactor treatment system, which is very sensitive. Mr. Gorton stated that it is very computer controlled and Thoma Technologies is an expert, and over-the-phone diagnostics allows us to cut down on expenses. Mr. Gorton explained that we have a regular service agreement that starts in January and about half way through the year the Thoma Technologies service agreement ends and they send us a new one with the amount and we just increase our*

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*current agreement in place to cover the cost of the new service agreement.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with Thoma Technologies, Incorporated to cover additional services incorporated into the service agreement in the amount of \$5,472.00.*

<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 – GEAUGA COUNTY FLAG**

*Ms. Jane Diedrich Peterson explained that her brother Raymond Diedrich designed the County flag as part of a school project back in 1953. The flag was re-dedicated in 1995. Ms. Peterson stated that she has been in contact with the Flag Store in Newbury who has the flags available for sale. Ms. Peterson explained that when her brother passed away in 1980 his belongings went to his children, so the flag in the Courthouse was found in Colorado inside another flag in his belongings. The flag in the Courthouse is the original flag that was given to him as his award. Ms. Peterson presented the Board with the history of the flag. Ms. Peterson stated that the flag is sixty years old this year and she is upset that the flag is not flying on the flag pole by the Courthouse. There was discussion about Ms. Peterson's great grandfather helping build the Courthouse after the previous one burned in 1868. Ms. Peterson expressed that in honor of her brother that she would like the Geauga County flag to fly. County Administrator David Lair noted that under the O.R.C. there is no provision that gives the Commissioners the ability to designate a County Flag but that the people of the county certainly could. Ms. Peterson expressed that she felt the flag should be flown at the fair. There was some discussion about the sixteen stars on the flag representing each of the townships.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – GEAUGA COUNTY 2014 TAX BUDGET**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

<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>

*Mr. Jemison opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. County Administrator David Lair and Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delany gave the following presentation:*

*Mr. Lair explained that under Ohio law, Counties and Townships are required to submit a tax budget by July 15<sup>th</sup> to the County Auditor. The Budget Commission takes that into consideration for resources that the County needs to operate. This tax budget is created as a rationale for ongoing levying of taxes. A lot of Counties don't use this in any other way, however in Geauga County we try and use it as part of our ongoing budgeting planning process. It starts in April when the Departments are requested to submit their requests for the coming year. The consensus is to move forward to consider the budget with the numbers that are included in here, and a lot of what is in the tax budget is what will be carried over to the Permanent Appropriation which is approved and adopted at the end of the year and is used as the actual budget for the coming year.*

*Mr. Lair explained that the Departments were given guidelines to include in their requests that include a salary increase of 3% and 12% increase for healthcare. Our budgetary philosophy is to estimate high on expenses and low and revenues to keep bad surprises to a minimum. Mr. Lair expressed that we do not play games with the numbers we simply practice conservative budgeting practices.*

**2014 TAX BUDGET**

***Tax Budget Guidelines:***

- Planning Tool*
- Demonstration of Need*
- Conservative Estimate*

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- *Final Appropriation Variable*

*Ms. Delaney explained that the total budget of all of the funds in the County for which the Commissioners are the appropriating authority in 2014 is set at:*

*Total 2014 Tax Budget - \$108.1 M*

*General Fund Budget - \$28.5 M*

*General Fund Requests - \$29.2 M*

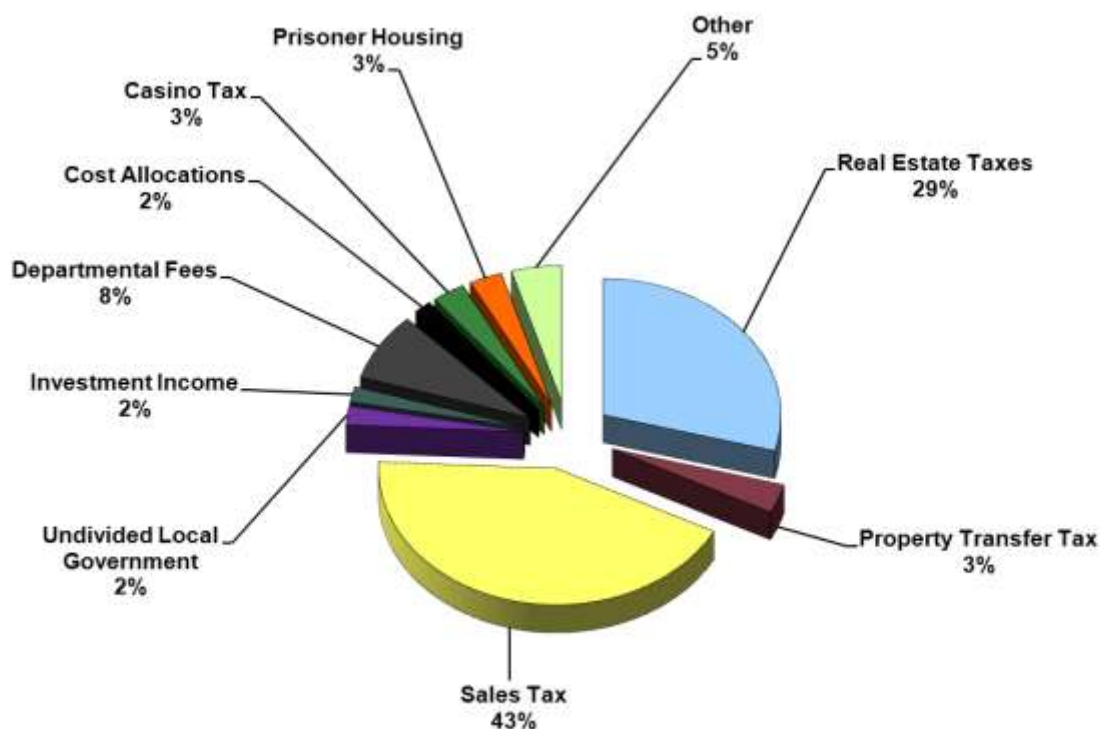
*Ms. Delaney stated that requests were cut back in this tax budget. Mr. Lair explained that a “fund” in government is designed to prevent Elected Officials or Employees from spending money out of sources of funds specified for a specified purpose. The General Fund is focused on in the tax budget discussion because money can be spent for a number of legal purposes and is not restricted. The County has over 100 funds, including Road levy, Board of Developmental Disability, Senior Citizens, Children’s Services, which are all primarily levied through property taxes that citizens voted to tax themselves for. A fund narrowly defines what the money can be used for.*

*Ms. Delaney explained that in the General Fund for 2014 in the Tax Budget we look at what is available for resources to appropriate.*

**2014 Estimated Available Resources**

<i>Carryover Balance</i>	<i>\$ 3,500,000.00</i>
<i>2014 Revenues</i>	<i><u>\$25,036,992.00</u></i>
<i>Total Resources</i>	<i>\$28,536,992.00</i>

**General Fund Revenue Sources by Category**



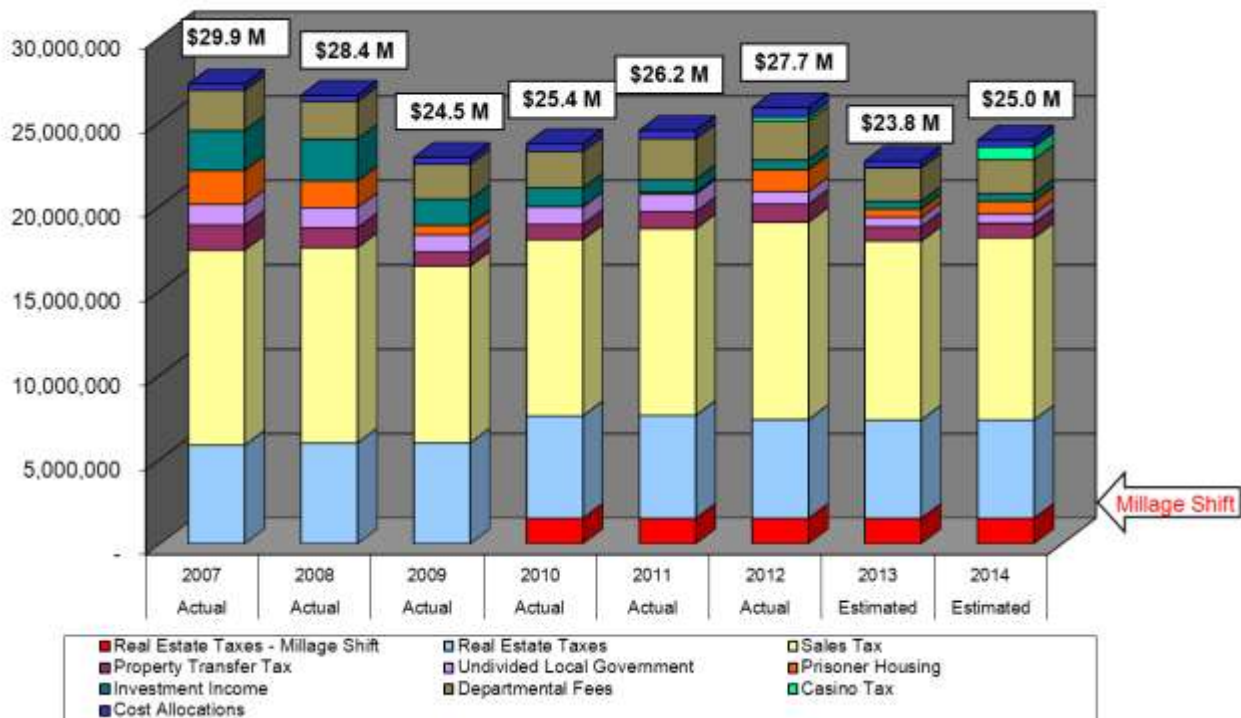
*Mr. Jemison stated that in the State Budget they are talking about getting rid of the 10% rollback and the 2.5% owner occupied credit. That will not increase any of our real estate taxes, what will happen is they will just go directly to us and not be deducted from tax payers tax bill and be reimbursed from the State. Mr. Lair encouraged residents to go to Access Gauga and look at their property and see the pie chart that shows how much of real estate taxes go where. A section is labeled County and those are voted taxes (levies), there is a little sliver called County General and that is what the ‘real estate taxes’ part of the chart is.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that what the State is currently talking about doing is taking the income tax down and increasing the sales tax for the State, to tax payers that will increase our taxes but*

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what does it do to the County budget? Mr. Lair stated that it doesn't. Mr. Jemison stated that the ¼% we are not going to see any of, however they are going to expand what they were going to charge sales tax on and so we might see an increase. Discussion took place about what was originally discussed as a change in the sales tax rate.

General Fund Revenue Sources by Major Categories  
2007 – 2014



Mr. Lair expressed that this is an important slide to study and understand, and used the analogy of the County as a two income family that was paying down debt and living within our means, keeping ongoing operational commitment down a level that could be supported with one income and using the extra to pay down debt. Some have advocated to staff up with more people and not pay down debt, but what happens when your revenues fall and have made a permanent commitment to people. You have to cut back people and cut back on your services. We didn't do that, and that is part of what saved us, when we have excess money we pay down debt or invest in repair of buildings. Commissioner Samide added that individuals and private business can write off interest on your taxes, however government is not able to do that.

Changes to Available Resources  
2011-2014

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Estimated 2013	Estimated 2014
Unencumbered C/O Balance	\$3,777,903	\$4,229,176	\$4,672,349	\$3,500,000
CY Revenue	<u>\$26,167,209</u>	<u>\$27,690,278</u>	<u>\$23,804,059</u>	<u>\$25,036,992</u>
Total Resources	\$29,945,112	\$31,919,454	\$28,476,408	\$28,536,992
\$ Increase /Decrease				\$60,584
% Increase / Decrease				< 1 %
Decrease from 2011 – 2013				-4.7%

Mr. Lair explained that the number of estimated 2013 revenue caught his eye, and mentioned part of what makes the balance good is that we try to spend about 90% of what is appropriated. Mr. Jemison expressed that we have always been conservative on our revenues, in 2009 we thought we were going to get 2.2 million from inmate revenue that was not received and so that is what makes us conservative when we do our estimates.

Mr. Lair deviated to a revenue comparison worksheet (below) to explain the numbers.



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Geauga County Budget Worksheet Report						
Account Number	Description	2012 Actual Amount	2013 Amended Budget	Difference 2012-2013	2014 Tax Budget	Difference 2013-2014
Fund: 1001 - General Fund						
Revenues						
401	Property and Other Taxes	6,435,694.29	6,458,837.00	23,142.71	6,458,837.00	0.00
402	Tangible Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
403	Property Transfer Tax	1,070,969.80	850,000.00	(220,969.80)	850,000.00	0.00
404	Manufactured Home Tax	5,959.80	4,000.00	(1,959.80)	4,000.00	0.00
405	County Sales Tax	11,695,305.09	10,600,000.00	(1,095,305.09)	10,800,000.00	200,000.00
408	House Trailer Tax	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
410	State Reimbursement-Real Estate	910,450.84	864,107.00	(46,343.84)	864,107.00	0.00
411	State Reimbursement - PP Tax	72,327.12	0.00	(72,327.12)	0.00	0.00
412	Federal Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
413.0101	State Revenues Casino Tax	243,806.00	0.00	(243,806.00)	750,000.00	750,000.00
414	Local Government Tax	741,497.26	555,463.00	(186,034.26)	555,463.00	0.00
415	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,220.71	1,200.00	(20.71)	1,200.00	0.00
416	Defense of Indigents	121,537.65	100,000.00	(21,537.65)	100,000.00	0.00
420	Fees	1,260,663.34	1,128,850.00	(131,813.34)	1,128,850.00	0.00
420.0700	Fees Juvenile Court Fees	35,847.39	40,000.00	4,152.61	40,000.00	0.00
420.0704	Fees Detention Home Fees	15,446.42	15,000.00	(446.42)	20,000.00	5,000.00
420.1200	Fees Recorder Fees	454,847.00	305,000.00	(149,847.00)	311,000.00	6,000.00
420.1201	Fees Recorder - Housing Trust Fee	5,918.12	3,000.00	(2,918.12)	3,100.00	100.00
420.1300	Fees Sheriff Fees	161,768.65	95,000.00	(66,768.65)	125,000.00	30,000.00
420.1301	Fees Other Fees (Prisoner Housing)	1,299,873.01	500,000.00	(799,873.01)	750,000.00	250,000.00
420.1302	Fees Sheriff - Web Check Fees	27,660.00	30,000.00	2,340.00	35,000.00	5,000.00
420.1400	Fees Treasurer Fees	491,486.74	475,000.00	(16,486.74)	475,000.00	0.00
420.1401	Fees Treasurer Delinq Tax Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
						0.00
422	Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
431	Permits	2,710.00	2,000.00	(710.00)	2,000.00	0.00
432	Vendor Licenses	4,904.81	4,300.00	(604.81)	4,300.00	0.00
433	Cigarette Licenses	938.41	500.00	(438.41)	500.00	0.00
440	Fines	221,256.19	115,852.00	(105,404.19)	58,000.00	(57,852.00)
450	Interest	577,209.08	456,000.00	(121,209.08)	456,000.00	0.00
451	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
452	Other Revenue	180,424.91	201,500.00	21,075.09	252,285.00	50,785.00
452.0100	Other Revenue Forfeited Land Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
452.0101	Other Revenue Unclaimed Monies	8,828.37	10,000.00	1,171.63	10,000.00	0.00
452.0300	Other Revenue Vending	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
452.0301	Other Revenue Telephone Calls	35,091.54	25,000.00	(10,091.54)	30,000.00	5,000.00
452.0302	Other Revenue Rent and Sale of Real Estate	664,946.55	150,000.00	(514,946.55)	150,000.00	0.00
						0.00
452.0303	Other Revenue Other Refunds and Reimbursments	232,833.12	200,000.00	(32,833.12)	200,000.00	0.00
						0.00
452.0304	Other Revenue Sale of Personal Property	33,361.14	15,000.00	(18,361.14)	15,000.00	0.00
						0.00
452.0305	Other Revenue Insurance	150.64	0.00	(150.64)	0.00	0.00
452.0306	Other Revenue Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
452.0307	Other Revenue Gas Well Revenue	60,076.62	50,000.00	(10,076.62)	50,000.00	0.00
452.0308	Other Revenue Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
452.0309	Other Revenue Hospitalization and Insurance	5,883.74	6,000.00	116.26	6,000.00	0.00
						0.00
452.0310	Other Revenue Mitigation Credits	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)
452.0800	Other Revenue Probate Court - State Reimb	278.45	350.00	71.55	350.00	0.00
						0.00
452.0801	Other Revenue Child Welfare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
452.1300	Other Revenue Unexpended Allowance - Sheriff	10,024.43	0.00	(10,024.43)	0.00	0.00
						0.00
452.1301	Other Revenue Child Ab/Food Stamp Investigator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
						0.00
452.1302	Other Revenue Inmate Medical Reimbursement	5,159.47	0.00	(5,159.47)	0.00	0.00
						0.00
452.1303	Other Revenue Inamte Incarceration Reimbursmnt	41,361.48	40,000.00	(1,361.48)	40,000.00	0.00
						0.00
454	NSF Fee	1,755.00	500.00	(1,255.00)	1,000.00	500.00
458	Cost Allocation	524,113.00	400,000.00	(124,113.00)	400,000.00	0.00
460	Note Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
499	Transfers In	42,890.50	85,000.00	42,109.50	3,575,000.00	3,490,000.00
Totals:		\$27,706,476.68	\$23,804,059.00	(\$3,902,417.68)	\$28,536,992.00	\$4,732,933.00
				(3,878,760.93)		4,690,000.00

Ms. Delaney continued...

2014 Resource Estimate up \$60K, based on conservative estimates

Carryover Balance down by (\$1,175,000.00)

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<i>Sales Tax Revenue</i>	\$ 200,000.00
<i>Casino Revenue</i>	\$ 750,000.00
<i>Prisoner Housing</i>	\$ 250,000.00
<i>Other Revenue</i>	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
<i>Net Change in Estimated Resources</i>	\$ 60,000.00

*Expense part of the budget:*

***G. F. Operating Expenses:*** **\$28.5 M**  
***Increase Net in Transfers:*** **\$ 1.1 M**  
***(2013 CY budget vs. 2014 Tax budget)***

*Overall Factors: 3% wage increases budgeted for 2014*

*12% increase to hospitalization costs budgeted for 2014*

*Reimbursed Personnel costs – Prosecutor & Engineer*

### *Personnel increases – Juvenile Court & Building*

### Juvenile Detention Center cost increases

<i>Salary-Medicare-OPERS – 3%</i>	<i>\$434,000</i>
<i>Hospitalization cost increases – 12%</i>	<i>\$191,000</i>
<i>Juvenile Detention Center cost increase</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>
<i>Additional Personnel costs (reimbursed) – Engineer</i>	<i>\$ 35,000</i>
<i>Additional Personnel costs (reimbursed) – Prosecutor</i>	<i>\$ 35,000</i>
<i>Additional Personnel costs (shifted) – Juvenile Court</i>	<i>\$ 73,000</i>
<i>Additional Personnel costs – Building</i>	<i>\$ 82,000</i>
<i>Other – Miscellaneous reductions</i>	<i><u>\$ (8,000)</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,067,000</i>

*General Fund Operating Expenses by Category (net of transfers out)*

<u>Category</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Public Safety	\$9,853,781	\$10,311,242	4.64%
Legislative & Executive	\$7,971,619	\$ 8,169,958	2.49%
Judicial	\$3,517,373	\$ 3,944,907	12.15%
Conservation / Recreation	\$ 522,877	\$ 523,885	.19%
Human Services	\$ 484,681	\$ 476,482	-1.69%
Health	\$ 313,350	\$ 314,000	.21%
Public Works	\$ 146,537	\$ 173,700	18.54%
Miscellaneous	\$1,239,415	\$ 1,202,350	-2.99%
Total	\$24,049,633	\$25,116,524	4.44%

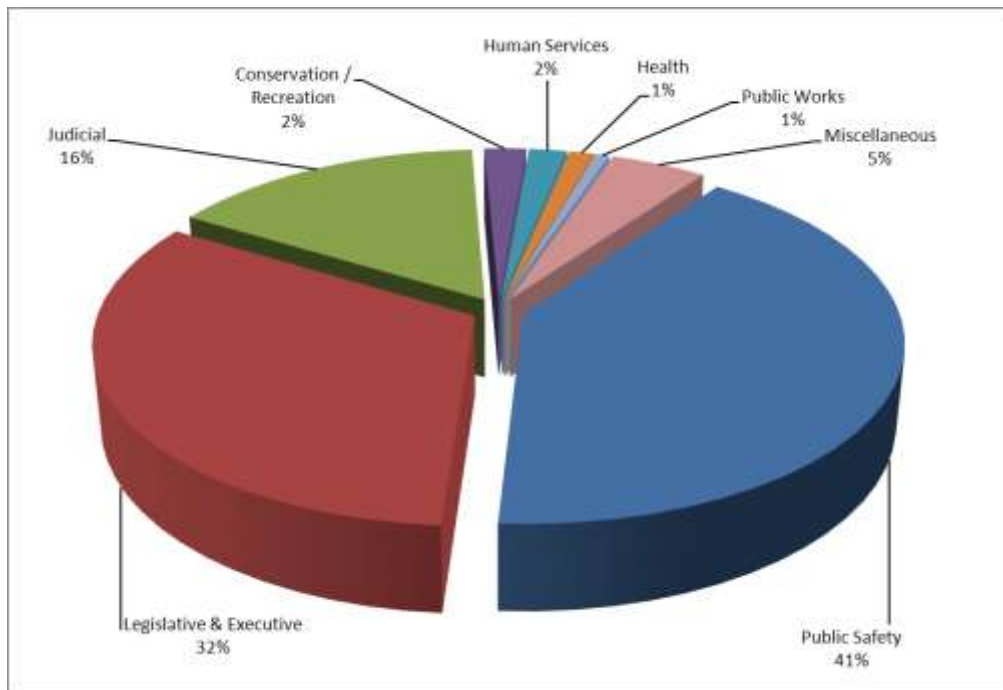
*Difference* *\$ 1,066,891*

*Ms. Delaney noted that Public Safety was the Sheriff, Coroner, and Building Department. The Legislative and Executive was the Auditors, IT Department, Commissioners, Prosecutors, Recorders, Treasurers, Board of Elections, Maintenance, Planning and Archives and Records Center. The Judicial includes Common Pleas Court, Juvenile/Probate Court, Municipal Court, Clerk of Courts and Public Defender's Office. Conservation /Recreation is the funding provided to the Soil and Water Conservation District and OSU Extension Office. Human Services is the Veterans Service Commission. Health is payments made to the State Bureau of Children with medical handicaps and is mandated by the O.R.C. Public Works portion is the Engineer and Tax Map employees. Miscellaneous is insurance we pay, postage, outside contracting of legal fees, property tax the county pays and other outside contracts.*



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*General Fund Operating Expenses by Category*



Current Tax Budget requirement	\$28,536,992
2014 Estimated Revenues	\$25,036,992
Carryover Requirement	\$ 3,500,000*

*\*Actual carryover has ranged from \$3.6 million to \$4.7 million in the last 5 years*

*Increases to carryover funds are accomplished through a combination of spending less than current appropriations and exceeding revenue estimates*

*Mr. Lair explained that the tax budget will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval on July 11, 2013. When approved, it will then be submitted to the Auditor's Office, which at some point brings it before the Budget Commission for certification. In September and October individual Budget Hearings are held with all the Departments under the Commissioners budget. During those budget hearings discussions are held about the amounts in the tax budget, including capital expenditures which are not included in there. Additional needs for funds may be addressed once the carry over balance is known and can be done by supplemental appropriations in January if needed.*

*Overall Goal:*

*Fund general increases at or below 2013 levels where possible.*

*Limit new initiatives to those which show an immediate return on investment and added value to Geauga taxpayers.*

*Ms. Samide compared the Geauga County budget against the City of Chardon's budget and how close they are to our General Fund and we're handling an entire county.*

*Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 11:07 a.m.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 19, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending May, 2013.*

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**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 7/2     The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 7/4     **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

***The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Fri., 7/5     **County offices under the Commissioners Hiring Authority will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tue., 7/9     The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 7/9     Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Wed., 7/10    Commissioner Samide will attend the Geauga County Township Association Quarterly Dinner meeting in Chesterland at 6:30 p.m.*

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

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:08 A.M.***

*Gauga 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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