

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 3, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 3, 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 27, 2012.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR 2013 IF SESSION IS CANCELLED OR A LACK OF QUORUM**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and /or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2013, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DAVID JOYCE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept the Resignation of David Joyce as County Prosecutor to be effective January 2, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT JAMES R. FLAIZ ACTING PROSECUTOR**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint James R. Flaiz as Acting Prosecutor, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.02(F).*

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

*Commissioner Jemison administered Acting Prosecutor James R. Flaiz his Oath of Office.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – NELSKI INCORPORATED / JILSIN LLC**

*Director Anita Stocker explained that Nelski Incorporated was purchasing the Paul Davis restoration franchise in Canton, Ohio. Ms. Stocker explained that they handle insurance-related building rehabilitation. Ms. Stocker stated that they had purchased the property near Auburn Corners several years ago to serve as their base of operations. Brief discussion took place about Mr. Jeff Suzinki being part of this ownership group. It was noted that Nelski Incorporated was an existing Revolving Loan Fund client who has paid down part of the original loan taken and that this would combine that loan with an increase and that the county would remain in the same position in line with the bank as it had been on the previous loan.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Lake National Bank for Nelski, Incorporated / Jilsin, LLC, a Revolving Loan Fund client in the amount of \$400,000.00 allowing the company to purchase a franchise and relocate it to Auburn Township as a means to keep up with continued business growth.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS PAYMENT REQUEST FORM #6 – INSTALL SEPTIC SYSTEM ON BRIGHTWOOD DRIVE, NEWBURY

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this was part of the EPA grant. Ms. Stusek explained that they had put in a replacement septic system in Kiwanis Lake located in Newbury. Ms. Stusek stated that they were asking for a payment request in order to be able to pay the contractor for the installation. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about how much of the grant was remaining and if this was to finish up the existing grant. Ms. Stusek explained that there is approximately \$128,000.00 worth of work committed out of the total grant of \$160,000.00 for 2012, noting that they are committed to finishing. Ms. Stusek stated that the EPA had been sent notification that the county would not be continuing this program for 2013.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison 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 #6 for the installation of a septic system at 14654 Brightwood Drive, Newbury, in the amount of \$12,900.00, under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – APPROVE HIRING ROBERT E. ANDERSON – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

*Director Glen Vernick explained that Mr. Merrell had retired the end of December and this person was being hired to replace him. Mr. Vernick stated that Mr. Anderson has an electrical background and comes with experience from the hotel industry. Mr. Vernick noted that Mr. Anderson had been selected out of a group of some 50 to 60 applicants.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Robert E. Anderson to the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective January 28, 2013 at a rate of \$12.03 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$12.66 per hour.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – SNOW PLOWING AGREEMENT – CHESTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR WINTER SEASON 2012-2013

*Deputy Engineer Mike Stone explained that this is a yearly agreement with Chester Township. County Engineer Robert L. Phillips explained that this type of cooperative agreement has been in effect for about 20 years, with the county having a similar agreement with Bainbridge Township as well. Mr. Phillips explained that this agreement allows the county to pay Chester Township to plow county roads as it is a more a cost effective way to cover road maintenance for both the county and the townships involved. Mr. Phillips stated that they have had similar agreements in the past for roadside mowing. Mr. Phillips noted that they don't yet have Bainbridge's agreement back, but they are already handling snow removal for this season, per the pending agreement.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Snow Plowing Agreement between the Geauga County Engineer and the Chester Township Board of Trustees for the winter season of 2012 through 2013.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2013**

*Mr. Phillips explained that the Commissioners are giving authorization to the County Engineer to use force accounts in some cases to perform routine maintenance work using employees of the County Engineer. Mr. Phillips stated that depending on the limits set by the Ohio Revised Code estimates are requested and if they fall within the code this work can be done in house instead of having to bid out the work. Brief discussion took place regarding the recent changes in the bidding amounts and if they also reflected the limits of the force accounts to which it was clarified that there had been no changes with the force account limits.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-002 Authorizing the County Engineer to Undertake Projects Using Force Accounts in Certain Cases for Year 2013.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date:* January 3, 2013

*Resolution:* 13 - 002

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNT IN CERTAIN CASES FOR YEAR 2013**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County desires to allow the Geauga County Engineer to improve, repair and maintain county highways and improve, repair and reconstruct county bridge projects in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and,*

*WHEREAS, the county engineer may, when authorized by the board of county commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads by force account; and,*

*WHEREAS, the county engineer may, when authorized by the board of county commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts by force account.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction or reconstruction, including widening and resurfacing, of roads by force account. In determining whether he may undertake road construction work by force account, when not required by section 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds thirty thousand dollars per mile, the county commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culverts by force account. In determining whether he may undertake bridge work by force account when not required by section 5543.19*

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*or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, the board of county commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. The County Engineer shall obtain the approval required by section 5543.02 of the Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD (CH 4, SECTIONS Q & R) CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Phillips stated that this project had been moved up on the list, and following this public hearing that the project would be sent to bid in the spring.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections Q & R) in Chardon Township per Resolution #11-149 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on January 24, 2013 at 10:20 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on January 10, 2013, January 17, 2013 and on the county website.*

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

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING ROBERT L. PHILLIPS AND RONALD L. GELLER FOR THEIR SERVICE TO GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Commissioner Samide read the resolution honoring County Engineer Robert L. Phillips.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-003 Honoring Robert L. Phillips for his service to Geauga County and as the Geauga County Engineer.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: January 3, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-003*

**RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT L. PHILLIPS  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND AS THE GEAUGA COUNTY ENGINEER**

*WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips has served the residents of Geauga County for the Geauga County Engineer's Office for over thirty-one years, in his capacity as Deputy County Engineer and the County Engineer. Mr. Phillips has been vigilant in holding himself and employees under his supervision to the highest standard possible. During his tenure, he has accomplished numerous roadway improvements, provided guidance and expertise to local Township and County officials, actively assisted the public, efficiently and prudently managed the department, and represented the Engineer's office in the most professional manner, and;*

*WHEREAS, throughout these years, Mr. Phillips has gained the respect of his contemporaries, his subordinates, and the public when providing decisions and delivering the services demanded by the office. Mr. Phillips graduated from The Ohio State University and furthered his knowledge of civil engineering by working for the Franklin County Engineer's Office, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Geauga County Engineer's Office early*

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*in his career. He was first elected to serve as the Geauga County Engineer in 1988 and was appointed as the County Drainage Engineer in 2004. He has shown leadership and knowledge at the state and federal level in addition to his county service. He has served on the local Ohio Public Works committee as chairperson and has provided leadership roles for the Northeastern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Association and as Past President of the County Engineer's Association of Ohio*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips is now looking forward towards a real retirement; as he intends to spend more time with his wife Diann, daughters Julie, Robin and Tia and their families. Anyone who knows him knows his true passion is his family. Of course, he will continue to find time for the course, golf that is, and will have more time for his other hobby of antique cars. Mr. Phillips' experiences and expertise will be missed by Geauga County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes, congratulates, and thanks Geauga County Engineer, Robert L. Phillips, for his years of public service*

*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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Commissioner Samide read the resolution honoring Ronald Geller.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-004 Honoring Ronald L. Geller for his service to Geauga County and the County Engineer's Office.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: January 3, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-004*

**RESOLUTION HONORING RONALD L. GELLER**  
**FOR HIS SERVICE TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

*WHEREAS, Mr. Geller has served the residents of Geauga County since 1984 in his capacity as Deputy County Engineer. Mr. Geller has been vigilant in holding himself and employees under his supervision to the highest standard possible. Mr. Geller retired in 1996 and was rehired to provide 16 more years of public service. During his tenure, he has provided guidance and expertise to local Township and County officials, actively assisted the public, efficiently and prudently managed employees, became an expert of employee relations and represented the Engineer's office in the most professional manner, and;*

*WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mr. Geller has diligently served the public and provided much guidance to his contemporaries, subordinates, and to the public. Ron started working for the government in various capacities in Lake County fresh out of high school. He served in the military in Vietnam. After being hired by the Geauga County Engineer's Office, Mr. Geller has held many positions both inside and outside of the department. He has been the Engineer's Safety Coordinator, Prevailing Wage Coordinator and Public Records Administrator. He represented the office as the County's Safety Committee chairperson, Drug and Alcohol Chairperson, Community Action Board and coordinator for the "Americans With Disabilities Act". He also served as a Disciplinary Hearing Officer for many county departments.*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Geller is now looking forward towards a real retirement; as he intends to spend more time on the golf course, as he finally achieved the dream of living on a course. He may even take the time to teach his two grandsons how to swing a club. He hopes to find more time for his other hobby of working on his Corvette. Mr. Geller will be missed by Geauga County.*

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes, congratulates, and thanks Ronald L. Geller for his years of public service.*

*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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COUNTY TREASURER – PRESENTATION**

*Following his reading of both resolutions, County Treasurer Christopher Hitchcock presented Mr. Phillips and Mr. Geller with the resolutions prepared by his office on the occasion of their retirement.*

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – STANDARD ASSURANCES FORM – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT (VAWA)**

*Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand explained that this was standard documentation of compliance with all Federal grant requirements, including EEOC for the Violence Against Women (VAWA) grant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Standard Assurances Form for the Office of Criminal Justice Services in connection with the Violence Against Women Grant (VAWA) to fulfill grant requirements.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION FROM DECEMBER 13, 2012 – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT**

*Chief Deputy Hildenbrand explained that it had been discovered after approval that a resolution was required for the Cooperative Agreement. Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair noted that the board would need to rescind the previous motion, approve the resolution and re-execute an updated Cooperative Agreement.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to rescind the motion from December 13, 2012: to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Cooperative Agreement among the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office for Operation and Maintenance of the Interoperability Communication Vehicle and Equipment for the period ending November 30, 2016.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, BUCKEYE STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEAUGA COUNTY – COOPERATIVE USE OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE FOR EQUIPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-005 for a Cooperative Agreement to be made by and between the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office for the Cooperative Use of the Interoperable Communications Vehicle.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: January 3, 2013*

*Resolution: 13-005*

*Geauga County Commissioners' Resolution*

**A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS MADE BY AND BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, THE BUCKEYE STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEAUGA COUNTY, AND THE GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR THE COOPERATIVE USE OF THE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE**

*WHEREAS, Ohio EMA, BSSA, the County Commissioners, and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office are willing to cooperate in the operation, maintenance, deployment, and use of a communications vehicle, for the purpose of enhancing communications interoperability for all first responders in the event of a disaster or emergency within the State; and*

*WHEREAS, the interoperable communications vehicle and equipment will be purchased by Ohio EMA for BSSA for the sole and express use as regional interoperable communications vehicle under the exclusive control and authority of the Geauga County Sheriff.*

*WHEREAS, the interoperable communications vehicle and equipment shall be returned to Ohio EMA and BSSA for reassignment if the County Commissioners and Geauga County Sheriff's Office are no longer able to support the operation and maintenance of the vehicle and equipment.*

*WHEREAS, the principle use of the interoperable communications vehicle and equipment shall be regional deployment for interoperable communications for emergency response to a disaster and shall be available for deployment to other parts of the State, upon request and if available. The interoperable communications vehicle and equipment shall be furnished by Ohio EMA and BSSA for the cooperative use of the Geauga County Sheriff's Office.*

*WHEREAS, the County shall, at its sole cost, maintain insurance on the interoperable communications vehicle and equipment in case of fire, theft, damage, or destruction for the full amount of its current value for the entire term of this agreement and any extensions or renewals.*

*WHEREAS, this Agreement shall remain in force and effect from the latest date written below through Geauga County, November 30, 2016, or until such time as either party, upon ninety (90) days prior, written notice to the other party, shall request its cancellation. This Agreement can be renewed prior to its expiration upon written agreement of the parties.*

*NOW THEREFORE IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED, this Cooperative Agreement among the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, The Buckeye Sheriffs' Association, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Sheriff's Office is hereby approved by the Board of County Commissioners.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures as of the day and year written below.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Cooperative Agreement among the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office for Operation and Maintenance of the Interoperability Communication Vehicle and Equipment for the period ending November 30, 2016.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Contracts, Purchase orders, Blanket purchase orders, and Travel requests for various departments for the New Year.*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the encumbrances to be considered by the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in January 2013 to be effective January 1, 2013.*

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

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-001 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 3, 2013.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – YARNELL TREE COMPANY**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that these were the first of many service contracts for the year that are put into place on an as needed basis for emergencies or other immediate maintenance needs. Mr. Bowen noted that some are a general contract, while others are separated by out by the waste and water sections. Mr. Bowen explained that the contracts are put into place based on if and how much they were used in prior years along with how easy the vendors were to work with and the quality of work done when needed, adding that most often the contracts are closed at the end of the year because they were not used.*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Yarnell Tree Company for tree removal services at various locations, including after storm damage for the Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.*

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

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Yarnell Tree Company for tree removal services as needed at various water treatment plants within the Department of Water Resources for the Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSIONS DUE TO RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**

*Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool inquired about what the Re-Organizational meeting was. Commissioner Samide explained that it was required to be held the second Monday in January and that it was when the President, Vice President, Board assignments, and re-appointments of unclassified employees takes place.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 due to the Re-Organizational meeting being held Monday, January 14, 2013.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EMPLOYEE FITNESS BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR 2013**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the continuation of the Geauga County Employee Fitness Benefit program for 2013 allowing \$30.00/month towards a Fitness Club Membership or Weight Watchers for all full-time county employees under the Commissioners' hiring authority, and under the program's eligibility rules that employees will still be required to submit a quarterly attendance / exercise report from each participating member, listing date, fitness club, and approximate length of activity. Additionally, attendance documentation of a minimum of 24 sessions per quarter lasting thirty (30) minutes / session shall be required per quarterly reporting period to qualify for fitness reimbursement. Weight Watcher participants averaging 12 meetings per quarter must also complete and document 12, thirty (30) minute sessions of exercise; i.e., walking, running, jogging, per quarterly reporting period.*

*All county employees under separate hiring authorities shall participate in the fitness benefit programs adopted and administered by their respective hiring authorities.*

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

*Ms. Samide stated that she felt that it was time to discontinue this program, adding that with only ten percent (10%) of eligible employees participating, and with the changes coming in insurance due to the Obamacare mandates, the county will potentially have a lot more people to cover. Commissioner Jemison stated that he was saddened by this, that this is the only benefit that provides some return on investment to the county for the expenditure, unlike expenditures for health insurance and life insurance benefits. Ms. Samide stated that she felt that people who were exercising and participating in Weight Watchers would continue to do so regardless of the discontinuation of the reimbursement for these activities.*

**OTHER**

*The Board further held discussion and answered some questions Mr. Spidalieri had about the upcoming Re-Organizational meeting. Mr. Spidalieri also noted that he had received a request from a resident for a resolution to be done for April regarding Veterans children. Mr. Spidalieri noted that the resident would like to appear in session and give a short presentation about it. They were all in agreement to move forward and agreed that it would be a good idea.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 26, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Fifth Full Year Monitoring Report for the Pope Home Mitigation Site, Geauga County, Ohio submitted by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*

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OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events, and discussed the upcoming reorganization meeting to be held on January 14<sup>th</sup>.*

MEETINGS

*1/4 – 1/6 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Agricultural Fair Board Convention in Columbus, Ohio*

*Tues., 1/8 The Commissioner's will hold regular session*

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

*Wed., 1/9 The Commissioners' will attend the Geauga County Township Association Meeting Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Hambden Township Hall*

*Thu., 1/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

*Fri., 1/11 NOACA Meeting, 10:00 a.m. in Cleveland*

*Mon., 1/14 The Commissioners will hold the Re-organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

*Mon., 1/14 Board of Revision, Auditor's Office at 3:30 p.m.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:53 A.M.**

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*