

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 19, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 19, 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.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 12, 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 MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 14, 2013.*

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

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for reimbursements deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2013 funding for the Engineer's Office and the 800 Communications Fund; Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts and the Juvenile / Probate Court; and payments to the Treasurer of State of Ohio for the purchase of eight (8) Sheriff's vehicles from the General Fund in the amount of \$170,488.00 and four (4) Social Security Task Force vehicles from the Sheriff Rotary fund in the amount of \$83,988.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-059 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 19, 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>

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – LICENSED ARCHITECT CONTRACT 2013 – L. NEAL HOFFMAN AND RICHARD J. SMITH**

*Chief Building Official / Director Mike Mihalisin explained the yearly outside contractor plans exam contracts for commercial plan reviews with Neal Hoffman and Richard Smith. Mr. Mihalisin stated that they were the same contract for the same amounts, that the only thing that changed was the dates. Mr. Mihalisin explained that the amount charged for contractor plan review is paid and covered by who pays for the permit, adding that it then goes back into the General Fund. Commissioner Samide inquired about how long the amounts had been the same, to which Mr. Mihalisin noted that he believed it had been at least ten years. Mr. Mihalisin stated that this was included as part of the fees that are being reviewed. County Administrator David Lair added that the Building Department was reviewing all the fees charged as they are comparably lower and will be coming back to propose the phase in of some fee increases.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2013 with L. Neal Hoffman to perform architectural reviews for commercial and industrial structures at a rate of \$70.00 per hour for the term March 31, 2013 through March 31, 2014.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2013 with Richard J. Smith to perform architectural reviews for commercial and industrial structures at a rate of \$70.00 per hour for the term March 31, 2013 through March 31, 2014.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – C.I.R. INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF HEATH ROAD BRIDGES – CHESTER AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that the Heath Road Bridge project was for two structures between Wilson Mills Road and Sherman Road, adding that both structures will be replaced with pre-cast boxes and should move fairly quickly. Mr. Cattell noted that there will be a detour but both structures would not be closed at the same time. Mr. Cattell asked that the board award the bid to C.I.R. that they were a good company to work with and that the bid had come in about \$20,000.00 under the estimate.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to C.I.R., Incorporated for the Replacement of the Heath Road Bridges (Structures #105-3.15 and #105-3.42) in Chester and Munson Townships in the amount of \$255,081.33, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the performance bond for this project.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF LEGGETT ROAD – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Cattell asked the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Leggett Road between State Route 86 and State Route 528. Mr. Cattell noted that this was strictly a resurfacing project and traffic would be maintained.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Leggett Road (CH 33, Sections A & B) in Montville Township in the amount of \$135,347.45, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the performance bond for this project.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CLAY STREET – HUNTSBURG AND MONTVILLE TOWNSHIPS**

*Mr. Cattell asked the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Clay Street between Chardon Windsor Road and State Route 6, and added that traffic will be maintained. Mr. Cattell added that they were pleased with the bid that it had come in about \$91,000.00 under estimate.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH 37, Sections E & F) in Huntsburg and Montville Townships in the amount of \$393,184.30, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the performance bond for this project.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF RAVENWOOD DRIVE AND MERRITT ROAD – CLARIDON AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

*Mr. Cattell asked the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for resurfacing of Ravenwood Drive and Merritt Roads. Mr. Cattell stated that this will be an issue for them with material deliveries but they would also be in contact with the departments along those roads to make sure they are aware of the resurfacing. Mr. Lair inquired when these had been last paved, to which Mr. Cattell stated that he believed it was thirteen years prior, but would have to check. Mr. Cattell stated that the road had held up well with the amount of truck traffic it handles. Mr. Cattell added that between all the projects that were opened last week, they were about \$190,000.00 under the estimates and hope to continue to see those savings and be able to add an additional project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Ravenwood Drive (CH 604) and Merritt Road (CH 605) in Claridon and Munson Townships in the amount of \$296,814.30, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the performance bond for this project.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE POSITION OF SUMMER HELP (#0101)**

*Mr. Lair explained that departments have made the request to advertise for summer help. Mr. Lair stated that this allows the departments to complete certain jobs throughout the summer using short term employment. Mr. Lair explained that once interviews have been completed that the departments will give more specifics on the projects that they will need completed prior to the Board approving the hiring.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the position of Summer Help (#0101) for the approximate period between May 1, 2013 (or the end of the school year) through September 30, 2013 (or the start of the school year – whichever comes first) for a maximum of twenty-one (21) weeks (840 hours) to be worked at a rate of \$8.25 per hour first year, \$8.50 per hour returning second year and \$8.75 per hour returning third and subsequent years for the following departments: two (2) positions at the Department on Aging; one (1) position at the Office of Community and Economic Development; two (2) positions at the Department of Water Resources; one (1) position at the Dog Shelter; one (1) position at the County Home; and one (1) position at the Maintenance Department.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COLIN FARAGHER O'CONNOR ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-060 Honoring Colin Faragher O'Connor for Achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-060*

*Date: March 19, 2013*

***A RESOLUTION HONORING COLIN FARAGHER O'CONNOR FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE  
SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, lifesaving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Colin Faragher O'Connor is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Colin Faragher O'Connor provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Colin Faragher O'Connor's Eagle Scout project consisted of designing and building four benches, a scoreboard and landscaping at a baseball diamond located at St. Anselm School in Chesterland;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Colin Faragher O'Connor for service to his community and the Scouts of America;*

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

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

**OTHER - NEOSCC**

*Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool wanted to make sure the Board was aware that the group NEOSCC (North East Ohio Sustainable Community Consortium) was in the county last*

*Wednesday and spoke at the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA). Mr. Claypool expressed that a group of county citizens were present to listen to their presentation. Ms. Samide added that the group had also been at a Family First meeting on Monday. Mr. Claypool claimed that the group was going around to various counties in northeast Ohio doing an AI analysis of impediments for a requirement of a HUD grant, as well as doing scenario planning. Mr. Claypool expressed that what this group was doing was going to impact Geauga County and that he was very concerned about where he saw this group going. Mr. Claypool stated that he had received a copy of the HUD grant, which is funded by the sustainable community consortium which is a combination of HUD, the Department of Transportation and the EPA and is being guided by NOACA, which is acting as the fiscal agent. Mr. Claypool stated that he felt the outcome was pre-determined, that in taking the grant they listed the outcome of the regional planning effort and are just gathering results of what they want to accomplish. Mr. Claypool expressed that their AI analysis was a sham, that Anita Stocker from Community Development who was present at the meeting challenged them, noting that her office does analysis for HUD and their results were different. Mr. Claypool went on to express he felt it was scary that the gentleman who was the consultant sent from Oregon stated that if they find a problem that it is required by HUD that they cure the problem. Mr. Claypool stated that they discovered that Geauga County discriminates and doesn't have enough low income individuals, therefore the cure will come from HUD policy. Mr. Claypool expressed concern about where this is headed and asked the Board to become more informed, adding that this group was meshing the whole*

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*regional effort, and that regionalism will not be good for Geauga County. Mr. Claypool added that what is good for Cuyahoga county is not good for Geauga county. Ms. Samide explained that at the Family First meeting she stated that the leadership of Geauga County has pushed back on that and that they were not for sustainable communities, adding that what they were trying to do was undermining what the leadership of the county wanted to do. Mr. Claypool stated that this group has sent surveys to people in Geauga County and that he had requested the list of to whom they were sent, adding that the survey was biased and steering. Ms. Samide expressed concern that the group was going around to the different departments within the county, like Mental Health, Metzenbaum and Fair Housing, adding that the Board was not interested in what they were doing and that they do not want the regional effect. Commissioner Jemison added that a memo should be sent to the departments explaining that the Board was not in agreement of what the group was doing and if they were contacted to direct them to the Commissioner's office. Mr. Lair added that Congressman David Joyce should also be contacted and expressed this concern to as well.*

**OTHER**

*Local resident Diane Jones presented the Board with a flyer regarding an upcoming free "FRACKING" conference being held on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Huntsburg at the town hall.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discipline of a public employee at the County Home.*

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

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. and no action was taken as a result of this executive session.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tues., 3/19 ADP meeting, 2:00 p.m.*

*Thu., 3/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/21 Feathers and Fleece 4H Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Munson Town Hall*

*Mon., 3/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m., Auditor's Office*

*Tues., 3/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 3/26 Investment Advisory Board meeting, following session in Chambers*

*Thu., 3/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session in Building #8, with a "State of Geauga" presentation by the County Auditor*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:46 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*