

Commissioners' Journal
August 29, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage at the Great Geauga County Fair located in Burton, 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 August 27, 2013.

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| <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> |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR BAND – CELEBRATING 75TH YEAR OF PERFORMING

Commissioner Jemison read the following resolution and asked the members of the band present to accept this following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-166

Date: August 29, 2013

***A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR BAND
ON CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH YEAR OF PERFORMING***

WHEREAS, Following the fair in 1936, Mr. Arzo M. Cheney, the Chardon High School Band Director and Mr. Clifton C. Rossiter, Geauga Fair Board member came up with the idea of having an all-county band and spent the remainder of 1936 and the beginning of 1937 on gathering individuals interested in joining and by the summer, they had begun practicing; and

WHEREAS, In 1938 the new all-county band played for the first time at the Geauga County Fair and have played every year ever since, quickly becoming known as the Geauga County Fair Band; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Fair Band also performs at many local festivals, parades, and concerts throughout the summer, and a smaller group of band members play at long term care facilities during the winter months. This seventy member, all-volunteer band gives the opportunity to musicians ages fifteen (15) and older while offering a variety of music that includes marches, musicals, TV and movies, along with baroque, classical, romantic, and patriotic; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Fair Band has had eleven band directors over the years, that include Clifton Rossiter from 1936 to 1941, Ebsel Phabe from 1942 to 1945, Ray Gerkowski from 1945 to 1949 and again from 1977 to 1979, Emil Scholle in 1950, Fred Austin from 1951 to 1954, William McLaughlin from 1955 to 1976, Bill Rudy from 1980 to 1983, Nick Licurie in 1984, Bob Alexander from 1985 to 1997, Jack Blazey from 1998 to 2003 and Greg Hillis from 2004 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Everyone is encouraged to experience this incredible group of musicians and celebrate their 75th year of performances during the Great Geauga County Fair; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Geauga County Fair Band on Celebrating their 75th year of performing.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-166 Honoring the Geauga County Fair Band on Celebrating their 75th Year of Performing.

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| <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> |

Commissioner Samide noted that watching and listening to the fair band is one of her favorite things to do during the fair. Mr. Jemison noted that his grandfather, Martin Merrifield played in the fair band back during the 40's or 50's.

Marianne Howard who is one of the charter members was present and noted that the pavilion where the meeting was held is named after her husband.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Jemison presented Fair Board President, Bob Rogish with a proclamation for Secretary of State, John Husted. Michelle Stys presented Mr. Rogish a proclamation on behalf of State Auditor David Yost recognizing the 191st celebration and for everything that is done in providing an educational platform for Ohio's youth.

Mr. Rogish expressed appreciation to the Commissioners and all the departments in the county, along with all the volunteers that make the fair happen every year, and the central community that comes out and supports the fair. Mr. Jemison thanked them for all that they do, noting that every year the fair gets better and better.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Jemison introduced the elected officials present for today's meeting, including County Engineer Joe Cattell, County Recorder Sharon Gingerich, County Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, County Auditor Frank Gliha, and State Senator John Eklund. Mr. Eklund stated that before he got into politics he had no idea of what people do day in and day out to make Geauga County the wonderful place to live that it is, but does now, having the privilege to serve for the last eighteen months and see every day what people do to make Ohio and Geauga County great and thank all you from the bottom of his heart.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REVISED APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE – APRON RECONSTRUCTION PHASE 2 – DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Business Manager Patty Fulop stated that they have an excellent FAA liaison and upon review by her of the past projects for application for the current project she discovered that the Engineer had already been paid for some of the Engineering that was going into the current project. Ms. Fulop stated that the Engineer had done the work when the runway was repaved and due to this the application needs to be revised to reflect the change in amount from \$115,563.00 down to \$88,600.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 for the AIP Project #3-39-0054-1613 Apron Reconstruction Phase 2 – Drainage Improvements reducing the amount requested from \$115,563.00 to \$88,600.00 (\$79,740.00 FAA Share, \$8,860.00 Local Match).

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| <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> |

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANT THROUGH THE US DOT FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Director Kristina Reider stated that this is the authorizing resolution allowing her to submit the

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proposal for next year's grant. Ms. Reider stated that ODOT had given them their allocation amount and they have built the proposal around those amounts. Ms. Reider stated that the Federal amount is \$618,232.00 and the State amount is \$171,105.00 which is all funding for operations. Ms. Reider stated that they were still working on the Capital amounts, so when the agreement comes back she will then have those amounts.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-167 Authorizing the Filing of a Proposal with the Ohio Department of Transportation for Grants through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for other than urbanized areas and funds available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and Executing a Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal approval.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County Ohio

Date: August 29, 2013

Resolution: #13-167

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE US DOT FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT LAWS, AS CODIFIED, 49 USC SECTION 5311, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER THAN URBANIZED AREAS AND FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON GRANT PROPOSAL APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the proposer, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;
WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of a proposal for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the proposer give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Proposer that disadvantaged business enterprise be used to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Geauga County Board of Commissioners

- 1. That the Director of Transportation is authorized to execute and submit (a) proposal(s) on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners with the Ohio Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of capital and operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311 and the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program.*
- 2. The Director of Transportation is authorized to execute and file with such proposal and assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.*
- 3. That the Director of Transportation is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to FTA.*
- 4. That the Director of Transportation is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative*

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disadvantaged business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project.

5. *That the President of the Board is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners with the Ohio Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of operating and capital assistance projects.*

6. *That the Director of Transportation is authorized to sign and submit quarterly and capital reimbursement invoices on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners as they have already taken action during public session for all expenses incurred by Transit for the previous quarter.*

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

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| <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> |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2013 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

County Administrator David Lair stated that every year the Board holds individual budget hearings with all the departments typically in September and October that usually last 30 to 45 minutes. These hearings allow the departments to make specific requests and talk about their needs. These hearings are open to the public, and ask that the Board to approve the schedule, with the understanding that often times it will change.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the following 2013 Budget Hearing Schedule:

| September | 5th | 12th | 24th | 26th |
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| 1:00 p.m. | Recorder | Sheriff | Board of DD | Soil & Water |
| 1:45 p.m. | Airport | Engineer | Mental Health | Community Develop |
| 2:30 p.m. | Law Library | Coroner* | Treasurer | Public Defender |
| 3:15 p.m. | Veterans | Clerk of Courts | Prosecutor | Building |
| 4:00 p.m. | | | | Commissioners |
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| October | 17th | 22nd | 24th | 29th |
| 1:00 p.m. | Auditor/ADP | Juv/Prob Court | Planning | Aging |
| 1:45 p.m. | Municipal Ct | Transit | Job & Family | Archives/Records |
| 2:30 p.m. | DES | Co Home | OSU Coop Ext* | Water Resources |
| 3:15 p.m. | Dog Warden | Maintenance | Bd of Elections | Common Pleas |

**Tentative*

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| <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

Mr. Jemison acknowledged that State Representative John Patterson was in attendance and asked if he would like to say a few words. Mr. Patterson stated that it is good to be here, explaining that he represents the Northeast corner including Thompson, Montville, Hambden, Huntsburg, Claridon and Chardon City are communities in his district. Mr. Patterson stated that it is a pleasure to be here and to work with the Commissioners, adding that it is a great day for weather and let's make this fair happen.

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

8/29 – 9/2 *Great Geauga County Fair, Burton*

Mon., 9/2 ***County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.***

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- Tue., 9/3 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Thu., 9/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 9/5 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m. (pending approval –see above) Just approved*
- Tue., 9/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 9/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 9/11 Patriot Day – Remember 9-11-2001*
- Thu., 9/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Chambers. The Board will recess from that meeting and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. in Building #8 for a presentation by Habitat for Humanity.*
- Thu., 9/12 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m. (pending approval –see above) Just approved*
- Fri., 9/13 NOACA Annual Meeting, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Global Center for Health Innovation, Cleveland*

OTHER

Mr. Jemison asked the Elected Officials if anyone wanted to say a few words.

County Recorder Sharon Gingerich stated that they will be doing a joint program with the Veterans Commission to do Veterans I.D. cards. Ms. Gingerich showed a sample of what the card will look like, adding that active duty and retired veterans currently receive a card, but if you are not active duty or a veteran retired from the military you do not get an I.D. card and are required to carry paperwork, so this will eliminate the need to carry all that. Ms. Gingerich noted that once the machine is up and running that they will be having a sidewalk party in front of the Recorder's Office.

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that the public can see us working everywhere, that it is his eighth month as Engineer, they have been busy and it has been great serving the people.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz stated that he wanted to give an update that the new dedicated Felony Prosecutor will start on September 9th and will be a welcome addition to the staff and thanked the Commissioners for their support on that. Mr. Flaiz noted that this will help eliminate some of the back log on cases and he is looking forward to the fair.

State Senator Capri Cafaro who represents the Northeast corner of Geauga County, stated that she is honored and privileged to be here, and for the first time representing a small portion of Geauga County, that includes Thompson, Montville, Hambden, Huntsburg, Claridon, Aquilla Village and Chardon City. Ms. Cafaro added that it was wonderful to be here and part of the celebration of the 191st year of the fair. Ms. Cafaro briefly explained that she has been doing legislative briefs in the area on a monthly basis.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB

Mr. Jemison asked the 4-H club to come forward, stating that again this year have raised several hundred dollars and that this is the 9th year for doing this, and if you round it out, they have raised almost \$25,000.00 in total for our local Hunger Task Force.

Mr. Jemison read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-165

Date: August 29, 2013

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RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB

WHEREAS, 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club organized and sponsored the Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition, a community service project under the direction of their 4-H Advisor Marcia Reilly; and

WHEREAS, this is the ninth year for the Annual 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition is open to all 4-H club members from the age of five through eighteen and is based on a point system for the number of non-perishable food items or cash donations collected by each club, with bonus points given to clubs who registered for the competition by the deadline; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Clubs collecting in various areas and by various means throughout the county include: Geauga – Jr. Leadership Club, Granny's Kids, Golden Thimbles & Options, Geauga Livestock, Swingin' Hams, Breeders and Feeders, Greener Fields, Feathers and Fleece, Geauga Prime Time, Geauga Jr. Genealogists- Memory Keepers, Bunny Bunch, Riders Express, Crops n Spurs, Braided n Banded, Geauga Dairymen, Geauga Beef and Swine, Geauga County Clothing Clubs, Auburn Swine and the Hare Raisers; and

WHEREAS, the final collection of non-perishable items took place at the Geauga County Fairground Rabbit Barn which they loaded into cardboard boxes and delivered in a truck provided through Job and Family Services to the Geauga Hunger Task Force for disbursement within Geauga County. This year they collected 1,751 items. The monetary donations total of \$2,748.79 will be presented to the Geauga Hunger Task Force during the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Session at the Great Geauga County Fair on August 29, 2013; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for their outstanding dedication and service to Geauga County, Geauga Hunger Task Force, 4-H and for organizing this cooperative and beneficial community service project; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #13-165 Honoring 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for organizing and sponsoring the Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon.

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| <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> |

Ms. Samide stated that what you do for the least of those who have nothing and that are hungry says volumes about your character and that we want to thank you. Mr. Jemison thanked the Hunger Task Force what they do, that often we only think about those people in need at the holidays, but this is a 365 day a year job and he just wanted to say thank you. Ed Petersen stated that the Hunger Task Force operates 7 pantries in Geauga County and can provide up to four meals for \$1.00, so through the hard work of these young people we will be able to provide over 10,000 meals to the hungry in Geauga County, so thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 21, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Auditor's: Citizens Financial Report for Geauga County, Year Ended December 31, 2012.*
- c) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for July 17, 2013.*

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- d) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending July 2013 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- e) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending July, 2013.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:31 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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