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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 11, 2012 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.

Commissioner Samide asked for a short moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001 and their families.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 6, 2012.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Department of Emergency fund for homeland security equipment funding; an Appropriation transfer for the Sheriff's 800 Communications fund due to the increased workload for the 800 system upgrade; and Travel requests for the Department of Job and Family Services and the Engineer's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-161 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 11, 2012.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESCIND MOTION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING #2 – SECOND AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT B-F-11-1AZ-1 - GRANT PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

Director Anita Stocker explained that after getting permission to advertise that they had neglected to send the advertisement to the paper, so these actions are to correct the mistake.

Commissioner Claypool inquired about the public hearing time being the same as the Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair explained that the Public Hearing is held here during the meeting. Ms. Stocker added that it is short hearing, giving notice to the public of the changes to the grant, and giving them a chance to say something. Mr. Claypool inquired about what the board was allowing the public to vote on, or have a say on. Ms. Stocker stated that the public does not get to vote, this hearing is to just notify them that the Board is making changes, moving funds from project to another. Commissioner Jemison added that it gives the public a chance to comment. Mr. Claypool was looking for clarification in terms of the actual approval of the project, and if the use of the grant had been approved for this project. Ms. Stocker explained that it had already been approved when the grant was approved, that the grant total amount remains the same, that this is to just move money within the grant. Ms. Stocker added that the grant had been approved, for the same number of projects, for the same activities, and that this happens with almost every grant, because you will often have lower than expected bids, or higher than expected bids, and things can be shifted as long as the grant amount remains the same. Mr. Jemison added that this is a re-allocation. Mr. Claypool added that the grant had been approved in terms of using the grant for something else; this discussion is to use the grant for back-up power supplies, questioning if the board had ever approved this money for that purpose. Mr. Jemison stated that the Board had approved back-up power generators, but not to this magnitude, but now the Board is able to allocate more funds and this

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will almost complete the project. Mr. Stocker noted that at the time they were looking at \$4,700.00 a generator, but now that they would be looking at buying in bulk they hoped to get more generators at a lesser price, but could not guarantee how many. Ms. Blair added that the Public Hearing that Mr. Claypool had attended this past June was for next year's Formula Grant projects; this public hearing to be held is for the same grant, but for the previous year's projects. Mr. Claypool's concern was the approval of the dollars to be used in a particular way, noting that he remembered a gentlemen coming in and stating that they wanted to do a certain number, and having them placed in so many homes, like around three. Ms. Blair noted that the Board had approved the previous year to do a certain number and this was for an additional number to finish the homes. Mr. Claypool added that the funds had been allocated to do something different, a parking lot, etc., this additional money had never been approved for this use in terms of the back-up power, inquiring about the approval process for taking the funds and stating that it should be used in this way. Ms. Stocker added that the parking lot was still being done and that it had come in under budget, and that the approval process had already happened, noting that when the Public Hearing was held for the first amendment, removing Auburn Fire Department and the Newbury Sidewalks, that Maple Leaf Community Residences had been added in. At this next Public Hearing, #2 we will be removing the Chardon Log Cabin. Mr. Claypool stated that somewhere in the stream of discussion there is an actual approval for the money in the pot to be used in a particular way. Mr. Claypool stated that holding a public hearing so the public can have a say, but in the end not making a difference as it will still go a particular way. Ms. Stocker explained that the Commissioners can choose that this is how they want to spend the money, and that it is recommended to make those statements during the public hearing, and then the Board has the option of approving or not approving the amendment. The State then will send another document asking for approval or not of the amendment, noting that if the funds are not used they go back to the State. Mr. Claypool stated that we should take the grant, but not use it and send it back to the Federal Government and tell them to use it to pay down the debt and see if the debt clock will roll backwards, adding that he apologizes for all the questions. Ms. Stocker added that this had been the most confusing grant they had ever worked and are fighting with it to the finish.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to rescind the motion from August 30, 2012 that read: grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #2 on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. for the second amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-11-IAZ-1 to eliminate the Chardon Log Cabin Demolition (\$14,300.00), Decrease the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Project (\$10,000.00), and Increase the Maple Leaf Community Residences (\$24,300.00). Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on September 6, 2012.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #2 on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. for the second amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-11-IAZ-1 to eliminate the Chardon Log Cabin Demolition (\$14,300.00), Decrease the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Project (\$10,000.00), and Increase the Maple Leaf Community Residences (\$24,300.00). Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on September 13, 2012.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER #1

Ms. Stocker explained that the Parking Lot Improvements had come in way under budget, noting that some of the things in the specifications were to do things as inexpensively as possible. Ms. Stocker noted that they had been informed that seniors were tripping over a curb, that a sidewalk had cracked due to slope towards the building instead of away, and that a light pole had been discovered to be right in the middle of the parking area, so with the extra funds in the allocation they are going to fix the slope and the sidewalk, move the light pole, and add in curb stops for

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the dumpsters to be moved to a better location. Mr. Claypool inquired about the location of the community center. Ms. Stocker noted that it was across the street from the South Franklin Cemetery between Country Lane and the square. Mr. Claypool added that Ms. Stocker and her team due a fantastic job, noting that they take a lot of gruff from him, but that they do a lot of heavy lifting.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Infinity Paving Company for the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Improvement Project (under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1) in the amount of \$7,636.00.

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

COMMON PLEAS COURT / CTF – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BOND

IT Systems Administrator Jim Walsh explained that the project had been implemented and the license was being made available to be county wide. This would allow anyone interested to get on board with the document imaging system, even with their own servers. Mr. Walsh stated that any additional functionality and implementation would be separate, but it is a solid product and retrieval works well. Mr. Claypool inquired about the amount of images in terms of space and if there was a plan in place for the anticipated increase of space that may be needed. Mr. Walsh stated that in the Common Pleas Court the retention period is permanent, and space would have to be expanded as needed, and that if it became too large, they would have to look into external storage. Mr. Jemison noted that it is cheaper to buy disk drives than it is to build a building to store the paper. The county has two NAS (Network Attached Storage) arrays, one at the Sheriff's Office and one at the Auditor's Office with up to ten or twelve terabytes that can be expanded. Brief discussion took place about the server space being the responsibility of the individual departments with the specifications approved by the ADP Board for each situation.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Vista Solutions Group for the Document Management System for the Common Pleas Court and Clerk of Courts as all specifications have been met.

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

OTHER – GOODBYE

Mr. Walsh took the opportunity to say goodbye to the Board, noting that it had been a hard decision to leave, but that opportunities like this only come along once in a while. Mr. Walsh stated that he would be going to work for the Lake County Common Pleas Court and helping them establish a program as they process four times the volume of what is done in Geauga County.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - NEW HIRE APPOINTMENTS

Anita Rohl explained that she was presenting their three new hire appointments. Ms. Helm's is a new part-time position that was created to help with Human Services increased demand of services, noting emergency services having the highest need. Ms. Rohl noted that Ms. Helm came from Portage County where she had been doing a similar position. Ms. Rohl stated that Ms. Fire was a replacement for Social Services Worker II that is part of the ongoing program. Ms. Fire comes with a Bachelor's degree and a Masters in Counseling, noting that she wanted to do direct service with clients. Ms. Rohl explained that the third position for Social Service Worker I is a replacement part-time position due to the overwhelming need from the Courts asking the social workers to do more supervised visits. Ms. Burton had previously worked at the department for three years and had left, and is now back working part-time. Mr. Jemison inquired if these positions were in the budget. Ms. Rohl noted that Mr. Taylor had spoken with Mr. Lair and this really was only an increase of one part-time position.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the following new hire appointments of the Director of Job and Family Services, as

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Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners hiring process:

Melissa Helm, Eligibility / Referral Specialist 1 (new, Part-time) Effective June 18, 2012
Ashley Fire, Social Services Worker 2 (replacement) Effective July 30, 2012
Lauren Burton, Social Services Worker 1 (replacement, Part-time) Effective August 16, 2012

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PROTECT-O-SEAL, INCORPORATED

Director Glen Vernick explained that this contract was to seal and stripe the senior center parking lot located on Ravenwood Drive. Ms. Bell has an event coming up on the 19th and would like to get this completed before then. Mr. Claypool inquired if this was in the budget. Mr. Vernick noted that this was included as part of the five year plan he had for alternating the parking lots so they are not done every year at the same time.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Protect-O-Seal, Incorporated to perform Asphalt Sealcoating, Crack filling and Line Striping at the Senior Mental Health Center Parking Lot for the Year 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$8,650.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – CHARDON TOMORROW – USE OF COUNTY PARKING LOT - BREWFEST FUNDRAISER

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute an Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chardon Tomorrow to allow the use of the county parking lot located at 470 Center Street, in Chardon for the purposes of parking for their volunteer workers during the Chardon Brew Fest fundraising event on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHER – APOLOGY

Mr. Claypool wanted to apologize to Ms. Joni Stusek for session the other day, that in his exuberance to make a public comment on the whole grant thing, it sounded as if he was beating up on Ms. Stusek. Mr. Claypool stated that he was not, and that he is not, he feels strongly about this particular issue and the dialogue was aimed at informing the audience and the Commissioners. Mr. Claypool noted that the Board cannot go behind closed doors and have a conversation that it has to be done in public and sometimes that exuberance can bleed over and sound as if they are attacking the individual sitting before the Board, and that is not the case. Ms. Stusek and Ms. Stocker do a great job in the department of Community Development and with the rules they are handed. Mr. Claypool noted that it is the rules that he has a problem with, not the people, that they do a great job. Local resident Walter Leagan stated that Mr. Claypool's apology was exemplary, and that his son Jim and he attend meetings regularly and that they understand that questions need to be asked of the Department Directors and that they are not being attacked. Mr. Claypool noted that he had a conversation with Ms. Stusek and that for him it is not personal, but that some people may take it that way. Mr. Claypool noted that he was used to those situations, but that other people may not be so used to that kind of environment. His comments the other day were not meant to be personal, that they were aimed at the system that is in place, and his objection to that system.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 29, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of August, 2012.*
- c) *The Geauga County Auditor's, Citizens Financial Report for Geauga County for the Year Ended December 31, 2011.*
- d) *The Geauga County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2011.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tues., 9/11 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Tues., 9/11 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 9/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Thu., 9/13 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Fri., 9/14 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 9/17 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tues., 9/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Tues., 9/18 Investment Advisory Committee meeting, following session, Chambers*
- Tues., 9/18 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Tues., 9/18 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees meeting, 4:00 p.m. Gates Mills Community House*
- Wed., 9/19 The Commissioners will attend the Department on Aging Annual meeting, 12:00 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Senior Center, Chardon*
- Thu., 9/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Thu., 9/20 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:38 A.M.***

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Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk