

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**February 21, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 21, 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, Tracy A. Jemison 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 Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 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>

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION –  
RELEASE BID/PERFORMANCE BOND – GOTTSCHALK BUILDING COMPANY**

*Business Manager Steve Tucker explained that this project involved the conversion of four (4) former classrooms into three rooms for adults, the addition of air conditioning for the old gym and nineteen (19) new windows along with some other improvements. Mr. Tucker noted that there had only been one change order on this project which totaled just over \$700.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Certificate of Final Completion for Gottschalk Building Company for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center Remodeling 2012 project and further release the Bid /Performance Bond, as all specifications have been met.*

<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 FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation to distribute the carryover balance in the General Fund; Cash transfers into the General Fund for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013 cost allocation payment for the Sheriff's 911 Program and the Office of Community and Economic Development; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2013 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development; a Contract for Vista Solution Group for the purchase of document imaging and management software in the amount of \$15,785.00; a Contract for Hardwood Flooring and Paneling, Incorporated d.b.a. Sheoga Hardwood Flooring for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund loan for the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$500,000.00; Travel requests for the Building Department and the Common Pleas Court; payments to Gottschalk Building Company in the amount of \$11,268.00 and Fogle/Stenzel Architects in the amount of \$1,290.00 for final payments for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Remodeling project for the Board of Developmental Disabilities; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 Bed Tax disbursements to the City of Chardon, Burton Village, Russell Township and the Geauga Tourism Council; and a payment to the Portage/Gauga Juvenile Detention Center for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013 in the amount of \$56,919.00. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the amount of a supplemental appropriation for the Prosecutor's office. Ms. Delaney stated that it was the amount that had been requested by the Prosecutor, totaling \$37,707.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-038 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 21, 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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AGREEMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – STEPHEN CICIRETTO, A.I.A. – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

*Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis explained that the notice of award had been done last week, and this action was to approve the agreement and notice to proceed so that they may get started on the Huntsburg ADA Gymnasium project. Ms. Belconis noted that this was in connection with the B-F-12 Formula Grant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Stephen Ciciretto, A.I.A. for Professional Services to Geauga County in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2012 Huntsburg Township Gymnasium ADA Renovation 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Stephen Ciciretto, A.I.A. for Professional Services for the Huntsburg Township Gymnasium ADA Renovation project, under Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1.*

<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>

MAINTENANCE – CLOSE POSTING – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

*Director Glen Vernick stated that as it turned out, the second position advertised wasn't needed at this time. Mr. Vernick added that recently hired maintenance worker Bob Anderson was doing really well.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to close the current posting for Maintenance Worker (#1904), as the position will not be filled at this time.*

<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>

MAINTENANCE – RELEASE BID /PERFORMANCE BONDS – MARGARET SACKEL D.B.A. ACME CLEANING AND ARTISAN CLEANING COMPANY – JANITORIAL SERVICES

*Mr. Vernick explained that the following requests were some housekeeping on contracts, as these represent old bid/performance bonds that need to be released. Mr. Vernick noted that the contracts had been fulfilled and completed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve releasing the Bid / Performance Bond for Margaret Sackel d.b.a. Acme Cleaning for the Janitorial Services at the Courthouse for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, as all specifications have been met.*

<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 releasing the Bid /Performance Bond for Artisan Cleaning Company for the Janitorial Services at the Courthouse Annex for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, as all specifications have been met.*

<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>

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve releasing the Bid / Performance Bond for Artisan Cleaning Company for the Janitorial Services at the Opera House for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, as all specifications have been met.*

<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 – ACKNOWLEDGE PETITION - RESOLUTION – GRANT  
ANNEXATION OF LANDS – MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE**

*Commissioner Jemison stated that Tom Lee, attorney for Middlefield Village and Mayor Ben Garlich were present to comment and to answer any questions. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Laura LaChapelle explained that this annexation was filed as an expedited Type 1, noting that all property owners of lands sought to be annexed, and that the consent of all parties have been obtained, from the Village, Middlefield Township, and Cardinal School District, and because everyone is in agreement, this is a relatively simple process. Ms. LaChapelle stated that the Board of County Commissioners are required to confirm that the petition is in order and with signatures and dates of all parties, an accurate legal description and map of the annexed territory has been provided, and that a requirement that the agent's name is disclosed and has been met. Also required to be provided is a list of tracts and any parcels adjacent to or across the street from the property to be annexed. Ms. LaChapelle continued that this process does not require a hearing or a formal notification process to be followed. The petitioners to this request have to sign off on their right to subsequently appeal this action, which is why the Board of County Commissioners is not required to have a hearing, because all interested parties have signed off. Ms. LaChapelle stated that once the board has passed this resolution, the Commissioners' Clerk sends the required documents to the municipality, and 30 days after receipt of those documents by the Village, the annexation becomes effective. It was stated that Mayor Garlich had engineered a deal that is good for everyone, including the school system, the township, and the village. Mayor Garlich remarked that this annexation results in an 11% increase in village size, with this annexation all being prime industrial property which meets the needs of a major employer to expand, and expressed his appreciation for all the assistance from Geauga County, including the Planning department, Prosecutor's office, and the Commissioners' Clerk, adding that it is nice to be from a small village and small county. Mr. Jemison stated that this property has been discussed for a number of years, but the Mayor was able to put this together where everyone wins and jobs will be added, and that Jim Schill's bullish attitude and planned \$25 million dollar investment is great for the community, think of the benefit to the schools. Mr. Jemison concluded that the exciting part is that there is future potential that would not have been possible without this great effort from everyone. Local businessman Dick Bonner stated that he wanted to thank everyone, and would like to thank Mayor Garlich in particular, as he had tried to do this without success ten years ago, but Mayor Garlich accomplished this by bringing everyone together. Mr. Lee stated that the Media impact should be very positive with Chem Technology's involvement. Mayor Garlich stated that prime property in Middlefield has been underutilized, so the village water and sewer infrastructure has been underutilized as well, but we have everything we need to be a prime industrial area. Commissioner Samide stated that will certainly help the schools. Mr. Lee stated that annexations have typically been acrimonious over the years, but this one was not, adding that there is a current annexation bill being discussed at the state level and is it being analyzed along the general outline of the expedited process. This is the first time that Middlefield Township will receive some income tax by virtue of this structure and the township revenue stream will increase and benefit; the school district has agreed to tax abatement for phase one of the project. The village has agreed to be grandfathered by a 1994 agreement which has now been changed to allow the school board to be part of these agreements going forward. Mr. Lee stated that the result will be jobs and a lot of cooperation. Mr. Jemison noted that the school gets a property tax increase, and Mayor Garlich added that prior to this, some of the property involved sat as a corn field and the school got basically nothing, but under this process the school will see an increase. It was noted that Middlefield Township gets 10% of income tax from employees working within the annexed area, with no sunset on this revenue, which will more than double their income previously realized on property tax for this area. Mr. Lee stated that some of the previous abatements agreed to in the area are starting to fall off and school is now seeing benefits, adding that the Village is going to amend the current CRA with its typical 10 year abatement, and this will allow the school to benefit immediately. Mr. Lee concluded that we had a lot of struggles to pull this process together in a relatively short period of time, and thanked*

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*Joe Cattell and Paul Kucharski from the Engineer's office, Bob Kolcum from the Auditor's office, and Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair for being extremely helpful, and Laura LaChapelle as well, and that this action was something for everyone to be proud of. In response to a question from local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool as to why was this necessary, why couldn't this development simply go forward in the township, Mayor Garlich explained that alternative properties nearby didn't meet the standards for this project, and the developer wanted to go forward with this property as being the most attractive, and that the needed water and sewer could only be extended to this property if it became part of the village. Mr. Lee added that most communities have a strict policy that water and sewer only comes with annexation, as the revenue from income tax acts to subsidize this connection, as tap-in fees do not cover the true costs of the connection. Mayor Garlich added that since half the village revenue comes from income tax, maintaining a policy of requiring annexation for needed tap in to village infrastructure was necessary.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge receipt of a Petition for Annexation, that which includes an Annexation Agreement, and further approve and execute Resolution #13-048 to Grant the Annexation of Lands Owned by Bonner Farms WV LLC and RJJ Properties LLC to Middlefield Village, Geauga County, Ohio, Pursuant to O.R.C. 709.022.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

*Resolution: #13-048*

***RESOLUTION TO GRANT THE ANNEXATION OF LANDS OWNED BY BONNER FARMS WV LLC AND RJJ PROPERTIES LLC TO MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 709.022***

*WHEREAS, Bonner Farms WV LLC and RJJ Properties LLC , in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 709.022, petitioned the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners") to grant the annexation of 203.250 acres of territory ("Territory"); and*

*WHEREAS, the petition was submitted with the consent of the Village of Middlefield, Middlefield Township and the Cardinal Local School District; and*

*WHEREAS, the petition was filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and was entered upon the Board's journal on February 21, 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, the Territory sought to be annexed is owned solely by Bonner Farms WV LLC and RJJ Properties LLC (the "Owners") , is located entirely within Middlefield Township, Geauga County, Ohio, and is contiguous to the boundary of Middlefield Village; and*

*WHEREAS, the petition signed, dated and filed by the Owners contains an accurate legal description of the perimeter of the Territory, is accompanied by an accurate map/plat of the Territory proposed for annexation, contains the notice provision required by O.R.C. 709.022(B) and the name of the person designated to act as agent for the petitioners;*

*WHEREAS, at the time of filing the petition for annexation, the agent for the petitioners also filed with the clerk a list of all parcels in the territory proposed for annexation, and all parcels located adjacent to that territory or directly across the road from it when the road is adjacent to it, including the name and mailing address of the owner of each parcel and the permanent parcel number; and*

*WHEREAS, a certified copy of the Annexation Agreement between Middlefield Township, the Cardinal Local School District, Middlefield Village and the Owners is attached to the petition.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that the Petition for Annexation be granted in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 709.022.***

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Territory annexed shall be part of Middlefield Village, and the inhabitants residing in the Territory shall have all the rights and privileges of the inhabitants residing within the original limits of the Village.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Council of Middlefield Village, the Board of Trustees of Middlefield Township, the Board of Education of the Cardinal Local School District, the Geauga County Auditor, the Geauga County Recorder, and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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 CUB SCOUT PACK 91 – ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-039 Honoring Cub Scout Pack 91, for Achieving the Arrow of Light Award, the Highest Achievement in Cub Scouting.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-039*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

***A RESOLUTION HONORING CUB SCOUT PACK 91, MUNSON TOWNSHIP FOR  
ACHIEVING THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD, THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  
IN CUB SCOUTING***

*WHEREAS, The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting that could be earned by a Webelos Scout; and*

*WHEREAS, To earn the Arrow of Light Award a Webelos must be active in his den and have completed the third grade, have earned the Webelos badge, and earned eight (8) activity badges in addition to the three already earned for the Webelos badge that include Fitness, Citizen, Readyman, and Outdoorsman; and*

*WHEREAS, Webelos can also work towards achieving the Compass Point Emblem and Compass Points of East, West, North and South; and*

*WHEREAS, the Webelos, in addition to the badges that require skill and activity they must also know the Scout Promise, Scout Law and have attended one meeting and one activity of a Boy Scout Troop; and*

*WHEREAS, By the time a Webelos Scout earns the Arrow of Light Award he will have learned many things about a variety of subjects – and a lot about Boy Scouting and will be ready to join a Boy Scout troop; and*

*WHEREAS, When a Webelos completes all of the requirements, he has earned the right to wear the Arrow of Light badge, which will be presented during a ceremony at a Pack meeting; and*

*WHEREAS, the following boys have achieved the Arrow of Light Award: Cooper Allison, Joe Soncrant, John Breznay, Kyle Crawford, and Josh Campbell; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes the above Webelos Cub Scouts for achieving their Arrow of Light Award;*

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOPS  
FOR ACHIEVING THEIR BRONZE AWARD**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-040 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #11 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 13-040  
*Date:* February 21, 2013

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #11 FOR ACHIEVING  
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth or fifth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #11; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #11 earned their Bronze Award by developing a walking trail at the future Auburn Community Park. Junior Girl Scout Troop #11 designed and developed a plan for trail and had it approved by the Auburn Trustees and then began construction by marking the length of trail, clearing an entrance, removing debris, and leveling the ground. Research was done to identify the trees for signs that were mounted along the trail. It is anticipated that the park will be open in the spring 2014 to the community. Junior Girl Scout Troop #11 award recipients are McKenna Benjamin, Sarah Bennett, Cassandra Berlin, Jenna Bornstein, Isabella Coward, Keenan Garceau, Maddie MacKenzie, Emma Magyarics, Viktoria Pozwick, Charlotte Trabbic and Ali Zellman with Marie Trabbic, Lisa Bennett, and Carol Magyarics as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #11 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-041 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #821 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-041*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #821 FOR ACHIEVING  
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth or fifth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #821; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #821 earned their Bronze Award by partnering with the Coats for Kids coat drive, designing a flyer and canvassing neighborhoods for collection in the Kenston community. Once collected the coats were washed and then delivered to the warehouse. Junior Girl Scout Troop #821 helped sort through hundreds of coats, making sure they properly zipped, buttoned and snapped before being distributed. Junior Girl Scout Troop #821 award recipients are Abby Bednar, Savanna Brownfield, Shelby Brownfield, Sydney Brownfield, Mandy Glime, Dana Kleinman, Anna Ortner, McKenna Sawyer, Riley Seifrit, Sarah Soryal, Chloe Thomas, Hailey Vargo, Maggie Willkomm, and Marin Zoretich with Rebecca Soryal, Suzy Bednar, and Cherie Vargo as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #821 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-042 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-042*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #1973 FOR ACHIEVING  
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

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*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth or fifth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973 chose to promote early literacy for preschool aged children by constructing themed ABC books and donating them to area preschools. Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973 collected children's books, videos, and CD's for WomenSafe. Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973 award recipients are Gina Artali, Amelia Broadbent, Kayleigh Fisher, Sydney Henry, Sophia Kushner, Allison Lennon, Julia Morey, Sarah Richardson, Daniela Salvini, and Jenna Wrona with Angela Broadbent and Joanne Wrona as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #1973 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOPS FOR ACHIEVING THEIR SILVER AWARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-043 Honoring Cadette Troop #980 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-043*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

***RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #980 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Kenston Girl Scout Troop #980; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #980 earned their Silver Award by exploring friendships, 'paying it forward' and groups that perform random acts of kindness. Cadette Scout*



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*Troop #980 learned that a simple act of kindness can start waves throughout a community, by doing individual acts of kindness to those who needed help, cheering up, or was going through a difficult time. As a troop they prepared a dinner for a family who was grieving and baked cookies to cheer up someone in the community. Cadette Scout Troop #980 award recipients are Elizabeth Castro, Kendra Henderson, Jacqueline Jeromin, Angela Kotara, Isabelle Krzys, Elise Markley, Kate Moss and Emily Thomas with Loretta Krzys, Jennifer Jeromin, and Lori Markley as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #980 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-044 Honoring Cadette Troop #1394 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-044*

*Date: February 21, 2013*

**RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #1394 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Kenston Girl Scout Troop #1394; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #1394 earned their Silver Award by learning about the media's impact on society and self-image, along with the negative results of bullying. Cadette Scout Troop #1394 worked with the school administration to raise awareness of bullying in schools. They established the first Tuesday of each month as "Stand Up Against Bullying" day, encouraging students to wear blue. Ribbons, posters and wristbands were created and distributed, along with production of a "Stand Up Against Bullying" video that was played on BOMBER TV; in addition to empowering their peers with the statement of "Words Hurt, Silence is Worse". Cadette Scout Troop #1394 award recipients are Mia Bester, Katherine Blazek, Mackensie Bush, Emma Edwards, Sarah Eshelman, Savanna Fee, Dana Kapcio, Abby Knittel, Ashlee Knittel, Kaitlin McGrath, Lauren Obman, Emily Richardson, Annie Rizzo, Samantha*

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*Secura, Madison Spicuzza, and Sarah Ward with Melanie Knittel, Andrea Eshelman, and Traci Fee as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #1394 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-045 Honoring Cadette Troop #844 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 13-045*  
*Date: February 21, 2013*

***RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #844 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Kenston Girl Scout Troop #844; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #844 earned their Silver Award by “cleaning up our community and recycling in a creative manner”, which they did by clearing debris from road-sides in Auburn, Bainbridge, the shores of LaDue Reservoir and all of the Kenston School grounds. Cadette Scout Troop #844 organized a community clothing drive and collected over one hundred (100) bags for Goodwill and the Sunshine Thrift Shop. On National Recycling Day they held an “Earth is our Home” program along with a crayon recycling program throughout Geauga County. Cadette Scout Troop #844 award recipients are Erica Adams, Meghan Crystal, Rebecca Clossin, Maria D’Amico, Megan Hadar, Lily Oglesbee, Olivia Mathis, and Katie Smith with Kim Mathis and Theresa Crystal as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #844 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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<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 Resolution #13-046 Honoring Cadette Troop #355 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 13-046  
*Date:* February 21, 2013

**RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #355 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Kenston Girl Scout Troop #355; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #355 earned their Silver Award by refurbishing a flower garden at the Centerville Mills Park by clearing the old plants and debris and filling it with an assortment of plants and flowers. In addition, the girls refurbished the birdhouses that were in poor condition creating a welcome area for visitors and nature. Cadette Scout Troop #355 award recipients are Samantha Adams, Katie Hajek, Maggie Krause, Emma R. Leonetti, Morgan Measures and Chloe Sferra with Cheri Measures and Lydia Hajek as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #355 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING EMMA LARKIN-GERO FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-047 Honoring Emma Larkin-Gero for Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Highest Honor in Girl Scouting.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 13-047  
*Date:* February 21, 2013

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**RESOLUTION HONORING EMMA LARKIN-GERO FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT  
GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in grades ninth through twelfth. In order to achieve the individual Gold Award, a girl scout must complete the required seven-step project, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, Emma Larkin-Gero is a member of Girl Scout Troop #1415, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Emma Larkin-Gero, for her Gold Award designed, constructed and created the Kenston Fitness Trails which are located on the Kenston School's campus, and run behind Kenston High School and Timmons Elementary. Emma Larkin-Gero made and placed identification tags on trees, created a key, and came up with age appropriate activities and lessons, which she placed in binders and presented to each of the schools; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Emma Larkin-Gero for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 2/21 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management, Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 p.m. in Warren*

*Thu., 2/21 Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated Board of Trustees Meeting 4:00 p.m., Mayfield Village Civic Center*

*Mon., 2/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Mon., 2/25 Family First, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health and Recovery Services*

*Tues., 2/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 2/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 2/28 NOACA Transportation Plan 2035 at 2:00 p.m. in Cleveland*

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**OTHER – DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

*Ms. Samide asked that prayers be given for the recovery of Kathy Petrella, Acting Director of the Department on Aging, who had been hospitalized last night.*

**OTHER – RESIDENT QUESTIONS / SUGGESTIONS**

*Local resident Mr. Claypool offered a suggestion that the Board might consider using a microphone at the board table to aid in the audience being able to hear, especially during meetings when crowd size might make hearing board discussions difficult for people toward the back of the room.*

*Brian Johnston, retired Sheriff's Deputy and Burton Village Councilman asked for clarification from the Board regarding ability to rehire retired county employees and the Commissioners' involvement in funding salary budget accounts, in light of actions which had been previously taken that affected the County Coroner's budget. Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle advised Mr. Johnston that since this matter was still in litigation, it would not be appropriate for the Commissioners to comment on it at this time.*

**OTHER – FRACKING**

*Local resident Diane Jones expressed her appreciation for the time the Commissioners provided, and introduced Kathleen Webb and Kathryn Hanratty, who expressed concerns regarding fracking. They asked that this exploration process not be rushed, in order to protect households, groundwater, and local tourism, adding that a lot of farmers are interested in exploring the opportunity of entering into petroleum leases, but the cleanliness of their soil is important. They stated that there is an impending US EPA investigation into fracking, to be released in 2014, and that it would be prudent to wait until the study is released. They advised that the public should make sure the study is complete and thorough, and there should be complete disclosure of all chemicals and compounds used, as exploration companies guard these "recipes", but citizens and first responders need to know. They asked to expand the conversation toward a shared discussion on employment, energy, preservation of traditions and way of life. Mr. Jemison stated that he had spoken with State Senators Eklund and Patterson regarding the disclosure of chemicals used, and that our hazmat teams need to know where and when these substances are being transported through our county, and while it may not be a public record, local hazmat teams need to have this information on specific chemicals being transported in order to protect the public. Full disclosure is what everyone wants, but the disclosure of proprietary information at least to first responders could be a middle ground. The Sheriff should be able to stop a tanker and check for documentation, and they don't currently have that authority. Ms. Samide stated that she wants to know what happens when methane is released into the atmosphere during the fracking process, to know the other effects that this practice might have on air quality, and added that Kent State University had a presentation entitled "Promise or Peril" last night which gave both sides from technical experts and would be a good source to know if there is an air quality issue. It was stated that Steven Corsa said in a Colorado School of Public Health document that within ½ mile of the first frack you are exposed to an elevated risk of cancer, adding that results can vary based on local topography. Local resident Kathryn Whitright stated that medical people will need to know contents of fracking fluids to be able to respond, to which Mr. Jemison added that disclosure to emergency responders will hopefully be agreed upon as a middle ground, and that provision was originally in SB 315 but that it was pulled. Ms. Hanratty stated that she wanted to talk about water quality and asked why any possible threat to groundwater could be considered an acceptable risk, as spills, well failures, gas leaks are certain to happen, because accidents happen. Water is the most precious and valuable resource on earth, and water used in this process is completely consumptive, whereas most industrial and agricultural water use is recycled. Ms. Hanratty added that while industry is working on ways to recycle, it is not cost-effective. Ms. Hanratty stated the industry estimates that 4.5 million gallons are used in a typical well, but in reality, over 10 million gallons can be used and as much as over 20 million has been used in some cases. Sometimes they just drop a pipe into a river and this is most damaging to the ecological system. Ms. Hanratty added that Ohio's regulations are not strong enough, that we have the chance now to put into place some protections, and that the county can do some things, like refuse to transfer water from county property, and actively promote baseline well water testing. Ms. Hanratty stated that the suggested area radius most prevalent is 3 miles from any shale drilling site, but there is not enough data currently available to know for sure, suggesting that the county could require exploration firms to offer EPA certified testing to homeowners and give homeowners the right to obtain independent testing as well. Baseline testing of surface water could also be required, and we should actively encourage education and invite the Geauga County Soil and Water District to step up citizen patrols of*

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*water sources, adding that the Sierra Club is active in this. We can invite consulting groups like Frack Tracker to study water migration, as it would be good to map aquifers to determine migration paths, and concluded that we need to think hard about a long-term look at the potential consequences.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that it would have been nice to have some balance in this discussion, and asked for five minutes to refute. Ms. Whitright addressed the Commissioners, stating that on April 4<sup>th</sup> Munson Township would be holding another meeting and are hoping there will be good balance at that time. The commissioners were presented with a resolution that Newbury Township had passed on February 2nd, and presenters present stated their hope that the commissioners would be thinking about the environment. They stated that Ft. Collins, Colorado had enacted a ban on this practice last night, and stated that Newbury, Claridon, Chester, and Russell Townships, along with Burton Village have passed resolutions requesting increased local control. They concluded that we can live without gas and oil, but not without water, and we have something special here to take care of. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if they should focus on the City of Akron, given their large land holdings in the county and control of surface water, to which Mr. Jemison agreed, stating yes, they have the largest area in the county. Mr. Jemison stated that there is recycling going on now as part of the fracking process, and it is becoming economically viable. Kathy Flora from Thompson stated that the counter argument to these concerns has been the amount of jobs and economic growth promised, but that a Cornell University study showed that rural regions depending heavily on resource extraction have seen bad long-term effects, with 26 such western counties having lower levels of education and fewer economic opportunities overall. Ms. Flora added that Pennsylvania has seen its unemployment go up from 2011 to 2012, despite the drilling boom, even though they have become the third largest gas producer in the country; hospitals in western North Dakota have seen their combined debt rise sharply, as is the case in Pennsylvania, as communities suffer during the boom and suffer long-term problems. Ms. Samide stated that she wanted to mention that in North Dakota some were proposing removing property taxes because of the boom; Ms. Flora responded that communities build this entire infrastructure to support the boom, and then it gets abandoned. The shale boom could be our next housing boom, followed by a downturn.*

*Ms. Jones presented to the commissioners a DVD presentation by Deborah Rogers of Dallas called "The Economics of Fracking", gave Mr. Spidalieri a copy of some documentation that she believed he had not yet seen, encouraging him to review the section dealing with the adverse effects of drilling on livestock. Ms. Jones stated that she had been trying to contact Senator Eklund and is hopeful that there will be a healthy discussion about it, adding that raising livestock is not just a living; it is a way of life. While passing out additional documentation, she asked the Board to review certain sections, which requested the board to establish free water testing for residents. Referring to the DVD, Ms. Jones noted that it presented a point of view regarding the economics of fracking. She concluded that people should hold their leaders accountable to plan and mitigate, and look to the future. She thanked the audience for their time.*

*Mr. Jemison invited Mr. Claypool to request being on the agenda and that he could have ten minutes to give a presentation for viewing by the board. Mr. Claypool stated that the chemicals are easily found, but the specific formulations are hard to find, and advised those interested in entering into petroleum lease that when you do a contract, make sure the contract is sound. You don't see widespread problems where precautions are taken.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee.*

<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 at 12:02 a.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.*

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**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT INTERIM ACTING DIRECTOR – ADAM VAN BOXEL**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint Adam Van Boxel Interim Acting Director for the Department on Aging until Acting Director Kathy Petrella can resume her duties or until a Director is appointed.*

<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>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 6, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending January 2013 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:10 A.M.***

*Gauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*