

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**July 25, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room located at 470 Center Street, Building #8 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 FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Contract for Smolen Engineering for the Pleasant Hill County Home bathroom upgrade project under Community Development grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$7,600.00; a Travel request for the Department of Water Resources; and a payment to the United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$758.40.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-141 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 25, 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>Abstain*</i>

*\*Commissioner Jemison abstains due to his role with United Way.*

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – WITHDRAWAL OF INDIVIDUAL TRADE BIDS – OHIO PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – RESIDENTIAL UNIT REMODELING / DOWNSIZING BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM CENTER PROJECT**

*Business Manager Steve Tucker stated that on July 10<sup>th</sup> a bid opening was held for the Metzenbaum residence remodeling project. Mr. Tucker stated that 8 contractors bid on the project, noting that the bid was set up in a way that the contractors could bid on the entire project or on bits and pieces of the project. When bids were read Ohio Paving realized that they had made an error in their subcontracts for HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing and are now asking that those bids be withdrawn. Mr. Tucker stated that there is a procedure in the O.R.C. and in our bid packets that allow for the withdrawal of the bid. Mr. Tucker stated that with the withdrawal of the bid from Ohio Paving the lowest and best combined bid is Gottschalk Building Company. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the bids asking if they came in as anticipated. Mr. Tucker stated that Gottschalk Building Company's bid came in under the estimate and including the alternates that the Board would like to also get done, all together they still are under the original budget of the project. Mr. Tucker stated that the reason for the project, which is a significant capital expenditure, is to reduce the operations costs going forward. Mr. Tucker stated that the Metzenbaum residences are covered under Medicaid and are reimbursed on a daily rate, and hope to recover the cost in about twenty years, with a life expectancy of the project to be about 35 to 40 years.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the withdrawal of Individual Trade Bids submitted by Ohio Paving and Construction, Incorporated for Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical for the Residential Unit Remodeling/Downsizing Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center Project as the letter submitted by Ohio Paving and Construction, Incorporated (dated July 12, 2013) for the withdrawal request is in accordance with language contained in the Instructions to Bidders Packet and O.R.C. 9.31 "Erroneous Bids".*

<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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**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AWARD BID – GOTTSCHALK BUILDING COMPANY – RESIDENTIAL UNIT REMODELING / DOWNSIZING BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM CENTER PROJECT – COMBINED BASE BID – ALTERNATE G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-1, E-1, AND E-2**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid for the Combined Base Bid to Gottschalk Building Company for the Residential Unit Remodeling/Downsizing Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center Project in the amount of \$1,309,000.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid, and further award the bid for Alternate G-1, Alternate G-2, Alternate G-3, Alternate G-4, Alternate H-1, Alternate E-1, and Alternate E-2 to Gottschalk Building Company in the amount of \$56,600.00 for a total project cost of \$1,365,600.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri stated that before he moved on this motion he wanted to express his feeling of having a problem with the project and the cost for three remodel projects, \$157,000.00 to Fogle/Stenzel for architect's fees included in the over \$1,521,000.00 for under 14,000 square foot of total space, which is over \$500,000.00 for each remodel job. Mr. Spidalieri stated that after speaking with several contractors yesterday, representing a number of construction companies that based on the numbers here, what you could do with \$1.5 million dollars is just absurd and that he would never put his name on this. Mr. Tucker stated that this is to remodel four residences and includes a commercial kitchen in order to consolidate meal preparation and reduce supervisory duties with a more open floor plan. In the current building which was built in 1977 the sight lines are poor and often clients cannot be out of the sight of a supervisor, so opening up the floor plan is to reduce the ongoing staff issue. Mr. Spidalieri interrupted Mr. Tucker and stated that what he was discussing is operational and that he is all for reducing that, but we are looking at construction of over \$200.00 a square foot just for renovation and the average building price in Geauga County is about \$80.00 a square foot for brand new, not remodeling. Mr. Tucker responded by stating that this was a legal bid open for contractors. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the ground work was set for cost by Fogle/Stenzel in the beginning and that he was not present for the opportunity to advertise or he would have contested it at that time, but to move forward at this price is absurd. Mr. Tucker stated that if contractors felt it was outrageous then they could have bid it lower, and that this is not a regular remodel, that it has to meet nursing home code regulations, and is more expensive than a regular home or commercial building. Mr. Jemison inquired about only having two bids to which Mr. Tucker explained that while we received 8 bids only two were for the complete project, which were Gottschalk and Ohio Paving, the other contractors bid on Electrical, Plumbing, etc. Mr. Jemison inquired if it would have been less if they would have broken this down, to which Mr. Tucker stated it would have been slightly less if we had taken Gottschalk's general contract price and Ohio Paving's individual trades, however with the error and the withdrawal of Ohio Paving, the difference would have been around \$35,000.00. Why we only got two complete bids is not clear. Mr. Jemison asked if Fogle/Stenzel could come and explain why the cost is over \$200.00 a square foot. Commissioner Samide inquired if this was a prevailing wage project as it does seem high. Mr. Jemison asked that before they take action to invite Fogle/Stenzel in to explain the project and at that time decide to move forward or re-bid the project. Mr. Tucker stated that they held two open houses prior to the bid on the project, instead of doing individual smaller projects; they decided to do the whole project at once as a way to get better interest and a better price. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he visited the location and that there should be an open house for the public to see to justify the cost being spent on this, adding that a representative from the State should come in and discuss the requirements to construct this facility to fit the needs. Those individuals that reside there have special needs but standards are being dictated by the State to do this, and they need to come in and explain as a way to justify the spending. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he felt we owe it to this county to hear from the State. Mr. Jemison asked for a motion to table this request until further information is obtained.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to table the request for further information.*

<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 – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND – THREESKIS, INCORPORATED**

*Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis stated that Threeski's, Incorporated also doing business as Paul Davis Restoration have acquired another business and equipment and came to us for a loan of \$80,000.00 to assist in that process in bringing that business to Geauga County.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the legal binding documents for the Local Revolving Loan Fund (LRLF) loan to ThreeSkis, Incorporated in the amount of \$80,000.00 for five (5) years (60 months) at 3.5% including: Loan Servicing Letter, Participation Agreement, Mortgage, Promissory Note, Guaranty of Jeffrey Suszynski and Cynthia M. Suszynski, Guaranty of Nelski, Incorporated, and Security Agreement.*

<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>

*Local resident Diane Jones inquired about Nelski, Incorporated receiving a previous loan for a business in Auburn Township for refurbishing and supplies. Ms. Belconis stated that yes, Jilsin / Nelski, Incorporated is the same entity.*

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FIRST ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT – FIRE SECURITY SYSTEM**

*Executive Director Tim Taylor explained that this is an addendum to our Lease Agreement, adding that part of the conditions of Federal and State funding that they receive is to have a lease for the property between the agency and the Commissioners to utilize the funding to offset the cost for the property, construction, improvements and repairs. Mr. Taylor stated that when there is a capital improvement that lease is required to be amended to include that cost in a payback schedule. Mr. Taylor stated that this addendum to the lease is in regards to the fire security system that had gone down in October, adding that the Maintenance Department repaired the system and this is asking to accept the depreciation schedule for the next five years so we can reimburse the county for the expense.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the First Addendum to Lease Agreement "Reimbursement for Capital Expenditure-Fire Security System" between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services to establish a five (5) year depreciation schedule, in accordance with Section 5 of the Lease Agreement for reimbursement of a fire security system in the amount of \$18,833.00.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE BIDS – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT**

*Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan stated that they would like to advertise for bids for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project extending the sewer on Kinsman Road east to the Township office buildings and north on State Route 306 to the Circle K to help alleviate the environmental issues with septic systems and existing treatment systems. Ms. Samide noted that the Russell Township Trustees are on board with this, to which Mr. Morgan added that they were the ones that initiated the project due to issues they were experiencing with their septic systems at their offices along with some of the businesses in the surrounding areas.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project to be held Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on July 26, 2013, August 2, 2013 and on the county website.*

<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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**HEROIN ISSUES IN GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Mr. Spidalieri thanked everyone for attending this morning, noting that a group of this size indicates that means there is a commitment to fixing the issues we are experiencing. Mr. Spidalieri stated that over the last six weeks he has spent time speaking with the Judges, Prosecutor, Probation Officers, Bailiffs, Job and Family Services, Sheriff McClelland along with the Police Chiefs in the community talking about the epidemic we are facing in this county as preparation to put this presentation together.*

*Mr. Spidalieri started his presentation by asking what several Hollywood Tragedies had to do with Geauga County? Included were several before and after pictures of actors and actresses, along with TV personalities.*

*Heroin is not just a Hollywood problem ....it is right in our own backyard.*

***A Proposed Investment for Combatting Heroin in Geauga County***

***Surprising Geauga County Facts:***

*In the last 3 years ....*

*Drug-Related Incidences - up 45%*  
*Drug Paraphernalia – up 54%*  
*Drug Possession – up 89%*  
*Burglary – up 67%*  
*Theft from Motor Vehicle – up 158%*  
*Shoplifting – up 855%*  
*Robbery – up 300%*  
*Drug Overdose – up 200%*  
*Incidents involving dead body – up 67%*

*(Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office)*

*Mr. Spidalieri encouraged those in attendance to lock their vehicles in their driveways or they too will add to those statistics, along with that he explained that he is seeing firsthand the shoplifting incidents being in the retail business himself for the last 13 years.*

***How Heroin Impacts Geauga County:***

*Over the last few years, driven by the difficulties of the Great Recession, heroin has gotten a foothold in Geauga County.*

*The 45% growth in drug-related incidence shows just how fast the problem is growing.*

***Law Enforcement***

*The first line of defense when drug activities began to surge were the county's law enforcement agencies.*

*The rapid growth and serious nature of drug-related crimes begins to strain law enforcement's resources.*

*Spills over into the:*

***Justice System***

*Eventually the overload from Law Enforcement begins to spill over into the Justice System.*

*The persistent growth begins to strain the justice system's resources, with overloaded dockets and thin prosecutor resources.*

*Spills over into the:*

***Medical and Family Services***

*Again, the strain spills over, this time into Medical and Family Services, who struggle to provide rehabilitation treatment and family services to the families ravaged by addiction.*

*Spills over and affects the:*

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**Geauga County Citizens**

*At the bottom of the pile, the Good Citizens of Geauga County are the ones who suffer.*

*\*Property crimes surging*

*\*Violent crimes surging*

*\*Gauga County is losing its identity as a wholesome, family-oriented community*

**The Solution Must Involve a Cross-Functional Plan**

*Education & Awareness*

*Adult Awareness*

- *Engage the media*
- *Design/Distribute Flyers*
- *Website*
- *Program of Speakers*

*Childhood Education*

- *What is the effectiveness of D.A.R.E.?*
- *Expand to earlier, later grades*
- *Is there a more effective program?*

*Schools*

- *Need to play a MAJOR role*
- *MUST be held accountable*
- *MUST report the problems/crimes*
- *Need series of meetings with PTAs*
- *Establish forums with 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders at each school*

*Enforcement*

*Geauga County Solution*

- *Must focus on OUR unique needs*
- *Not get lost in regional shuffle*

*Integration with schools*

- *K-9 programs inside schools*
- *Police recruit/cadet in schools*

*Resources*

- *Dedicated narcotics detectives*
- *Surveillance equipment*

*Rehabilitation*

- *FLIP Program*
- *Outpatient Rehab*
- *IOP*
- *Drug Treatment programs in County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center*

**Funding Considerations**

*Aside from considering a general budget earmark, other sources should be considered when looking for funding for this much-needed investment*

**Revenues Generated by Safety Center**

*Prisoner Housing Revenue from other Agencies*

Year	Revenue (\$)
2006	497,889
2007	2,012,871
2008	1,577,234
2009	569,709
2010	14,856
2011	121,199
2012	1,299,873
2013 YTD	486,665
Since 2006	6,580,296

**New Housing Starts**

*Pickup in new homes shows expanding tax base to support expenditure*

Year	Housing Starts
2007	223
2008	125
2009	61
2010	82
2011	120
2012	133
2013 EST	153

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**Growing Sales Tax**

*A resurgence in revenues from Sales Taxes can provide confidence in the County's financial ability to make this critical investment; Sales Tax receipts up 4% year-to-date – **on-track to be up \$468K for the all 2013***

**Funding Considerations**

*Re-think the Accelerated Pay Down of Debt*

- *When the Safety Center and Radio Tower were originally planned, there was an expectation for a longer payment period*
- *The recent plan to accelerate the pay down of debt squanders cash while saving minimal interest*
- *Alternative uses for this cash, as in the plan outlined, would be a much better use of the County's resources*

**Future-Funding Consideration**

- *Consideration should be given to a Public Safety Levy with an emphasis on narcotics control, similar to Lake County's Narcotics Agency Levy*
- *Private Leasing of County Lands: There is an opportunity to lease hunting rights to private citizens on County-owned property; those properties could include Water Resources property, Pope House Property, County Home property, properties on Merritt Drive, Russell Park, newly acquired Route 44 35-acre property (conservative estimate would bring in \$100K annually)*
- *Liquidate County-owned properties*

*Mr. Spidalieri noted that in 1982 Lake County put on a Narcotics Agency Levy for .2mill and was supported by the residents.*

*Mr. Spidalieri added that Geauga County is a huge sportsmen's county and with a huge trend in the outdoor market for private leasing of property for hunting, that is, if we charge \$100.00 per acre as a price tag there is potentially the opportunity for \$100,000.00 or more annually.*

**The Plan: Phase 1**

**Law Enforcement with Accountability**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1. 3 additional detectives hired into Sheriff's Office, focused on narcotics	\$250,000
2. Surveillance equipment	\$50,000
3. Geauga County Drug Task Force Integration of Sheriff's Department and Police Chiefs Limited to Geauga County only	
Police Chiefs supportive, willing to commit time and personnel	
Burton	Chardon
Bainbridge	South Russell
Middlefield	Russell
	Chesterland

*Guiding Principle: These expenditures do not simply get added and forgotten  
There must be a regular review of the effectiveness of the investment*

*Mr. Spidalieri added that the Ohio State Highway Patrol is also willing and ready to participate by supplying an officer.*

*Mr. Spidalieri noted that this would be a group of seven to ten officers on a part-time as needed basis to address problems in the communities across Geauga County.*

**The Plan: Phase 2**

**Additional \$300K for Other County Services**

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
For use in the following categories:	\$300,000

- *Municipal Court*
- *Common Pleas Court*
- *Juvenile & Probate Court*
- *Prosecutor’s Office*
- *Job and Family Services*

*A committee will be established to collectively determine the best use of the funds*

*Guiding Principle: These expenditures do not simply get added and forgotten  
There must be a regular review of the effectiveness of the investment*

**The Plan: Phase 3**  
**Standing Committed to Oversee Success**

Membership  
*Judge Forrest Burt*  
*Judge David L. Fuhry*  
*Judge Tim Grendell*  
*Judge Terri L. Stupica*  
*Prosecutor James Flaiz*  
*Sheriff Dan McClelland*  
*Gina Schultz, Geauga Job and Family Services*  
*Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri*

- Responsibilities
1. *Regular review of programs effectiveness*
  2. *Propose new initiatives as needed*
  3. *Annual recommendation to Commissioners for how to spend the Combating Heroin in Geauga County earmark*

**The Plan: Phase 4**  
**Gauga County Library to Educate Public**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1. <i>Gauga County Library to create and distribute informational Materials on the dangers of drugs</i> a) <i>For children</i> b) <i>For adults/parents</i>	<i>Funded by Library budget</i>
2. <i>Gauga County Library to organizing program of speakers at branch locations, focused on building awareness of the dangers of drugs</i>	<i>Funded by Library budget</i>
3. <i>Gauga County Bar Foundation has dedicated funds available to Support criminal justice awareness programs</i>	<i>Dedicated funds</i>
4. <i>Private citizens and businesses have committed time and resources to help publicize the critical message about crime in Geauga County and help improve safety</i>	

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Together We Can Make a Difference



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The Following is a flyer that Mr. Spidalieri paid for out of his pocket that will be included in upcoming newspapers asking people to turn themselves in if they are included in the flyer or if citizens know the whereabouts of these people to turn them in to help clean up Geauga County.



The following audience members made comments that commended Mr. Spidalieri for his presentation and drawing attention to a growing problem in the County, those audience members included: Theresa Gray, Ed Corsi, Chris Steigerwald, Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, Wanda Myers, Mike Petruziello, and Mr. Soltis. Tim Taylor and Gina Schultz from Job and Family Services added that UH Hospital Geauga is also supportive, but that they work closely with Ravenwood Mental Health. Walter "Skip" Claypool commended him for his presentation but also expressed concern about the resources to fund this ongoing. There was ongoing discussion with those in the audience and Mr. Spidalieri about the presentation and concluded with a request from Jeff Cline to hold a follow up meeting in the evening next Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Spidalieri asked that the following letters that were submitted to him be read into the record:

Letter submitted by Burton Police Chief, Richard Smigelski

Dear Commissioner Spidalieri,

This letter is in response to our conversation regarding the need for an assembly of law enforcement officers to combat the heroin epidemic within our county. I strongly support your recommendation of creating a joint group of law enforcement officers from multiple agencies to contend with this county-wide issue that has negatively affected too many of our residents.

There are many factors that have played a part in this heroin epidemic. First and foremost, heroin is less expensive and more readily available than it was in the past. This allows for increased use in all demographics including age, race and socio-economic levels. Unfortunately, our jurisdiction is not excluded from this trend as we have experienced a steady increase of calls that are directly related to heroin abuse.

As a law enforcement agency administrator, I feel that dealing with this issue should be a priority; therefore, I would be willing to assign an officer to such a cause on an as needed basis. I will ensure that the individual chosen will have or will obtain any specialized training needed in order to be an asset to the team.

I greatly appreciate your time and concern in this matter. Please let me know what I can do to assist in getting this plan into place so that we can begin tackling this issue and saving our residents.

Regards,  
Richard Smigelski, Chief of Police



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*Letter submitted by Judge Timothy J. Grendell*

*Dear County Commissioners Jemison, Samide and Spidalieri:*

*The unprecedented rise in heroin use continues to be a major problem in Geauga County. As I have previously informed you on several occasions, increased heroin use, particularly by parents between 18 and 35 years of age, has become the Geauga County Juvenile Court's major challenge.*

*Maintaining fiscal standards in the County is important. Protecting our County's children and families is and should be an even higher priority. Continuing to vote to use Geauga County's excess jail and state controlled casino revenues to speed up payment of the fixed capital costs of communications towers, while more Geauga County residents die from heroin use, reflects a seriously misplaced priority.*

***Our children and families are Geauga County's most important assets.***

*The ongoing cost to Geauga County residents caused by the heroin epidemic (lost lives, increased burglaries, child placements for removed children) cannot be ignored.*

*The heroin problem demands immediate and decisive action.*

*A multi-faceted approach – public education/awareness, aggressive prevention and prosecution, and judicial accountability and rehabilitation – is needed to stem the tide of heroin use in Geauga County, NOW.*

*I applaud County Commissioner Spidalieri for stepping forward to lead Geauga County in this effort and I agree with his multi-faceted approach to the County's heroin problem. While I cannot join you today, I have prepared an outline recommending multiple steps that should be taken to attack the County's current heroin epidemic. A copy of my outline is attached. The County's financial support for such a heroin prevention program is critical, if we are serious about saving lives and protecting our children and families.*

*The County Commissioners' financial support for such a program will provide our community with the resources needed to expedite and expand our efforts to better educate parents and students about the serious danger of heroin use.*

*County funding will also provide the Sheriff and local law enforcement officials with the resources to increase covert drug interdiction and preventive efforts, particularly in our schools. While the Sheriff and local law enforcement are doing their best to address the problem, funding for additional equipment and manpower will allow for more aggressive drug enforcement measures. We need to stop the problem as early as possible.*

*Finally, the dedication of additional County funds for the Prosecutor and Courts will allow the County's justice system to take the steps necessary to hold unlawful drug users accountable for their misconduct, while expediting rehabilitative drug treatment to reduce recidivism. Funding for increased judicial surveillance (e.g. intensive probation random drug testing, unannounced Constable visits) will be particularly useful. Early results of the Juvenile Court's FLIP program indicate that the quicker a drug user can be assessed and placed into treatment and then kept under increased judicial surveillance, the less likely that person will continue to use. Increased post-adjudication judicial supervision is an important part of preventing relapse or reoffending.*

*For these reasons, I strongly support Commissioner Spidalieri's efforts for aggressively responding to the growing heroin problem in Geauga County. I am confident that an investment by the County in a multi-faceted approach will ultimately benefit Geauga County residents. This investment will save young lives and Geauga County residents' money through less drug-related crimes and reduced child placement/foster care costs. Every dollar spent now will save hundreds of dollars overall. Our County needs this investment in a multi-faceted program. This is a classic example of the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Currently, investing county funds to protect the health and safety of our residents is more important than using excess financial resources to pay down already budgeted capital costs.*

*I look forward to participating in the leadership of the proposed multi-faceted heroin prevention program and will dedicate my time and court resources to this effort.*

*Now is the time to commit more County financial resources to the growing social problems and costs created by heroin use in our community.*

*I urge all of you to support Commissioner Spidalieri's efforts and the additional programs contained in the attached outline, and to take the necessary actions to fund and implement these programs immediately. Unfortunately, experience has shown that delays will only result in more unnecessary deaths.*

*Please join me in taking decisive action to protect our County's children and families!*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

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*Sincerely,  
Timothy J. Grendell, Judge*

*Mr. Jemison thanked Mr. Spidalieri for a great presentation and inquired about holding an extension of the regular meeting in the evening on either the 6<sup>th</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup> to give the Opiate Task Force the chance to also give a presentation, along with hearing from the Sheriff and to hear more about how the \$300,000.00 would be spent. Mr. Spidalieri sponded that he would be requesting the earmark be approved during the next meeting on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from May 15, 2013.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 17, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending June 2013 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 7/25 The County Home Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill County Home*

*Mon., 7/29 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 7/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 8/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 8/6 Investment Advisory Board meeting, following session in Chambers*

*Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Department on Aging and Job and Family Services, 1:00 p.m. at Department on Aging*

*Thu., 8/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 8/9 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:33 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 Spidaleri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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