

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 8, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

*It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*The President of the Board, Tracy A. Jemison opened the meeting at 10:04 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 August 6, 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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FY2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AMENDMENT**

*Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis stated that this amendment is for the B-F-12 grant removing the City of Chardon demolition and increasing funds for the County Home bathroom renovations and the Huntsburg Gymnasium projects.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Community Development FY2012 Community Development Block Grant Amendment eliminating Activity #06 – Demolition/Clearance for the City of Chardon in the amount of \$14,200.00 and increase Activity #02 – Public Rehabilitation for the Pleasant Hill County Home in the amount of \$9,200.00 and increase Activity #03 – Public Rehabilitation for the Huntsburg Township Gymnasium in the amount of \$5,000.00.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #4 – SIGN COMPLIANCE UPGRADE PROJECT**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that this was for the final disbursement from Ohio Public Works for the Sign upgrade to the high intensity, adding that the project is completed and the final change order will be before the Board next week, noting that the project came in about \$13,000.00 under. Mr. Cattell noted that everyone is updated except for Newbury Township who didn't participate in the upgrade.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize Tracy A. Jemison, Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #4 and Final for the Sign Compliance Upgrade Project in the amount of \$25,188.88.*

<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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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES – GORDON A. SHANKS – RECONSTRUCTION OF WOODIN ROAD

*Mr. Cattell stated this was for a highway easement for a resident, Mr. Shanks, who has been working out of state and that they were finally able to meet with him. Commissioner Jemison asked if this was similar in compensation to the others, to which Mr. Cattell stated that it was, noting that this was in the area of Robinson Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Gordon A. Shanks (Parcel #06-117300) in connection with the Reconstruction of Woodin Road in Hambden Township in the amount of \$1,000.00.*

<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 – REVISED USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY CERTIFICATE – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

*Director Doug Bowen stated that the original right-of-way certificate included properties and easements, this revised certificate states that now we will either be on property the county owns or in the right-of-way.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the revised United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Right-of-Way Certificate as it relates to the USDA funding for the Thompson Township Sewer 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LETTER OF INTENT – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

*Mr. Bowen stated that this letter of intent is to meet the conditions of the project. Mr. Bowen stated that a hearing was scheduled on Wednesday, but prior to that the USDA submitted an offer to us that better than what we had been fighting for over the last 18 months. Mr. Bowen stated that the loan funds must be used before grant funds can be used, so they are allowing us to refinance the Parkman loan which is at a 4.7% interest rate down to just over 2% which uses the loan and allows us to use their grant funds and the other grant funds, and ends up being a great deal. There was some discussion about lowering the rates for the residents in Parkman, to which it was noted that it will depend on the total cost of the project. Mr. Bowen stated that over the 30 year loan the county will save a half million dollars, but expressed hope that they might be able to lower the rates \$5 to \$10 a month and for the Thompson residents as well.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions as it relates to the Thompson Township Sewer Project. With the stipulation that any funds unused or remaining after construction is complete may be used for existing USDA debt reduction.*

<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 – HIRE ERIC PECK – WASTEWATER OPERATOR I (#2326)

*Mr. Bowen stated that the Operator position has been open for about 5 to 6 months and Mr. Peck who used to work for us, would like to come back. Mr. Bowen noted that Mr. Peck's wife works in the billing department and with the changes in rates he is able to come back and missed working here. Mr. Bowen stated that Mr. Peck has Operator I in Water and Wastewater and is in training for Operator II in Water and Wastewater.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Eric Peck to the position of Wastewater Operator I (#2326) at the Merritt Road Garage to be effective August 26, 2013 at a rate of \$17.56 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – NATHAN JOHNSTON – WASTEWATER OPERATOR III (#2312)

*Mr. Bowen stated that on a sadder note that we were losing Mr. Johnston, adding that his new position will be a little easier on his health and is closer to where he lives. Mr. Bowen noted that his new position will be at one plant and has the potential for promotion.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Nathan Johnston, Wastewater Operator III (#2312) to be effective August 16, 2013.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)

*Mr. Bowen stated that they were asking to advertise internally for the Maintenance Worker to initially replace Mr. Johnston.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) internally for a period of ten days, in accordance with the union contract. In the event that no qualified candidates are found the position will then be advertised externally until filled.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

LIQUOR LICENSE – DMKO ENTERPRISES, LLC D.B.A. COUNTRY STYLE DRIVE IN – CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to concur with Claridon Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by DMKO Enterprises, LLC d.b.a. Country Style Drive In located at 15052 E. Mayfield Road, East Claridon (C TRFO 2215365).

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*There was a brief discussion on where this business was located, and it was noted that it is located near the reservoir on State Route 322.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME DIRECTOR – DEPARTMENT ON AGING (#1001)

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Director at the Department on Aging (#1001). This position is an unclassified, exempt position and will posted until filled.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE PETITION FOR REGULAR ANNEXATION

Mr. Jemison stated that we had received a request for annexation and inquired about setting a Public Hearing. Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair stated that it must be held no less than 60 days and no later than 90 days so with the absence of both Commissioner Samide and Commissioner Spidalieri in the beginning of October, adding that it is looking like October 22 or 24 for the hearing to be held. Ms. Blair stated that she wanted to check the date with the Engineer's Office before proceeding.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge the Petition for Regular Annexation of .28 Acres in Middlefield Township to the Village of Middlefield.

<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) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of July, 2013.*
- b) *Monthly Reports from the Pleasant Hill County Home for the months of November and December 2012, January, February, March, April, May and June 2013.*
- c) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 31, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

- Fri., 8/9 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Mon., 8/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 8/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold the first of two Public Hearings at 10:30 a.m. pertaining to updating the Permit Fee Schedule, Contractor Registration and Licensing Fees and Building Code updates.*
- Tue., 8/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 8/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold the second of two Public Hearings at 10:30 a.m. pertaining to updating the Permit Fee Schedule, Contractor Registration and Licensing Fees and Building Code updates.*
- Thu., 8/15 Department on Aging Garden Party and Free Concert, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. the Gardens at the Chardon Senior Center, 12555 Ravenwood Drive*
- Fri., 8/16 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Mon., 8/19 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health*
- Tue., 8/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 8/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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**COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING AT 10:18 A.M.**

**MEETING LOCATION CHANGED**

*The meeting was reconvened at 6:03 p.m. at 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SET PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013 AT 10:30 A.M.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to set Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Petition for Annexation of .28 acres in Middlefield Township to the Village of Middlefield. This Public Hearing will be held in Commissioners Chambers during regular session at 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon.*

<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>

**OPIATE TASK FORCE PRESENTATION – JUDGE STUPICA**

*Dear Commissioners Jemison, Samide and Spidalieri, and fellow colleagues and community members.*

*Thank you for your presence here today, and, more importantly, thank you to the commissioners for unanimously tabling the vote on the resolution herein to enable the presentation of additional information, from many vantage points. When Commissioner Jemison approached me in late June to present to the commissioners the potential programs that the opiate task force believes are the priorities in attacking this epidemic, I was very eager to do so. I sent an email to every member for a proposal to be sent to me, for dissemination to the group for what needs we deemed most important. Commissioner Spidalieri's presentation was wonderful, but I believe that providing additional information for a well-rounded decision is essential to fight this epidemic from the best vantage point possible, and I truly appreciate this opportunity to present on behalf of the opiate task force.*

*I believe some background is necessary. Last March, 2012, Mayor King brought together some members of the community, legal, medical, law enforcement, etc., for a presentation by the Euclid Police Department narcotics detectives, with whom Chief McKenna and Lieutenant Duncan of Chardon had been working for months. They brought to our attention the fact that many young people they were stopping for drug busts in Euclid were from Geauga County. The Chardon Police Department had been investigating cases, which indicated that the community was having a problem with heroin. This concern led to the conception of the opiate task force, which, gratefully, Mayor King let me run with. The task force is composed of many community members from legal, law enforcement, courts, medical, spiritual, therapeutic, parents of addicts, community program members, among others, and though we have no funds to work with, we are on the frontline daily with our hearts, heads and very limited resources either in preventing usage, educating to avoid even starting, intervening at an early stage if already started using or incarcerating to detox and save lives, and treating those already addicted.*

*Cancer, heart disease, and many other serious illnesses and diseases do not affect the community as a whole; it may affect an individual if your family member is afflicted by these unfortunate, and sometimes, deadly diseases. Opiate, especially heroin, addiction is deadly, sometimes on the first use, and it does affect the community as a whole; i.e. safety of your homes, as burglaries and breaking and entering crimes are on the rise; the consumers, as we are affected by increased retail costs to assuage the rising theft cases in this community; the health and safety of our schools and community is affected in general, due to known drug trafficking and drug usage areas throughout Geauga County. It's here people; we are experiencing an epidemic.*

*For those unfamiliar to how this epidemic came to be not only in Geauga County, but across our great State and Country, let me explain. The opiate epidemic started in the late 1990s, with a push in the medical community to start treating pain as the fifth vital sign. It was mandated that physicians had to ask their patients, on a scale of 1-10, what was their level of pain, and prescribe accordingly. It would be nothing for a patient to walk out of the doctor's office with 60-90 Vicodin, with 3-4 refills. Hence, doctors were forced to treat patients with drugs, such as oxycontin, oxycodone, Percocet and vicodin, usually reserved for patients with*

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*moderate chronic to severe pain; many believed these prescriptions were too strong or addictive. By 2005, the country was faced with a prescription addiction epidemic. Physicians started to wean patients off the prescriptions, but many were helplessly addicted. So another push came to limit the prescriptions prescribed, but many were hooked. Without access to their medications, patients started hitting the street. Pills cost about \$20.00 per pill; heroin is much cheaper, and an easier and faster high. Heroin is cheaper to get than marijuana. Just to give you some overwhelming numbers, by 2010, doctors and pharmacists prescribed enough opiate painkillers to medicate every American adult around the clock every four hours for a month. The population in 2010 was 311 million.*

*Last year in Cuyahoga County, there were 161 people who died from a heroin overdose; there were only 112 homicides. Since 1999, unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio increased 372 percent. When we started the opiate task force in March, 2012, there were 38 deaths between Lake and Geauga Counties. As we sit here today, there are 73 deaths, with a possible 74th being investigated. About two and a half months ago, I took pleas in the Courtroom from 8 people for a conviction of OVI; that same day, I had 9 heroin addicts before me. Since then, I keep a tally sheet at my bench—since May 28, the number of heroin addicts before her totals 49.*

*Heroin addicts arise from one of two paths; either a person suffered a serious injury or medical issue and was prescribed an opiate for pain; they became addicted to the pain medications, and may now be unable to get additional prescriptions. This is the scenario I just detailed. The other is a movement from the gateway drugs, alcohol and marijuana, to the stronger drugs, such as heroin, as they build up a tolerance and are constantly experimenting to achieve a greater high. It's not to say that all people who use and abuse alcohol and/or marijuana are going to experiment with heroin, but I have yet to meet a heroin addict who said one day, "I think I will try heroin today," not having ever used other drugs. Every heroin user I come across, when I ask, state he/she started with alcohol and/or marijuana. Heroin has never been, nor will it ever be, a recreational drug.*

*Let me give you a taste of what I have presented to the schools over the past one and half years. I wish everyone could see what I see on a daily basis how drugs and alcohol adversely affect people. To begin, I have three words "Steubenville Rape Trial" to demonstrate how nothing good ever comes from 16 and 17 year-olds drinking alcohol. Underage drinking is a serious offense, punishable by six months in jail, one thousand dollar fine. When I speak at D.A.R.E graduations, I feel as if I am speaking to the parents, not the students, asking the parents, "What examples are you setting for your children?" Are you having a glass or two of wine while helping them with their homework? Are you having beer with dinner every night? Are you hosting the graduation parties and allowing drinking to the underage children, because you believe they are going to drink anyway, and you think you are providing a safe environment for them? I recently had a 20-year old student from John Carroll before me, who was charged and convicted of an underage, alcohol-related offense. He was in ROTC, and now has to pay back approximately \$80,000.00 in scholarships, and cannot be commissioned into the armed service—all due to one bad decision.*

*And I tell the students, I know you may experiment with alcohol and/or marijuana, not saying it is right, legal or acceptable, but do not experiment with heroin, you can be addicted on the first usage, if you are lucky enough not to die the first time. The purity of the heroin these days is 30% more pure than it was during the Vietnam War, as today it is being cut with battery acid. In speaking with treatment professionals, I am told less than two out of ten will achieve long term, stable recovery. In a moment, I will let you hear from my friend, Nikki, a former heroin addict now sober for almost six years, and how her story is riveting, but so real.*

*So, coming full circle, the following is our proposal for funds being spent. To begin, we need residential treatment facilities. However, the cost, based upon Lake Geauga Recovery Centers, who run Lake House and Oak House, cost \$409,000.00 to operate, a cost which does not include a monthly lease payment if the property/building is not owned. Since this is unrealistic due to the fact that this is seemingly a one-time disbursement, and not a sustaining fund, it seems impractical to go this route, as the doors would have to shut down in a year without further funding to continue operation. Further, as we sit here today, except for one community, the majority of townships and villages throughout Geauga County have zoning restrictions prohibiting such treatment facilities from being operated. Another option is a half-way house, these are less restrictive and less costly to run, but you would still have to staff these,*

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*with a minimum of three qualified counselors, at the cost of approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per person. Again, this cost does not include the cost of lease payments; however, those costs usually supplanted by rent paid by the residents. The hurdle, again, though, first and foremost, is the zoning restrictions for such facilities. Last year, Mayor King proposed to City Council the house at the corner of Wilson Mills and Park that the City owns, to rent it out for purposes of a halfway house. That was voted down unanimously. Maybe the time is better now than a year ago, such that if all the stars were aligned, i.e. funding for personnel, zoning restrictions removed, that this could be a location for such a facility.*

*What, then, since the first two items of priority seem to be impractical and unattainable at this time, can we do?*

*In tandem with the money proposed for law enforcement, include mandatory training for all law enforcement and first responders to be trained and equipped with Narcan. Some first responders do carry it; can be used immediately to treat a person who is in the process of overdosing on heroin. In Massachusetts it has a 96% saving rate, noting that their law enforcement is equipped with that. A vial of Narcan, which is now used in the emergency rooms on a person who is overdosing from heroin, costs \$8.00. We have approximately 500 law enforcement and first responders.....cost \$4,000.00.*

*Hiring a certified, qualified counselor for an intensive after care program after completing the jail treatment program to assist in the continued treatment of those addicted. This program would be available to municipal court and common pleas court, and some limited use by juvenile court.....cost \$40,000.00.*

*Dr. Dennis Michelson*

*Dr. Michelson stated three years ago we didn't have a problem, now there is not much argument about that, think about three quick questions.*

*If you came to the jail tonight in intake, you would hear this noise....bang.....bang.....bang. That is a young lady who came in that is detoxing right now. About every 18 to 30 seconds she gets up and wanders around the room, very uncomfortable. This young lady has eluded police but was finally arrested, expressing that he agrees with Commissioner Spidalieri that there needs to be a law enforcement piece. Dr. Michelson stated that he feels they are saving her life, that there is no detox center or residential treatment here in the county and the best place for her tonight is at the end of the green mile in the Sheriff's Office jail. Dr. Michelson stated that she doesn't want to get out of heroin, she just wants out of jail, and while we are watching her, her grandmother wants to bond her out. Dr. Michelson stated that the jail has become a good place to get help for heroin addiction. Dr. Michelson stated that he works with Lake Geauga Recovery Centers and has operated the jail treatment program for the last 15 years that is an above average program and a good success rate in house and will put it up against other programs. Dr. Michelson stated that he reviewed the proposals and wrote a letter to the Commissioners, the Sheriff and the Judges and expressed that we need to slow down just a minute because we are waging a war on drugs without waging a war on addiction, noting that if you remove every drug out of this county tomorrow you have not solved the problem of addiction. Dr. Michelson stated that #72 and #73 of those that died were both from Geauga County, but their bodies were found in Lakewood and in Wickliffe. Dr. Michelson stated that you can throw money at a situation and not get much results but from a public health model for a prevention angle you deal with the agent (heroin) deal the host (user) and deal with the environment – don't just focus on the agent (heroin); it's not the enemy, the agent will change but addiction will still be there. What do we need....we know what we want – a quick cure, a silver bullet, this is a complex problem and we can't get what we want. Dr. Michelson asked what we need...what can we learn from those that have died...the weakest link in helping the addict in doing well is keeping them in jail to get them off of heroin. Dr. Michelson commented that there is something in the asphalt that as soon as they step outside of the jail everything changes. Withdrawal from heroin takes a year to 18 months to get back to anything that looks like normal. Dr. Michelson stated that there has to be a specialized program, noting that heroin is seductive. I think we are prepared, but there needs to be something from the time they leave jail treatment to help in the transition. If I could point out these bodies and give you names I could show you how a majority of them now dead were made to be clean for a while, either in jail or some other type of confinement, they come out, shoot up and they die. This specialized program is something that we need and I hope you give due consideration to it.*

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*Judge Stupica continued by saying....*

*Hiring a certified, qualified counselor to start a jail treatment program at the detention center in Portage County. Perhaps, Portage could assume some of the financial responsibility, as their inmates could use the program.....cost \$40,000.00*

*Hiring a part-time pretrial release officer for each of the three courts would assist in monitoring people on bond conditions with drug and/or alcohol problems, especially the heroin addicts, ensuring they are getting assessed, entering and complying with program directives, among other duties. This could be achieved by supplementing funds already appropriated; I.e. funds through prosecutor's office increased; these release officers would also assist the prosecutor's office, since sometimes the prosecutor may not see a Defendant for 4-5 months.....cost (3 x \$20,000.00)...\$60,000.00*

*A public awareness campaign, marketed through Geauga Family First Council, or whichever group is designated, can help create, evaluate and oversee a public awareness campaign to combat opiate use by Geauga teens. The campaign will consist of: 1) a series of postcards with eye-opening pictures on the front mailed to the parents of all high school students showing the consequences of opiate use. On the back of each postcard state and local statistics re: youth opiate use gathered from the Courts, JFS and Mental Health agencies will be listed. The postcards will also feature tips to help parents communicate with their teens about the dangers of opiate use; 2) billboards, posters, press releases and feature articles in local newspapers to help reinforce the messages.....\$35,000.00*

*Nikki Maletti*

*Nikki Maletti shared that she is a recovering heroin addict that grew up in a normal family, with a normal childhood that was Christian based, noting that her uncle is a pastor at the Geauga County jail. Ms. Maletti stated that she went to Berkshire High School and the school is set up with 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> being in the same building, to which she stated was a problem for her as she didn't fit in to a stereotypical group, band or cheerleaders and ended up hanging out with 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Maletti stated that a 13 year old just starting to learn about life hanging out with kids ages 17 and 18 poses a problem. Ms. Maletti stated that she started smoking marijuana at about 13 years of age which then slowly progressed, adding that she drank a little bit, eventually leading to pills and then heroin. Ms. Maletti stated that she started snorting heroin, and never would have thought that she would have become that person. At 17 she got pregnant, quit using because she was pregnant, but after giving birth she went back to using drugs with her friends. Ms. Maletti lost custody of her first born child and during that time she met her husband who is also a heroin addict. Ms. Maletti stated that her husband overdosed, she called 9-1-1 and the paramedics used Narcan and saved his life. Eventually Ms. Maletti was able to get sober by going through rehab, was able to regain custody of her child. Ms. Maletti's husband did not go through rehab, but after having their second child he relapsed and did go through rehab and since has been sober for 4 years. Ms. Maletti stated that they now have 4 beautiful children and heroin does affect your life, adding that she is embarrassed to say that she is an addict, because people look at you different, but if she doesn't speak up, other people won't realize that it affects the everyday person.*

*Judge Stupica stated that Ms. Maletti is a very brave, noting that she just recently gave the eulogy for a friend that was number 71 on our death toll.*

*Judge Stupica finished by saying...*

*There are other actions that can be taken by the community as a whole, with minimal to no costs involved:*

*Community forums at the local high schools, rotating on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, using the format of Leadership 90, whereby members of the community, legal, law enforcement, recovering addict, parent of addict, school principal, were asked questions, and answered them, based upon the experiences of their day to day lives with the heroin epidemic, with a session of questions and answers from the audience;*

*Drug testing in schools, commencing in 6th grade, as part of the administrator's duty to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students. Auburn Career Center is starting this program in school year 2014-2015. Go to school board meetings in support of same. The cost, for which some community members have indicated, would be interested in supporting financially due to the fact they offer internships to high school students, is \$65.00 per student, which tests for 11 substances, including alcohol. At the present time, there are approximately 1,500 sixth grade students.*

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*Lobby legislators to lift the archaic 1967 Federal law prohibiting treatment facilities from housing more than 16 residents at a time for mental health or addiction.*

*Clean out medicine cabinets of old prescriptions. Dump the unused, old prescription drugs at any one of three disposal sites in the County; the Sheriff's office, Middlefield Police Department or Bainbridge Police Department.*

*In closing, we cannot eliminate this problem, it has been in existence for decades; we just have to contain it as best possible. I will continue the fight, going to schools to educate and inform the students about the perils of substance abuse, as I know many will continue to fight the fight.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration, and any monies dedicated to this cause are greatly appreciated.*

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – JIM ADAMS**

*Jim Adams started by saying how impressed he was with the turn out this evening. Mr. Adams explained that they have done presentations and needs assessments in every school district for the last twenty-five years, tracking how kids and adults have used and abused chemicals throughout the community and attendance at this meeting shows a response to an addiction that has really penetrated the community in a way that has never been seen before. Several of you have worked well together on this subject as we have seen it grow over time. Mr. Adams stated that as a family member who lost someone to addiction, explaining that he lost a cousin who at 22, jumped out of a convertible on a freeway while under the influence, knowing that pain that causes to families for generations.*

*Mr. Adams stated the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services is in fact designated by ORC as the authority for drug and alcoholic and mental health services for public funded services for the region of Geauga County. Mr. Adams stated that they fund 9 public service agencies like Lake Geauga Center, WomenSafe, Ravenwood Mental Health Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the DARE program, among many others, with a long history that was established in 1967 and they have a long history of identifying these individuals and providing treatment. Mr. Adams stated that this year the Board will provide services through its agencies to over 12,000 Geauga residents. Those include 2300 in addiction services alone. Mr. Adams stated that whatever you decide to do now or in the future that the Board of Mental Health strongly recommends that those services be evidence based, adding that there is national information on what we should be doing and how we should be doing it; programs must be evidence based with positive outcomes. Mr. Adams stated that some of those proposals don't meet that, and this community deserves only the best. One way to do that is to funnel those treatment funds through the Board, adding that they don't want any money or more work, but that they contract with agencies every year, that provide liability to provide oversight, that provide evaluation, adding that 115,000 claims are processed every year with 5 staff members. Those prevention and treatment programs should meet national standards and stated that he will provide a list to anyone. Mr. Adams stated that residential treatment is the number one treatment program in identifying long term care and long term positive outcomes for this addiction. Prevention services should start early in elementary schools and with parenting programs. Unfortunately over the last three years 40% of funding has been cut and many of those programs were cut substantially or eliminated. Big Brothers and Big Sisters that does the afterschool and mentoring program was identified as one of the number one prevention programs in the nation and we have that program in Geauga County and should celebrate that. Mr. Adams stated other things they do that are recognized by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHA) that are done here are motivational interviewing done by Ravenwood Mental Health, ALLSTARS was started by Family First Council as well as the Postcard Campaign, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Mental Health Youth First Aid and Incredible Years operated through Catholic Charities is operated in several of our schools and pre-school in cooperation with Job and Family Services. Mr. Adams stated that several things already in place that were reduced or eliminated because of state budget cuts that would thoughtfully be brought back and would add to creating a prevention environment that would add to the addiction services in this community. Mr. Adams noted that there is no silver bullet to this cure or disease, this is a long term problem, every national health care institution recognizes that, so anyone who says that they can fix it with just this one thing, should be viewed with skepticism because prevention and treatment together make up a long term cure. This is a mutual issue that we all need to work on. Mr. Adams stated that the need for assessment and ongoing treatment and screening have been problematic for several years due to the cuts in treatment, those would absolutely help in making the process better, faster and more efficient but it must be the right people. We only deserve the best and that is the best way to get treatment for these*

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people. This is a disease that comes back because it changes the dynamics of the brain; we will need to continue to provide the treatment services we have had for so long.

**CORONER – DR. BOB COLEMAN**

Coroner Dr. Coleman apologized for his attire as he had just gotten out of the ER, that he had a long day that started with two heroin overdoses. Feeling the need to not say anymore, he continued by stating that the first one was a withdrawal that is in the ICU and the second was a withdrawal that was suicidal. Dr. Coleman stated that this is an office that you vote for that you never want to see. Dr. Coleman stated that he is not just a Coroner, he is a Doctor of Internal Medicine, EMS instructor and ER physician in the UH system. The first two cases between 7:00 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. had to do with heroin and acute intoxication of heroin and cocaine. Dr. Coleman started thinking that this epidemic is not benign and not something that you can fix, the word containment, control and education is redundant. Dr. Coleman stated that they need to reach out to the young people, one this morning was 20 and the other was 26. Dr. Coleman stated that he would be happy to teach the kids that this drug does not bring survivors in a lot of cases. Since taking office in January, they have had about 145 calls that have come in, and have signed about 4 death certificates that have been the acute intoxication of the combined effects of heroin, and cocaine, or heroin alone, with the average age of 20-30, and one that is pending at the age of 72. When a Coroner is dispatched to a death call, they are not to natural causes, they are suicide, homicide, undetermined or accidental. Dr. Coleman stated that this is not a benign problem, it's bad here, it's bad everywhere. This drug has been around for 3 thousand years, derived from Opium, not a new drug, a new epidemic but an old drug. This is habitual that you can become addicted to it after one dose. To reach out and try to help everyone is good, but remember Education of what this stuff is prudent, because it is quite harmful. This is something we are constantly on alert for and don't want to continue signing death certificates with this type of diagnosis. Any questions for him regarding this stuff, how it works, or how Narcan works?

Judy Thrasher asked how parents can identify their child being on this drug so they are aware, symptoms, signs so they can be aware of it? Dr. Coleman stated that they will have anti-social behavior, bad grades, failing grades, out late, and excuses. No negotiating, the proper response is to be supportive but don't back off. This isn't Bobby, he's not acting right, he's disheveled, he's not showering, grab them by the horns and ask questions.

Judge Grendell asked what makes this so addictive with a relapsing problem. Dr. Coleman stated that heroin is opium and is not cut pure like back in the 50's and 60's. It's mixed and cut to the point that it's not cut right, and the receptors are so sensitive that after one dose they will starve for more, and these addicts get in trouble, are put in jail and dry up and down regulate themselves. They then get out of jail and take the same dose they had used before drying up and die. This is very nasty, it's morphine converted in the brain with biochemical reaction and poof. Morphine is given for reason, the desensitization of the receptors taking the medication of the same dose prior to coming off it and the body can't handle it and they go into respiratory failure and die. Some recovering addicts say that after one dose they get hooked, it's highly addictive.

Commissioner Samide inquired about Narcan, to which Dr. Coleman stated that there is some promise of first responders using it in the field and can be used in an atomizer mist through the nostrils and can reverse the effects of opium. It only works on narcotics. Dr. Coleman stated that he is going to work at getting it in the hands of our first responders. It will not harm a patient, short acting and quick acting in less than 30 seconds. If we can spare a life until we get them in the ER, that's the goal. An audience member asked how long a dose lasts and if they become addictive to it how can you tell. Dr. Coleman stated that their finances are drained and they are disheveled and not in good shape physically and mentally. Dr. Coleman mentioned speed balls that took John Belushi, it doesn't care who you are and can take you.

Muriel Rouru asked where can Geauga County have a treatment center. Dr. Coleman stated that hospitals do not detox, we take care of complications of someone coming down off a drug. That is a good conversation point about what we can do in Geauga County for a center.

Cheryl McCourt from Opal House stated that she runs a transitional house for women in Ashtabula County and 90% of them are coming off treatment for an addiction from heroin and wants to know if she can get Narcan in her house and can administer it if she needs it. Ms. McCourt stated that she had been speaking with a center in Ashtabula who like her would also love to come into Geauga County but zoning needs to be changed.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CHIEF DEPUTY SCOTT HILDENBRAND

Chief Hildenbrand apologized for Sheriff Dan McClelland not being present, noting that he was on a pre-planned well deserved vacation. Chief Hildenbrand stated that prior to this meeting the Sheriff had submitted a six page proposal to the Commissioners. Chief Hildenbrand stated that this has been a long work in process and they have taken this serious for many years and are doing as much as they can with what they have. Chief Hildenbrand stated that the Prescription Drug Take Back Program has been very successful, that it was started out being done twice a year and now have two collection boxes that are emptied every day at the safety center and to date have collected a half ton of pills that are now no longer in Geauga County homes. Chief Hildenbrand stated that there was some talk about the DARE program and with the Commissioners financial support have continued to operate AMISH DARE and DARE programs, even after the State decided to no longer support the Amish DARE program. Chief Hildenbrand stated that it is very difficult to measure how successful that is, noting that in the last year they have partnered with Geauga UH Hospital and a nurse now assists with the DARE program, adding that the prevention is what cannot be measured. If we didn't have the DARE program, we might be at 140, we just don't know, but if we can save one or two kids, causing them to think about the drugs before doing them, then that is success.

Chief Hildenbrand stated that there are dedicated Deputies that often volunteer for the Parent Project in which they help parents learn how to deal and treat their children, not with just substance abuse but also behavioral problems. There are Deputies assigned DEA state and local task forces to keep the drugs out of the county. Chief Hildenbrand stated that every Deputy knows that there is problem with substance abuse and they work every day to combat that problem. Even though crime rates have increased, Geauga County still has the lowest violent crime rate per 1000 residents in northeast Ohio. Last year 3 K-9 dogs were added, so that a narcotic dog is available on every shift and are mostly paid through donations. We have a Deputy designated to do Narcotic Investigations and in April when the tax budget was submitted it included a request for two additional Deputies for 2014 to be devoted to Narcotics. Just two weeks ago an additional Narcotics Deputy was added with help from the Commissioners. Chief Hildenbrand stated that the Sheriff works every day to do what is best for this county, now with an obvious commitment to bolster the problem he submitted a proposal for two additional Narcotics Deputies, for specialized equipment and for continued support of these 3 Deputies through 2016. These Deputies will work with other departments but will mainly focus will be Narcotics and related crimes.

Chief Hildenbrand stated that there had been discussion about Narcan, which has been labeled the 'opiate antidote' adding that every rescue squad in this county is equipped with Narcan. Chief Hildenbrand stated that they are working with Dr. Coleman and University Hospitals to try and get it with Law Enforcement Officers across the County as most often they arrive on scene prior to the Fire Departments. Chief Hildenbrand noted that officers across the country are carrying it, but like in New York, the officers must be EMT's. We are trying to do what we can with what we have and put another tool in the toolbox to fight this.

BUDGET REQUESTS DISCUSSION

Mr. Jemison stated that County Administrator David Lair had sent out a request to the primary departments with only a week to respond. Mr. Lair stated that those requests were received and are broken down on the spreadsheet that are for a supplemental appropriation for the remainder of this year and for appropriations for 2014 and 2015, with 2016 also included from the Sheriff.

Mr. Lair went over the following spreadsheet.

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Heroin Intervention Program / Summary of Departmental Requests, 8/8/2013						
Requesting Office	Description	Exp Item	2013	2014	2015	3 Year Total
Job & Family Serv	Social Services Administrator (9 month position - planning/evaluation for enhancing recovery services - under direction of steering committee)	Salary	19,333.33	24,166.67	24,891.67	<b>68,391.67</b>
	Clerical Specialist IV (1 year position - administrative support for program administrator)	Salary	4,766.67	9,533.33	9,819.33	<b>24,119.33</b>
	Training Officer (26 week position - coordinate mailing, publications, social media, speaker's bureau, volunteers and presentations)	Salary	5,963.08	3,156.92	3,251.63	<b>12,371.63</b>
	Media/Design Consultation (postcard, poster, displays on online design)	Contract/ Prof Serv	5,375.00	5,375.00	5,375.00	<b>16,125.00</b>
	Printing, supplies, postage (for direct mail campaign)	Supplies	5,175.00	5,175.00	5,175.00	<b>15,525.00</b>
	Mileage reimbursment (miscellaneous travel in personal vehicle)	Travel	600.00	600.00	600.00	<b>1,800.00</b>
	<b>Total Job &amp; Family Services request</b>		<b>41,213.08</b>	<b>48,006.92</b>	<b>49,112.63</b>	<b>138,332.63</b>
	Prosecutor	Felony Drug Prosecutor (dedicated to prosecuting felony drug offenses)	Salary	13,750.00	55,000.00	56,650.00
OPERS			1,925.00	7,700.00	10,253.65	<b>19,878.65</b>
WC			n/a	n/a	1,133.00	<b>1,133.00</b>
Medicare			199.38	797.50	821.43	<b>1,818.30</b>
Hosp/Life				13,590.92	14,270.47	<b>27,861.39</b>
			15,874.38	77,088.42	83,128.54	<b>176,091.34</b>
Part-Time Criminal Investigator (dedicated to investigating felony drug offenses, assisting current f/t investigator)		Salary	7,800.00	31,200.00	32,136.00	<b>71,136.00</b>
		OPERS	1,411.80	5,647.20	5,816.62	<b>12,875.62</b>
		WC	n/a	n/a	642.72	<b>642.72</b>
		Medicare	113.10	452.40	465.97	<b>1,031.47</b>
		Hosp/Life				<b>-</b>
			9,324.90	37,299.60	39,061.31	<b>85,685.81</b>
<b>Total Prosecutor's request</b>			<b>25,199.28</b>	<b>114,388.02</b>	<b>122,189.85</b>	<b>261,777.14</b>
Municipal Court		Assistant to Dr. Michelson (jail program for early treatment of addicts)	Salary	13,200.00	41,200.00	42,436.00
			13,200.00	41,200.00	42,436.00	<b>96,836.00</b>
	Pretrial Release Officer (assist in monitoring, assessment and early intervention for addicts)	Salary	6,600.00	20,600.00	21,218.00	<b>48,418.00</b>
			6,600.00	20,600.00	21,218.00	<b>48,418.00</b>
<b>Total Municipal Court Request</b>		<b>19,800.00</b>	<b>61,800.00</b>	<b>63,654.00</b>	<b>145,254.00</b>	
Juvenile/Probate Court	(estimates per BOCC)					
	FLIP Permanency		22,200.00	57,720.00	57,720.00	<b>137,640.00</b>
	Radios coordinated w/GCSO		17,500.00			<b>17,500.00</b>
	Temporary Emergency Respite Care		4,400.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	<b>27,280.00</b>
	Drug Assessment/Rehab @ Detention Center		12,000.00	31,200.00	31,200.00	<b>74,400.00</b>
	Drug Testing, each juvenile delinquency case		2,600.00	6,760.00	6,760.00	<b>16,120.00</b>
	GPS ankle monitors for heroin users		2,700.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	<b>13,500.00</b>
	Heroin Awareness mailer		17,600.00			<b>17,600.00</b>
	In-school awareness handouts		5,000.00			<b>5,000.00</b>
	Additional costs for random constable visits		2,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	<b>14,500.00</b>
	Additional costs for probation officer visits		4,100.00	10,660.00	10,660.00	<b>25,420.00</b>
	<b>Total Juvenile/Probate Court Request</b>		<b>90,600.00</b>	<b>129,180.00</b>	<b>129,180.00</b>	<b>348,960.00</b>
Sheriff	(2) Deputy Sheriff (in addition to deputy recently funded)	Salary	56,475.60	164,637.60	181,116.00	<b>402,229.20</b>
		OPERS	10,222.08	29,799.41	32,782.00	<b>72,803.49</b>
		WC	1,129.51	3,292.75	3,622.32	<b>8,044.58</b>
		Medicare	818.90	2,387.25	2,626.18	<b>5,832.32</b>
		Hosp	9,755.64	40,973.40	43,021.80	<b>93,750.84</b>
	<b>* Total includes previous suppl funding</b>		<b>78,401.73</b>	<b>* 241,090.40</b>	<b>263,168.30</b>	<b>582,660.43</b>
	Tuition & Travel - 3 Deputies (investigative techniques & trends)	Travel	2,500.00	-	-	<b>2,500.00</b>
			2,500.00	-	-	<b>2,500.00</b>
	Standard issue equipment - 3 deputies	Equipment	28,080.00	-	-	<b>28,080.00</b>
		Equipment	30,000.00	-	-	<b>30,000.00</b>
	Undercover cars - 3 deputies	Equipment	29,730.00	-	-	<b>29,730.00</b>
		Equipment	87,810.00	-	-	<b>87,810.00</b>
	<b>Total Sheriff</b> <b>Less previous supplemental funding included</b> <b>= net 2013 supplemental request</b>		<b>168,711.73</b>	<b>241,090.40</b>	<b>263,168.30</b>	<b>672,970.43</b>
			<b>(47,000.00)</b>			<b>(47,000.00)</b>
			<b>121,711.73</b>	<b>241,090.40</b>	<b>263,168.30</b>	<b>625,970.43</b>
<b>Grand Total, supplemental to current budget</b>		<b>298,524.08</b>	<b>594,465.35</b>	<b>627,304.78</b>	<b>1,520,294.21</b>	
<b>Other:</b>						
UH Geauga Medical Center	Medical Stabilization Service \$5,000 per patient estimated @ 5 per yr (3 day medical stabilization for the treatment of acute withdrawal of volunteer and/or court mandated users)		25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	<b>75,000.00</b>
<b>Total UH Geauga Medical Center</b>		<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	
<b>Grand Total, including external requests</b>		<b>323,524.08</b>	<b>619,465.35</b>	<b>652,304.78</b>	<b>1,595,294.21</b>	

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FROM CONTINGENCY  
ACCOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS ON AUGUST 13, 2013

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account to Job and Family Services to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 in the amount of \$41,213.08.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account to the Sheriff's Office to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 in the amount of \$121,711.73.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account to the Juvenile/Probate Court to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 in the amount of \$90,600.00.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account to the Prosecutor's Office to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 in the amount of \$25,199.28.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account in the amount of \$6,600.00 for an encumbrance and expenditure to the City of Chardon Police Prosecutor to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 for a Pretrial Release Officer.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an appropriation transfer from the Contingency Account in the amount of \$13,200.00 for an encumbrance and expenditure to the Lake Geauga Recovery Center to be included in Financials on August 13, 2013 to fund an assistant for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Jemison	Aye

*Mr. Jemison stated the Commissioners have taken this seriously and that other organizations also do so, that the schools and other municipalities to also become involved in this because this is a community problem. Mr. Jemison stated that they asked for a three year budget because you are not going to hire someone for six months and let them go, we are committed to try and address this problem.*

*Local resident Jeannine Soltis inquired if anyone had contacted the school boards. Judge Stupica stated that the Opiate Task Force has reached out to several members of different school*

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*boards and Superintendent of the County. Judge Stupica noted that Auburn Career Center is going to start doing drug testing on their students because so many of them use heavy equipment and machinery, adding that the premise as a career center they are a launching pad for employers.*

*Ms. Samide that the figures are concrete and agree that the departments need support and thank all of them including her colleague for the poke in the side to get moving with it, and that she appreciates that.*

*Local resident Ed Corsi asked Chief Hildenbrand about when the six page proposal submitted by the Sheriff and if the vote had been put off to give the Sheriff time put this together. Chief Hildenbrand stated that it was put together after the request was made by the Commissioners. There was discussion about the Deputies hired for the Narcotics unit, and noted that they had one, one had been added two weeks ago and that they have asked for two additional for a total of four. Mr. Corsi continued to inquire about several deputies that had retired and been rehired and a payout to each of them and if that payout would not have been paid out that there would have more money for the Deputies. Mr. Jemison stated that the payout would have been made whether those Deputies would have been rehired or not as they are part of the contract.*

*Local resident Brian Derov who is a parent of an addict stated that those individuals in the treatment program in the jail interact with one another, and while he is grateful for the program stated that he is concerned the discussions that take place between the addicts about where they buy and from whom and when they are released that they have a new dealer to purchase from.*

*Several residents and Elected Officials in attendance thanked the Board, Mr. Spidalieri and the others that spoke for the information and for addressing this issue.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:29 P.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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