

Commissioners' Journal
June 25, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 25, 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 10:01 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 June 20, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Cash transfers out of the General Fund for the OWDA debt payments for the water tower and the county water treatment plant and a portion of 2013 funding for the CASA program; Travel requests for Community Development, Department of Emergency Services, Job and Family Services and Water Resources; a payment to Neopost for the purchase of a IS5000AI postage machine in the amount of \$16,224.44 for the Maintenance Department; and a payment to Valley Ford for the purchase of (2) 2014 Freightliner 108 SD Cab and Chassis for the Engineer's Office totaling \$133,468.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-122 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 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>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2013 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION AGENT AGREEMENT – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Assistant Director Kathy Petrella explained that this was the Federal Farm Market program with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) for 168 sets of coupons for seniors that receive less than \$1,700.00 a month.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2013 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Department on Aging for 168 coupon sets valued at \$8,400.00 to be distributed to clients who qualify for the Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program for the period June 1, 2013 through October 31, 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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH VACATION OF A PORTION OF SECTION B – WISNER ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Mike Stone stated that the Public Viewing and Public Hearing have been held and any testimony has been heard, this resolution would be to proceed with moving forward with preparing the final plat that will be the final step in the process.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-127 To Proceed with the Vacation of a Portion of Section B of Wisner Road (TR 84) Chardon Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 25, 2013

Resolution: 13-127

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE VACATION
A PORTION OF SECTION B OF WISNER ROAD, TR 84
Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board") initiated vacation proceedings by adopting Resolution # 13-097 that it would be for the public convenience and welfare to consider the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road in Chardon Township, dedicated in Book B, Pages 357-359 in the year of 1838, and altered in Book D, pages 429-432 in the year of 1868; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer issued to the Board of Commissioners a written report pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.06 stating that the Engineer believes the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road is for the public convenience and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public viewing and a public hearing related to the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road and gathered input from the affected persons and Chardon Township officials and heard testimony for the vacation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 5553.04, et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby orders the vacation of the a portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, located in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio, to proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a survey plat and an accurate detailed description of the right of way to be vacated shall be prepared by the County Engineer reflecting the following route and termini:

A portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, from a point located about forty feet (40') northerly from a Southwesterly property corner of Parcel No.08-001510 to a point located about seven hundred feet (700') northerly to the southerly terminus of the Portion of Section B vacated in 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abutting properties and owners are identified as: Dennis Pietro 9830 Wisner Road, Willoughby, OH 44094 and the Holden Arboretum 9500 Sperry Road, Willoughby, OH 44094.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Board that the vacation of the portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, is in the interest of the public convenience and welfare, and that the portion of the road sought to be vacated is a public road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the order of this Board does not extinguish the rights of ingress and egress reserved to the abutting property owners named herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Engineer plat shall depict a thirty foot wide easement to be retained for use by non-motorized vehicles for recreational purposes.

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 Chardon Township Board of Trustees 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>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND
EXHIBIT 1 FINAL – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEPTAGE
RECEIVING

Director Doug Bowen explained that this project is from almost ten years ago. The electrician on the project was VIP and owed the county some work out there and our retainage was larger than what they had work remaining to do, and hadn't been able to close out the project that we owed the remainder of the retainage on and they wouldn't respond. There was a brief discussion about the amount being around \$24,000.00 and the work needed to be done was around \$11,000.00; the company is still in business, but never responded to any correspondence regarding the retainage balance due to them. Mr. Bowen noted that they were finally able to close it out last year, adding that payments have been being made for the last seven years, so this exhibit will adjust the final 13 payments due.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Exhibit 1 Final for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and Septage Receiving (Loan #CS392422-01).

<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 – AGREEMENT – FORESIGHT ENGINEERING
GROUP, INCORPORATED – ENGINEERING SERVICES – RUSSELL WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained this agreement with Foresight Engineering Group is to do engineering and survey work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Russell Park to do upgrades that include a full equalization tank, electrical work and raising the discharge pipe coming out of the plant. Mr. Morgan explained that the pipe needs to be raised above the dyke, because currently if the river raises it blocks the pipe and doesn't allow the water to get out into the river once it has been treated. This will raise the pipe and pull it back about thirty feet from the river's edge instead of the pipe running to the river like is currently in place. Mr. Morgan noted that this upgrade had been planned for next year, but with the Russell Township Center Sewer Project going in, this project has been moved up to make sure we don't have any problems. County Administrator David Lair inquired about a platform being put into place to reach the electrical panel, to which Mr. Morgan stated that it was being done internally, but that part of the electrical upgrade is to install an electrical shutoff to the plant outside in case it floods. There was discussion about the poor design of the plant when it was originally put in and what locations it originally was put in to service and the additions and upgrades that have taken place over the years. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the completion for this project and the Russell Center sewer, to which Mr. Morgan stated that the sewer line will be done sooner, but about the time they are done with the sewer line we should be able to move forward with the upgrades at the Russell Park plant. Mr. Morgan stated that they are looking at having the service lines videoed in Russell to pin point some additional I and I that is still being seen, along with smoke testing to make sure people don't have footer drains and downspouts tied in.

It was noted that they hoped to have the Russell Center Sewer project completed before winter to make sure the intersection is not torn up during winter and that the businesses will be given six months to tie in following the completion of the lines.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Agreement between Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Foresight Engineering Group, Incorporated for Engineering Services to Geauga County to perform the Russell Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades in the amount of \$24,288.00.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT – RATIFYING THE CHARACTER AND TERMINI THEREOF, AND TENTATIVE ASSESSMENTS AND ESTIMATE COST FOR THE PROJECT

Mr. Morgan stated that the first of the two resolutions is to approve the plans and specifications for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-123 Ratifying the Plans and Specifications for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, and Ratifying the Character and Termini Thereof, and the Tentative Assessments and the Estimate of Cost for the Project.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 25, 2013

Resolution: #13-123

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 25, 2013, commencing at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Spidalieri presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Samide:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-123

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT, AND RATIFYING THE CHARACTER AND TERMINI THEREOF, AND THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENTS AND THE ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2012, this Board adopted Resolution No. 12-214 declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to properties abutting Kinsman Road and Chillicothe Road in Russell Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, also known as the Russell Township Center Sewer Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, notice was duly given and a public hearing of objections to or endorsements of the Project, the character and termini thereof, the tentative assessments therefor or the boundaries of the assessment district for the same was duly held, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, no written objections were received within five days following that hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Board accordingly deems it proper at this time to ratify the detailed plans and specifications for the Project, and the character and termini thereof, and the tentative assessments and the estimate of cost for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that no changes shall be made to the detailed plans and specifications which are on file in the offices of the Clerk of this Board and the County Sanitary Engineer, character and termini, tentative assessments or estimate of cost for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District.

Section 2. The detailed plans and specifications for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, the character and termini thereof, the boundaries of the assessment district, the tentative assessments and the estimate of cost therefor, all

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as are now on file in the offices of the Clerk of this Board and the County Sanitary Engineer, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

<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>

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired if a flow study was going to be done on the capacity of the plant, to which Mr. Morgan explained that it would be done as part of the engineering services to review the flow charts and adjust the size of the equalizer tank based on that. The tank will be an online system so that flow will always be going through it. Brief discussion took place about the upgrades and what the new tank will do as part of the process in the plant.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

Mr. Morgan stated this second resolution is to determine to proceed with construction.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-124 Determining to Proceed with the Construction of the Russell Township Center Sewer Project to Provide Sanitary Sewer Service to Properties Abutting Kinsman Road and Chillicothe Road in Russell Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 25, 2013
Resolution: #13-124

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 25, 2013, commencing at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Spidalieri presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Samide:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-124

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO PROPERTIES ABUTTING KINSMAN ROAD AND CHILLICOTHE ROAD IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2012, this Board adopted Resolution No. 12-214 declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to properties abutting Kinsman Road and Chillicothe Road in Russell Township in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District, also known as the Russell Township Center Sewer Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, notice was duly given and a public hearing of objections to or endorsements of the Project, the character and termini thereof, the tentative assessments therefor or the boundaries of the assessment district for the same was duly held, in accordance with law; and

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WHEREAS, no written objections were received within five days following that hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Board has, by prior resolution adopted on this date, ratified, confirmed and approved the plans and specifications for the Project, the character and termini thereof and the estimate of cost and the schedule of tentative assessments for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby determines to proceed with the construction of the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer District as provided for in the resolution of necessity for that Project adopted by this Board on December 27, 2012, and in accordance with the plans, specifications, character and termini, estimate of cost and tentative assessments for such Project as ratified, confirmed and approved by this Board in a resolution previously adopted on this date.

Section 2. The County intends to pay the costs of the Project from money in the County's treasury unappropriated for any other purpose in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments to be levied against the properties determined to be benefited by such Project, and such money is hereby appropriated for such purpose.

Section 3. After the completion of the construction of the Project and the ascertainment of the actual cost thereof, the County Sanitary Engineer is authorized and directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, revised assessments for the Project based upon and in proportion to the tentative assessments heretofore ratified and approved, the same to be payable in cash at the option of the property owners assessed or in installments over a period of ten years.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Board shall be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor within fifteen days after its adoption.

Section 5. This Board ratifies and confirms any and all acts and actions previously taken with respect to the construction of the Project, and approves and authorizes the advertising for and receipt of bids for the Project and the execution of the construction contract at the earliest possible date.

Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING THADDEUS VON KIRPARSKI AND JAMES YOGER, JR. FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT

Mr. Jemison noted that both Mr. Kirparski and Mr. Yoger, Jr. were from Troop 190 out of Chardon Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-125 Honoring Thaddeus von Kirparski for Achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award Bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-125
Date: June 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION HONORING THADDEUS VON KIRPARSKI FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

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WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Thaddeus von Kirparski is a member of Boy Scout Troop 190, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Thaddeus von Kirparski provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Thaddeus von Kirparski's Eagle Scout project consisted of building trash receptacles for a park located in Chardon;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Thaddeus von Kirparski for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts 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 #13-126 Honoring James Yoger, Jr. for Achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award Bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-126

Date: June 25, 2013

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES YOGER, JR. FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, James Yoger, Jr. is a member of Boy Scout Troop 190, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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WHEREAS, James Yoger, Jr. provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, James Yoger Jr.'s Eagle Scout project consisted of building a pavilion and picnic tables for an elementary school located in Hamden;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes James Yoger, Jr. for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts 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 – AGREEMENT – CHARDON COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM – USE OF COUNTY PARKING LOT

Mr. Jemison stated that this agreement is for an annual car show held by the Community Action Team to use the parking lot at the Courthouse. There was a brief discussion on how they charge, noting that those who show their cars pay an entrance fee, then they are judged.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute an Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Chardon Community Action Team (CCAT) to allow the use of the county parking lot located at 100 Short Court Street, in Chardon for the purpose of parking classic cars during the annual Car and Motorcycle Show on Sunday, August 11, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

<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 – AGREEMENT – FISCAL CONSULTING SERVICES – JOHN C. CONNER

Mr. Jemison explained that Mr. Conner has assisted the County with consulting services when the County borrows money and with Notes, adding that he has saved the County thousands of dollars over the years. Local resident Walter Leagan asked if the services justify a monthly fee, or is there consulting every month, to which Mr. Jemison stated that it is \$8,400.00 a year, and Mr. Conner is probably not consulting every month, it's just how the agreement is structured. Mr. Jemison stated that while we may not be consulting with him, he is consulting with potential investors looking to purchase our Notes. Mr. Jemison explained that about six or seven years ago the County would not issue their own Notes; they would go to MacDonald and issue them privately, not publicly and that troubled him, adding that they would just be sold to one of their clients. When the County started to look at issuing Notes publicly Mr. Conner was brought in as a consultant to help us do that, adding that interest rates have gone down, that this last year we were at .49 percent while we would probably would have been over 1 percent if it wasn't for his assistance. Mr. Conner assists us with the Moody's review, noting that we have a Mig1 rating, adding that what we save a substantial amount of money in interest that offsets this \$8,400.00 charge. Mr. Jemison stated that we are actually leveraging Mr. Conner's networking of over forty years in the business to get the best price. Local resident Diane Jones inquired if Mr. Conner still employed by MacDonald, to which Mr. Jemison stated that he was no longer employed by MacDonald as of when we entered into this agreement originally, adding that he is an independent consultant. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if MacDonald charged fees, to which Mr. Jemison confirmed, noting that he remembered when the Royal Bank of Canada purchased our Notes and they were 25 basis points under what everyone else was and that is significant when you're looking at 4 or 5 million dollars. There was a brief discussion about the notes being tax free muni, to which it was noted for now that that is still being discussed in Congress. If the County gets a point to where we no longer have debt we wouldn't need Mr. Conner's services after that. Discussion continued about paying debt off as soon as possible and that if the Safety Center had been bonded out it would have been a 5.5% interest for forty years on bonds whereas in the Notes we have been below 1.5% the last two years.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Agreement to Provide Fiscal Consulting Services to Geauga County, Ohio between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and John C. Conner for the period June 25, 2013 through June 24, 2014 in the amount of \$700.00 per month.

<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 – APPOINTMENTS TO GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Mr. Jemison noted that the Board needed to re-appoint two members and appoint one new member to the Mental Health and Recovery Services. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about how these people become choices. Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair noted that we had received three separate letters recommending them, noting that Ms. Rouru is only a two year term as there is a maximum of ten years that a member can serve on the Board. It was noted that these members are unpaid and volunteer to be on this Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to re-appoint Darlene S. Violetta to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a four year term, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

<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 re-appoint Mariel Ann Rouru to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a two year term, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

<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 appoint Al Cisan to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services to fill the position vacated by Dr. Margaret Lahner for a four year term, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

<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>

PUBLIC COMMENT – LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING EVENING MEETINGS

Mr. Jemison stated that they had received a request for a letter to be read and entered into the Minutes:

Dear Commissioners,

There was a very important discussion about the scheduling of the Commissioners' meeting in the evening in order to give employed residents an opportunity to attend. At this time, I am formally asking, when will this evening meeting be scheduled? When will we be able to attend an evening session of the Commissioners' meeting?

In order to accommodate Geauga County employees who will be working at these evening hour meetings I have a suggestion. In my own circumstance, when I am scheduled to attend an evening meeting, event or outreach, I alter my hours for that day in order to prevent costs associated with overtime, comp time, etc. It's a very simple accommodation.

At this time, I am asking, when can residents expect to be able to attend Commissioners' meetings that are scheduled in the evening? I would like a start date.

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Thanks,
Judy K. Zamlen-Spotts

Mr. Jemison expressed that he feels that if we were going to have night meetings that it would have to be an additional meeting, and that there seemed to be a split currently between the Board. Mr. Jemison stated that as President he didn't want to bring this up until we were all in agreement, adding that he feels we need to all be on the same page. It's not fair that any two Commissioners schedule a time when another cannot be there, adding that when all of them ran for this position in office the understanding was that the meetings were on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jemison stated that he does not have a problem trying an evening meeting, adding a Tuesday evening as an addition to the meetings held during the day. We do business during the day, that's when employees are here, that we are an 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. business, adding that he would not bring it up again for a vote until we are on the same page, expressing that while a 2 to 1 vote on other items may be acceptable this is too important and two Commissioners should never cut out a Commissioner from fulfilling their duties. In addition, Mr. Jemison brought up the idea of allowing more residents access to the meeting by installing a webcam and appropriate microphones. Often times people present in the room cannot hear people that are speaking, so streaming the meetings live with a webcam and additionally having a library so that those not able to watch during the day, can watch it at night would improve public access and transparency. Mr. Spidalieri added that he had spoken with GTV last week about coming in to broadcast the meeting, but the cost was anywhere between \$200.00 to \$700.00 a meeting. Mr. Jemison stated that it could be done similar to what Portage County has in place, it would be streamed live on the website and then have it available on demand. There was a brief discussion about the City of Chardon having an agreement with GTV for coverage, that it was part of an agreement in renewing the cable franchise contract with the city. Ms. Blair added that there are some upgrades coming to the County website and along with that changes will be made to the Commissioners website. Ms. Jones inquired about what materials would be covered during the evening meetings. Mr. Jemison stated that Public Hearings and Resolutions would be something that would be done during the evening but a great portion of business needs to happen during the day, adding that another option would be to have departments come in from time to time for night meetings as an educational element. Ms. Jones inquired about Budget Hearings taking place in the evenings, to which Mr. Jemison stated that the Tax Budget Hearing would be something that could happen, but it might be a possibility or the option of the webcam, noting that not all the residents are available during the day or the evening. Mr. Jemison stated that they want to do this cost effectively, but there is also a cost to keeping transparency, but we need to be mindful that the Commissioners are here to do the public's business and that they have good information from their Department Directors and other Elected Officials, making sure that the decorum is set up that allows that. There was also a brief discussion about how questions could also be asked, and they asked Mr. Lair to look into the webcam.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

It was noted that the Commissioners would be meeting with the Auditor of State's Office at 12:00 p.m. today for a Post Audit meeting, noting that while that meeting is not public, the Audit would be made available in about ten days on the State Auditor's website.

MEETINGS

Wed., 6/26 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Thu., 6/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session, during which will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Geauga County 2014 Tax Budget

Tue., 7/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

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Fri., 7/5 **County offices under the Commissioners Hiring Authority will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Tue., 7/9 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Tue., 7/9 *Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

Wed., 7/10 *Commissioner Samide will attend the Geauga County Township Association Quarterly Dinner meeting in Chesterland at 6:30 p.m.*

Thu., 7/11 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:43 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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