

Commissioners' Journal
March 21, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 21, 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 Vice President of the Board, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Jemison was absent from today's meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 19, 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>Absent*</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a payment to United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$883.20. Commissioner Samide inquired about United Way providing a service for Job and Family Services. Ms. Delaney explained that Job and Family Services contributes to the 211 information line, all total it's about \$10,000.00 for the year that they contribute to the total cost of about \$200,000.00 a year to run the program.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-061 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 21, 2013.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CHANGE ORDER #1 INCREASE CONTRACT – VINECOURT LANDSCAPING, INCORPORATED

Director Glen Vernick explained that this was a two year contract with Vinecourt Landscaping for the salting and snow removal behind the Annex and at the Courthouse. Mr. Vernick added that the contract was coming up short noting that there is still several months left of potential need for snow removal. Mr. Vernick stated he was asking to increase the contract amount to cover those costs and for extra in case it's needed for the upcoming Maple Festival. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the total cost spent for the year and if it was expensive. Mr. Vernick explained that he didn't have the numbers will him but would get them to him, estimating that the cost for the 470 Center area was about \$30,000.00. Mr. Vernick explained that there are three areas where they contract, 470 Center Street, the area uptown with the Courthouse and Annex, and the southern area which includes the County Home, the Youth Center, the Dog Warden, the Department on Aging and the Sheriff's office. Mr. Vernick stated that the maintenance department handles the salting as much as possible here at 470 along with the uptown area, however there is no snow removal at the 470 area but is needed uptown on the hill behind the annex where it can take up as much as four parking spaces. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if handling this in house was cost prohibitive. Mr. Vernick stated that it was not for snow removal, the company does the removal during the night when there is no traffic or cars. Mr. Spidalieri then inquired if the County Engineers could handle the removal. Mr. Vernick explained that the County Engineer's office helps out in Claridon and that since the county purchased a skid steer and salt spreader they have been able to handle more in house, noting that they no longer purchase salt by the pallet and that it is purchased through the County Engineer. County Administrator David Lair noted that the sidewalks at the 470 area are heated, to which Mr. Vernick added has helped with the amount of salt not being trafficked in onto the carpeting and has kept cost down there. Mr. Spidalieri explained that he looked at the overall

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costs in his business and purchased a truck, plow and salt spreader that will over time reduce his costs for plowing using his own employees versus paying the contract or per push amounts. A brief discussion took place regarding the per push cost or by taking a contract for the year and that the last two would have been better at the per push rate whereas the previous two years a contract was the way to go. Mr. Vernick added that when he first started the department had only one truck and now has three that they use for in between plows to clear the parking lots.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve, execute and initial Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Vinecourt Landscaping, Incorporated for additional Salting and Snow Removal for the Chardon Square Area for the 2012-2013 seasons in the amount of \$1,650.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – ELECTRIC USAGE SPREADSHEET

Mr. Vernick briefly spoke about a spreadsheet he presented to the board reflecting the usage by the county at the buildings over a course of five years. Mr. Vernick explained that they have been working with CCAO and First Energy Solutions to reduce costs per KWH and by combining buildings onto one invoice. Ms. Samide inquired about the cost per KWH to which Mr. Vernick noted that it ranged from 5.2 up to 20 cents per KWH which is based on consumption. Mr. Vernick added that he was working on having the Patterson Center and Sheriff Post B combined onto one invoice in hopes of seeing additional savings. Mr. Lair noted that the Department of Water Resources negotiated their own rates due to the amount of usage they use, noting that McFarland was one area that saw a high amount, and that they have seen a savings since. Mr. Vernick noted that the Safety Center was one area that saw a reduction down to around 5 cents, as well as the 231 Main Street building.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discipline of a public employee at the County Home.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 10:19 a.m. and as result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to reject the hearing officer's recommendation and direct that a new hearing notice be issued with the amended proposed discipline included.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) SFY 2012 Annual Report for the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 13, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 3/21 Feathers and Fleece 4H Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Munson Town Hall

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Mon., 3/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m., Auditor's Office

Tues., 3/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Tues., 3/26 Investment Advisory Board meeting, following session in Chambers

Thu., 3/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session in Building #8, with a "State of Geauga" Presentation by the County Auditor

OTHER

Ms. Samide briefly noted that Munson resident George Collins had passed away last week, adding that he would come to session from time to time. It was noted that he had been a professor at Ohio State.

OTHER - AIRPORT

Mr. Spidalieri explained that he would be meeting with Middlefield Mayor Garlich, Dick Bonner, Middlefield Administrator Dan Weir and the Airport Authority to discuss the possibility of expanding the runway at the airport. Discussion took place with audience members about the need to expand the runway to help with further economic development of businesses and the creation of jobs into the county. Mr. Spidalieri having an interest in aviation feels that this is needed and while it will not happen next week, starting to develop a plan over the course of time could help with funding that is available through FAA grants earmarked for these type of projects.

OTHER – NEOSCC

Discussion took place with the audience members about a group called NEOSCC (North East Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium) whose members have been traveling throughout the state gathering information under a grant. Ms. Samide spoke about her encounter with them at the Family First Council meeting in February, noting that she had explained to them that the leadership in this County was not for sustainable communities. Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool noted that they had been at the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority meeting the previous week giving a presentation that spoke about scenario planning and impediments of Geauga County not having enough low income individuals and that as part of the grant this must be cured under the HUD requirements of the grant. It was noted that this was previously discussed at the meeting on March 19th and the Board noted that they would like to send a memo to the departments under their hiring authority requesting that if they are contacted by this group to have them be referred to this office.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:07 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk