

Commissioners' Journal
August 6, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 6, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Jemison asked for a moment of silence for the loss of county employee, Jennifer McDougall who passed away on Friday due to automobile accident.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes from the County Home Annual meeting of July 25, 2013.

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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i> | <i>Abstain*</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 30, 2013.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 1, 2013.

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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i> | <i>Abstain*</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Emergency Management fund for additional equipment purchases with Homeland Security funding; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Note Retirement fund to prepare for 2012 various purpose note pay-off; Cash transfers into the General Fund for Job and Family Services reimbursements of abuse investigator services, IV-D contract expenses, legal representation from the Prosecutor's Office for the remainder of 2013 and the fire suppression system depreciation; a Contract for Samuel Glick, d.b.a. Amish Designers for the purchase of a gazebo kit for the Board of Developmental Disabilities pavilion project in the amount of \$20,397.40; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court, Engineer's Office, Maintenance Department and the Recorder's Office; and payments to Envirocom Construction for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project totaling \$54,046.44.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-148 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 6, 2013.

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

COUNTY HOME – EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION – JENNIFER MCDOUGALL – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the employment termination of Jennifer McDougall, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective August 3, 2013.

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

AUDITOR – MOODYS RATING

County Auditor Frank Gliha presented the Board with a copy of the Moody's report that states Geauga County received a MIG 1 and reaffirmed the AA1 for Bonds. Mr. Gliha stated that this is the fourth year that Geauga County has received this excellent rating. Mr. Gliha stated that we went out to bid for the \$4 million dollars, received 5 bids and the lowest was a 0.4% rate which was lower than last year's rate of 0.488%. Mr. Gliha stated that it's a tribute to the Commissioners who are being conservative and noted that the report includes a press release to the local papers. Mr. Gliha explained that to those who question why with interest rates so low, don't we do bonds, he noted that in 2004 we analyzed bonds and if we had gone out for bonds the last ten years it would have cost the tax payers \$2.6 million dollars; in interest the fact that we went out for notes gave us flexibility and saved the tax payers \$1.6 million dollars. Mr. Gliha noted that this is very significant and residents should remain cognizant of that. The Moody's rating means that everyone in the county is doing a good job, it's a great place to live, it's a great place to do business, and that it's important we continue down this path and get out of debt and then utilize the money for a strategic event that we want to address for the future, like the crime in the community and utilize it more wisely. Mr. Gliha stated that we are ahead of the game and with the ratings we received it means the county is doing great. Mr. Jemison recognized John Conner who was present in the audience, noting that he is the man behind the scenes. While we have a great story to tell, he is the story teller, and does so to potential investors in county debt. Mr. Gliha stated that Key Bank was the low bidder this year, noting that they were also the lowest last year. Commissioner Samide asked Mr. Conner what it's like out there when we go out for the interest rate. Mr. Conner stated that a list is put together and it's gone over every year adding and subtracting investors. The first year we went to bid, the note was with a U.S. branch of a Canadian bank. Mr. Conner stated that the list is about 20 plus potential buyers, and he was surprised by only receiving 5, but that same day the Ohio Turnpike transaction was also for bid that day. Mr. Conner hoped for a lower rate, noting that it's interesting who participates in the bidding. Mr. Conner briefly discussed the debt paper, noting that it is ordered because they cannot afford to carry inventory of it. Local resident Diane Jones asked if the information would be published on the website, to which Mr. Gliha stated that it would be under the Moody's rating. Mr. Jemison thanked both Mr. Gliha and Mr. Conner and congratulated them on another good job.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SIGNATURE AND NO-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE – VARIOUS PURPOSE NOTE, SERIES 2013 \$4,000,000.00 – SAFETY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Signature and No-Litigation Certificate in connection with the \$4,000,000.00 Various Purpose Notes, Series 2013 for the Safety Center Improvements and Public Safety Communications Systems Improvements.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Various Purpose Note, Series 2013 for the Safety Center Improvements and Public Safety Communications Systems Improvements, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT – CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE - .20 MILL CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge receipt of the Geauga County Board of Health Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regards to the renewal of an existing .20 Mill Current Expense Levy.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-149 Declaring it necessary to Levy a Tax in excess of the Ten Mill Limitation to provide for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Health at the request of the Geauga County Board of Health, O.R.C. 3709.29.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2013

Resolution: #13-149

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH O.R.C. §§3709.29

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Health, Geauga County, Ohio, established pursuant to Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring that:

Section 1. That the Geauga County Board of Health is collecting monies from an existing levy of two-tenths (.20) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to two cents for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Health with sufficient funds for the operation of Vital Statistics, Environmental Health Division, Personal Health Services Division, administrative staff and operational costs, which is due to expire at the end of the tax year 2013.

Section 2. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Health, for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Health, with sufficient funds for the operation of Vital Statistics, Environmental Health Division, Personal Health Services Division, administrative staff and operational costs, at a rate not exceeding two-tenths (.20) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to two cents for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a five year period and which levy is a renewal levy of an existing two-tenths (.20) mill levy for said purposes.

Section 3. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2014 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Geauga County Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and O.R.C. Sections 3709.29 as one ballot proposition of a two-tenths (.20) mill renewal levy to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 5, 2013.

Section 5. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the general election to be held on November 5, 2013 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

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Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT – CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE - .10 MILL ADDITIONAL CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge receipt of the Geauga County Board of Health Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regards to the .10 Mill additional Current Expense Levy.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-150 Declaring it necessary to Levy a Tax in excess of the Ten Mill Limitation to provide for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Health at the request of the Geauga County Board of Health, O.R.C. 3709.29.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2013

Resolution: #13-150

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH O.R.C. §§3709.29

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Health, Geauga County, Ohio, established pursuant to Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring that:

Section 1. That the Geauga County Board of Health is collecting monies from an existing levy of two-tenths (.20) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to two cents for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Health with sufficient funds for the operation of Vital Statistics, Environmental Health Division, Personal Health Services Division, administrative staff and operational costs, which is due to expire at the end of the tax year 2013.

Section 2. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Health, for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Health, with sufficient funds for the operation of Vital Statistics, Environmental Health Division, Personal Health Services Division, administrative staff and operational costs, at a rate not exceeding one-tenths (.10) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to one cents for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a five year period and which levy is a new levy for said purposes.

Section 3. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2014 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Geauga County Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and O.R.C. Sections 3709.29 as one ballot proposition of a new one-tenths (.10) mill levy to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 5, 2013.

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Section 5. *The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the general election to be held on November 5, 2013 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.*

Section 6. *This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCATION OF AUGUST 29, 2013 REGULAR MEETING – GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-151 Establishing the Location of the August 29, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2013

Resolution: 13-151

***RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION OF THE AUGUST 29, 2013
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BE HELD AT THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR***

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the Great Geauga County Fair, as Ohio's Oldest County Fair; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, August 29, 2013 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, at the site of the Junior Fair Four-H stage and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 24, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 8/6 Investment Advisory Board meeting, moved to 9:45 a.m. before session in Chambers

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- Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Department on Aging and Job and Family Services, 11:00 a.m. at Department on Aging – Note Time Change*
- Thu., 8/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Chambers. The Board will recess from that meeting and reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in Building #8 to continue the discussion from July 30, 2013 in regards to the heroin issue in Geauga County.*
- 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.*
- Fri., 8/16 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair noted that there is a Garden Party on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at the Department on Aging.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:18 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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