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July 8, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 8, 2014 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, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Dog and Kennel Fund; a Supplemental Appropriation and an Appropriation Transfer for the Dog and Kennel Fund for appropriations for a vehicle purchase; an Appropriation Transfer from the Contingency account to increase wellness appropriations for CEBCO Grant Funding; Cash Transfers out the General Fund for portions of 2014 funding for the County Home and the Engineer's Office; a Contract for the Pattie Group, Incorporated for a Local Revolving Loan for the Office of Community & Economic Development in the amount of \$100,000.00; Travel Requests for the Auditor's Office and the Common Pleas Court; payments to Bob Ross Buick for the state bid purchase of (2) replacement GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup Trucks for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$26,266.90 each; a payment to Tomlin Toledo for the purchase of a roots blower for the Department of Water Resource's McFarland Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$15,550.00; a payment to the Portage-Geauga County Juvenile Detention Center for third quarter 2014 in the amount of \$113,170.00; and a payment to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of (4) Ford Police Interceptor AWD vehicles for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$105,752.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-121 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 8, 2014.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT COUNTY FINANCES – MAY 2014

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of May, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of May, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES – GEAUGA CONSOLIDATED PROPERTIES, LLC

Director Anita Stocker stated that two loans to Geauga Consolidated for two adjacent properties were satisfied. Ms. Stocker added that it was only one \$100,000.00 loan, but was secured by both properties; the loan was paid off early.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Geauga Consolidated Properties, LLC as

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the Local Revolving Loan Fund Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Geauga Consolidated Properties, LLC as the Local Revolving Loan Fund Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

Family First Council Coordinator, Nancy Seelbach stated that she was here to ask the commissioners for continued financial support of Family First Council, an organization that funds services for the prevention, intervention and residential treatment for multi-need children. Ms. Seelbach added that they appreciate having Commissioner Blake Rear serving on the Council. Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri and Commissioner Mary Samide commented on the effectiveness of the Family First Council postcard campaign addressing the heroin issue within the county. Commissioner Rear verified that the postcards would not be mailed after October 1st as to not coincide with Election Campaign material. A member of the audience commented that she has appreciated everything that the Family First Council and Geauga County have done for her CASA child.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Job and Family Services, the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Geauga County Juvenile Court for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. This Agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$20,434.00 from the General Fund.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - APPLICATION – FAA AIP PROJECT #3-39-0054-1714 – AERONAUTICAL SURVEY AND INSTALL OBSTRUCTION LIGHT

Business Manager Patty Fulop stated the FAA is tightening the enforcement of safety requirements regarding the 20:1 glide-slope ratio for airport runway protection zones statewide and around the country and have asked that all safety issues concerning these zones be addressed before other grant requests such as paving issues are addressed. She stated that the FAA is now mandating that an aerial survey be done to determine whether or not we are meeting the glide-slope requirements. FAA will be paying for 90% of the cost of the survey. The FAA restrictions have caused the suspension of some night approaches until all safety issues have been addressed which includes the installation and maintenance of an obstruction light at the top of a silo, the removal of approximately sixty trees from residential properties on State Route 608 across from the airport, and the relocation of telephone pole lines along these properties underground. Commissioner Mary Samide asked if there had been responses from the neighbors regarding the tree removal from their properties. Ms. Fulop responded they have been understanding and explained that in exchange for the removal of the trees, new trees will be planted. Ms. Fulop reiterated that the aerial survey and installation of the obstruction light will be completed with federal grant money provided this year.

Ms. Fulop stated that six or seven years ago, the Airport Authority signed an agreement with the commissioners to match up to \$25,000.00 in FAA grants. The first six years of this agreement

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resulted in usage of approximately \$15,000.00. In the last two years more funds have become available to Geauga County due to the fact that other counties have not been able to attain state and federal grant money entitled for aviation airport improvements, as they have not been able to provide the local match of funds for their grant agreements. Ms. Fulop further stated that this is fortunate for the residents of Geauga County as they will see more of their own tax dollars come back to their own community. Ms. Fulop added that she would like to see the federal government stop issuing funds to just anybody, but is happy to take advantage of entitled funds for airport improvements, as the local matches for these state and federal grants are very low; 10% match on federal grants and a 20% match on state grants.

Commissioner Blake Rear asked if there has been any reluctance from the Cleveland Illuminating Company to cooperate in the pole removal. Ms. Fulop responded that they are willing to cooperate, but the cost will be \$1,000,055.00; both the FAA and the Airport Authority felt this expense was quite exorbitant. Commissioner Rear replied that even with the FAA funding 90% of the cost of this project, the county's portion would still be \$100,000.00. Ms. Fulop added that it would require the use of seven years worth of entitlements to put the poles underground and that they would be seeking negotiations with CEI as to other avenues and alternatives to reduce the cost of the project. Ms. Fulop concluded by thanking the commissioners for their support.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) for AIP Project #3-39-0054-1714 for the Installation of an Obstruction Light and Complete Aeronautical Survey in the amount of \$90,500.00 (\$81,450.00 Federal Aviation Administration Share and \$9,050.00 Local Match).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT NICK GORRIS – ALTERNATE FOR BLAKE A. REAR – NOACA MEETING JULY 11, 2014

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to appoint Nick Gorris as Alternate for Blake A. Rear for the NOACA Governing Board meeting on Friday, July 11, 2014.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - APPOINT CASEY GAYHART TO GAPP AREA 19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board appoint Casey Gayhart, Mancan, Incorporated – Business to the NOC COG Area 19 Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for the term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion was tabled until more information is obtained pertaining to Casey's qualifications. Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri suggested the action be moved to the July 15th agenda.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to table the action to appoint Casey Gayhart, Mancan, Incorporated – Business to the NOC COG Area 19 Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 25, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

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- b) *The Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division 2013 Annual Report.*
- c) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of June, 2014.*
- d) *The appointment of Al Parker to the Chester Township Park District made by Judge Timothy J. Grendell.*
- e) *The appointment of Ruth Philbrick to the Chester Township Park District made by Judge Timothy J. Grendell.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

The commissioners' meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014 will include a presentation given by Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Myron Pakush and Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), Grace Gallucci. The meeting will take place in Building #8.

Audience member, Walter Claypool commented on a resolution that will be voted on by the NOACA Board regarding the support of the federal gas tax increase. Mr. Claypool suggested that comments regarding the opposition of the tax increase should go to Congressman David Joyce. He also questioned the reasons behind the shortfall of money and made comment that there should be more focus on the problem rather than applying a tax increase to cover a shortfall that may or may not even exist. Commissioner Mary Samide commented that an asset document was released itemizing the shortfall of funds needed to complete road and bridge projects over the five county regions. Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri commented that there might not be a shortfall if the federal government would stop spending money on things that don't make sense. Commissioner Samide stated that these types of federal spending issues need to be addressed at the congressional level, to which Commissioner Blake Rear agreed. Commissioner Spidalieri suggested a resolution be formalized and presented to Congressman David Joyce stating non-support of the federal gas tax in Geauga County; all commissioners were in agreement. Audience member, Linda O'Brien spoke in agreement with Commissioner Spidalieri regarding the need for control of frivolous spending. Commissioner Rear stated that he believes that the commissioners of Geauga County, past and present, have done an excellent job in controlling spending at the local level and will continue to support measures that send messages to our state and federal representatives regarding the need for control of unnecessary spending.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 7/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 7/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 7/11 NOACA, Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Tue., 7/15 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Mon., 7/21 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 7/22 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 7/24 The Commissioners' will hold regular session beginning at 6:30 p.m.*
- Tue., 7/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.

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Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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