

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**December 2, 2014**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 2, 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 MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 25, 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Department of Water Resources Water District fund for additional project contract appropriations; a Purchase order for the Geauga County Agricultural Society for the Community Development Block Grant fairgrounds project in the amount of \$20,611.10; a Payment to Lakeland Management for the addition to the Engineer's building in the amount of \$157,618.00; a Payment to AFComm-LLC for the upgrading of tower lighting at the prime site for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$6,400.00 and Payments to Envirocom Construction for payment #5 on the Thompson Wastewater Treatment Plant Project for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$95,900.01 for Contract A and \$122,311.72 for Contract B.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-173 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 2, 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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – DEDICATION OF AN EXISTING UNDEDICATED EXTENSION OF STILLWATER DRIVE (TR 152) IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP – SET PUBLIC VIEWING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt stated that they were asking for the Board to approve the resolution of convenience and necessity for the dedication of an existing undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive in Russell Township adding that the Township has requested this because they would like to pave the road in its entirety and the portion that is undedicated cannot be paved using public funds. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the required signatures and Mr. Haupt explained that he had spoken with the Prosecutor's Office and once this resolution is approved they will move forward and submit to the Township and work on obtaining the signatures require for the plat.*

*Commissioner Rear raised a question about the start time of the meeting and holding the viewing, after the discussion it was agreed upon to change the start time of the meeting to 9:00 a.m. but to do so with the opening of the Public Viewing in Russell Township and then move to the Commissioners' offices to complete the regular meeting in Chambers due to possible inclement weather. The Resolution was adjusted to include the 9:00 a.m. time.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-174 of Convenience and Necessity for the Dedication of an Existing Undedicated Extension of Stillwater Drive (TR 152) in Russell Township.*

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*This resolution sets a Public Viewing to be held on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. These will be advertised on December 11, 2014, December 18, 2014 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 2, 2014*

*Resolution: #14-174*

**RESOLUTION OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN EXISTING UNDEDICATED EXTENSION OF  
STILLWATER DRIVE, TR 152  
Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio**

*WHEREAS, Stillwater Drive, from the centerline of Kinsman Road (State Route 87) to its existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus, a total distance of 1214.27 feet along the existing centerline, dedicated by Plat known as "Frank W. Stanton's Riverdale Estates" recorded in Volume 3, Page 21 of the Geauga County Record of Plats; and*

*WHEREAS, there exists an undedicated extension, approximately 270 feet in length beyond the existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus of the above referenced Stillwater Drive; and*

*WHEREAS, the above referenced undedicated extension has been physically constructed; and*

*WHEREAS, the above referenced undedicated extension is believed to have been constructed in compliance with the road regulations and standards in effect and existence at the time the above referenced Stillwater Drive was constructed, and is likewise in compliance with the road regulations and standards; and*

*WHEREAS, the above referenced undedicated extension has been used as a public highway; and*

*WHEREAS, the above referenced undedicated extension has been maintained by the township; and*

*WHEREAS, Russell Township believes it is in the best interest of the Township to dedicate a public highway easement over the above referenced undedicated extension, which Russell Township will continue to maintain; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the public convenience and welfare require the dedication of the above referenced undedicated extension in Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio in accordance with Chapter 5553 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that public convenience and welfare require the dedication of the above referenced undedicated extension in Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public viewing on the proposed dedication on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners shall, thereafter, hold a public hearing on the proposed dedication of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board Commissioners is hereby instructed to give notice of the time and place for the aforementioned viewing and hearing by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Geauga County.*

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*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 Russell Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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 WATER RESOURCES – PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – JOHNSON CONTROLS, INCORPORATED – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

*Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerald Morgan introduced Design Engineer Laura Weber. Mr. Morgan stated that this is for the replacement of the membrane at the McFarland plant. Mr. Morgan stated that they are contracting with Johnson Controls to do an evaluation of the plant and handle the bid process and project for the membranes. Mr. Morgan stated that the report provided by Johnson Controls will guarantee that those changes will see this amount in savings, once those changes are made and of the savings expected are not achieved, Johnson Controls will provide the difference and make adjustments to ensure those savings for the future. There was a brief discussion regarding the type of membrane being used and the new technology and competition for those membranes improving so much in the last ten years. It was noted that the new membranes are much smaller and handle the same amount or higher capacity.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Performance Contracting Project Development Agreement between Geauga County, Department of Water Resources and Johnson Controls, Incorporated for assessing and bidding of the membrane replacement project and to create a detailed energy performance evaluation study for all remaining components of the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.041, in the amount of \$55,000.00.*

<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>

**LIQUOR LICENSE – JOHN KRIZNER D.B.A. HICKORY LAKE INN – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to concur with Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing for the liquor license requested by John Krizner d.b.a. Hickory Lake Inn located at 14592 Stone Road, Newbury (C TRFO 4883791).*

<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 – RESOLUTION TO HONOR CHRIS STEIGERWALD FOR HER COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE KIDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Commissioner Samide requested a resolution to honor Ms. Steigerwald in recognition of the work she has done for the CASA Program and Volunteers, as she is stepping down from the Director position.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-175 Honoring Chris Steigerwald for her commitment and dedication to the kids of Geauga County.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 14-175*  
*Date: December 2, 2014*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CHRIS STEIGERWALD FOR HER COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE KIDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY**

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*WHEREAS, In March of 1997 Chris Steigerwald completed her training and became a CASA volunteer, on January 5, 1998 she was appointed as the CASA Coordinator and then on April 29, 2002 was appointed as the CASA Director; and*

*WHEREAS, Chris Steigerwald has had the pleasure of serving under the late Judge Charles Henry and currently with Judge Timothy Grendell; and*

*WHEREAS, Chris Steigerwald has touched the lives of so many since becoming involved with the CASA program, including 1,179 children, 538 families and worked with 278 volunteers; and*

*WHEREAS, The CASA Program and it's Volunteers have been honored by the American Red Cross in 2012 with the Hometown Heroes Award, and in 2013 they received the Roger Morris Helping Hands Award from the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services; and*

*WHEREAS, Chris Steigerwald continues to help those in Geauga County by serving on the Opiate Task Force, Next Step Advisory Council, Family Services Planning Committee, Geauga Early Childhood Committee, and is the Liaison to Friends of CASA, Geauga County Domestic Violence Protocol Team.*

*WHEREAS, Chris Steigerwald has truly helped make a difference for many kids and families in Geauga County; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Chris Steigerwald for her continued commitment and dedication to the Kids of Geauga County.*

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

<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 – APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSES – COMMISSIONER ELECT CLAYPOOL – CCAO WINTER CONFERENCE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the request from Commissioner- Elect Walter M. Claypool to cover the expenses associated with travel to the CCAO Winter Conference on December 7-9, 2014, pursuant to O.R.C. 325.20, 901.10).*

<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 – CHANGE START TIME OF DECEMBER 23, 2014 MEETING**  
*Based upon previous discussion the motion that read the start of the Viewing at 10:30 a.m. was changed to reflect the 9:00 a.m. time from previous motion.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to move the start time of the Tuesday, December 23, 2014 regular meeting to 9:00 a.m. to accommodate the Public Viewing at 9:00 a.m. in Russell Township.*

<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 – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – MARY C. SCHAAB**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Mary C. Schaab to be effective January 4, 2015.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – BUDGET OFFICER #1308

*Commissioner Spidalieri raised the idea of extending the posting time from five days to fourteen days to allow for additional time to receive applications.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Budget Officer (#1308) for a period of fourteen days, with applications accepted December 8 through 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2014.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a public employee.*

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

*It was noted that County Administrator David Lair would be joining the Board in Executive session. The Board returned from Executive session at 10:24 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the appointment of Craig Swenson to the position of Executive Director, Department of Job and Family Services, unclassified to be effective December 2, 2014 at a rate of \$35.81 per hour (Grade 22, Step 1) of the Geauga County Job and Family Services, Appendix B Salary Schedule.*

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

*Mr. Spidalieri explained before the previous meeting that the Commissioners, Mr. Lair and Commissioner Elect Claypool held a round of interviews with five candidates for this position. Mr. Spidalieri stated that Mr. Swenson was put in as Interim Acting Director when Mr. Taylor retired. It was noted that Mr. Swenson came from the Prosecutor's Office and had previously handled the case load at Job and Family Services as the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney assigned to their office. Mr. Spidalieri explained that Mr. Swenson worked with Mr. Taylor for about a month before he left and has stepped up and made some good decisions and expressed that the Board is excited to see what is to come with the department. Commissioner Samide expressed that the staff at Job and Family Services have expressed good things about the things they have seen since he has been there and that they liked him. Commissioner Rear stated that the entire Board all ranked Mr. Swenson high out of the candidates and agree that he was the best candidate. Mr. Lair added that all five of the candidates had great credentials. The Board expressed that he had excitement and was always positive since taking the Interim position about the department.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from October 15, 2014.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 19, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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c) *The 2013 annual report filed by the Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

Wed., 12/3 *Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting, 11:30 a.m. Chambers*

Fri., 12/5 *Some of the Commissioners' will attend the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Luncheon, 12:00 Noon at St. Denis Party Center*

Sun – Tues 12/7 -9 *Some of the Commissioners' will attend the CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio*

Tue., 12/9 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 12/11 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session that will include a Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. for the proposed amendment to the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Allocation*

Fri., 12/12 *NOACA, Finance and Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 9:30 a.m. and Executive at 10:30 a.m., Cleveland*

Mon., 12/15 *Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health*

Tue., 12/16 *Investment Advisory Board, 9:45 a.m. in Chambers*

Tue., 12/16 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

Tue., 12/16 *Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors, 12:30 p.m. at Welshfield Inn*

Tue., 12/23 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session beginning at 9:00 a.m.*

Thu., 12/25 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

**The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Fri., 12/26 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Tue., 12/30 *The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

Thu., 1/1 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

**The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:32 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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