

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 4, 2017**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 4, 2017 at 9:00 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, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Lair reported on the items approved March 30, 2017 by the County Administrator, that included for the Archives and Records Center a service Contract Agreement with Blue Technologies for the service and maintenance on the Konica 600 copy machine at the rate of \$0.01318 per copy for the period January 2017 and January 2018, for the County Home the acceptance of the resignation of Rosemary Carver, Full-time Cook to be effective March 21, 2017 and then granted permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Cook (#1503) until filled; for the Department of Job and Family Services the acknowledgement of two new hires, Angelia Smith, Clerical Specialist II (Replacement) effective March 10, 2017 and Elizabeth Campbell, Clerical Specialist II (Replacement) effective March 20, 2017; and that he concurred with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License requested by Sapphire Creek Winery and Gardens, LLC in Bainbridge Township (C NEW 7738897) , authorized by Resolution #17-006 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 9, 2017 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 28, 2017.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent*</i>

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Director Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for Contract Services for the Sheriff's 800 Communication Fund for Radio Upgrade Agreement; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Soil and Water for 2017 funding; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Court Technology Fund for a portion of 2017 funding; a Travel request for the Common Pleas Court, a Then and Now for the Department of Job and Family Services for a 2014 Car Repair; Two Purchase orders to Junction Buick for two (2) vehicles for the Department of Job and Family Services; and a payment to Ravenwood Center in the amount of \$104,105.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Funding for the Youth Center.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-045 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 4, 2017.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – 2017 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

*Director / Engineer Carmella Shale explained the cooperative agreement with the Ohio Department of Agriculture which allows the Board to be a Local Sponsor for the program that will represent the land owner who is applying. Ms. Shale stated that Soil and Water is considered the technical resource that represents the Board. Ms. Shale stated that Geauga County received \$161,899.00 for the year. We received one application that will not utilize all of*

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*the funds, the excess funds will be returned and redistributed. Ms. Shale stated that they had several inquiries and phone calls of interest but only one homeowner that followed through with the process. There was some brief discussion about the requirements of the program.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the 2017 Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) Cooperative Agreement between the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Geauga Board of County Commissioners (Local Sponsor) regarding funding to be allocated for the protection of Ohio farm lands against conversion to non-agricultural use in the amount of \$161,899.00 for the acquisition of Agricultural Easements approved by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – APPLICATION – JOHN BYLER**

*Ms. Shale explained that there was one application that was received. Mr. Byler has an 80 acre parcel on Shedd Road in Parkman Township. Ms. Shale stated that 40 acres is a sugar bush. Ms. Shale explained the characteristics of the property, that include small buildings, a 1 1/2 acre lake and livestock. It was discussed that the easements are in perpetuity, the land can still be farmed but no more homes can be built on it, and land use must remain agriculture based. Ms. Shale stated that the applicant will receive \$94,943.00 and that is taking 25% of the value off of that. They are required to donate 25% and it is based on the CAUV value of just the land. This program is no longer competitive except against the applications that are received. The application has to be submitted by April 18<sup>th</sup> electronically and all the paperwork must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Agriculture by May 2.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – PATRICIA LANGFELLOW – IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERT ON CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD**

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that this easement is for an existing structure, noting that part of it was already outside of the right of way that is in need of repair. Ms. Langfellow agreed to be reimbursed \$224.00 for the 25x30 area.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Patricia Langfellow (Parcel #16-066300) for drainage improvements to culvert (CUL-0013-06.537) on Chardon Windsor Road in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$224.00.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPOINT RICHARD PIRIANO AND DICK DOERR TO WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING – FIVE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND DICK DOERR TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Assistant Director Kathy Petrella asked the Board to appoint Richard Piraino and Dick Doerr to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and Mr. Doerr to the Board of Trustees through the end of 2019.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to appoint Richard Piraino and Dick Doerr to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA), Five (5) County Advisory Council for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to appoint Dick Doerr to serve on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) Board of Trustees for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – AGREEMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – STEPHEN CICIRETTO, A.I.A. ARCHITECT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR BUILDING #5 ADA BATHROOM RENOVATIONS*

*Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad asked the Board to approve the Notice of Award, the Agreement and Notice to Proceed for Stephen Ciciretto to bring the bathrooms in Building #5 to ADA compliance. There was a brief discussion in regards to the cost for the design, in which the cost is a percentage of the overall cost of the renovation project.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award to Stephen Ciciretto, A.I.A., Architect for the Geauga County Buildings and Grounds, Building #5 ADA Bathroom Renovations Project, under Grant #B-F-16-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$6,250.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Agreement between Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Stephen Ciciretto, A.I.A., Architect for Professional Services to Geauga County for the Geauga County Buildings and Grounds, Building #5 ADA Bathroom Renovations at 470 Center Street, under Grant #B-F-16-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$6,250.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Stephen Ciciretto, A.I.A., Architect for the Geauga County Buildings and Grounds, Building #5 ADA Bathroom Renovations Project.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*DOG WARDEN – RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH WILLIAM STANZIALE FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

*Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair briefly explained that Mr. Granito had attended Mr. Stanziale's Eagle Scout Court of Honor and realized that the Board of Commissioners had not approved a resolution for him. Mr. Stanziale's project was completed for the Geauga County Dog Shelter, where he built 3 Dog Houses and had enough funds remaining to donate a truck load of supplies to the shelter.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-046 Honoring Joseph William Stanziale for achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 17-046  
*Date:* April 4, 2017

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*A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH WILLIAM STANZIALE 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, Joseph William Stanziale is a member of Boy Scout Troop #99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph William Stanziale provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph William Stanziale's Eagle Scout project consisted of building three dog houses for the Geauga County Dog Shelter along with a truckload full of supplies.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Joseph William Stanziale 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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #2 –  
INCREASE CONSTRCT – GPD GROUP, INCORPORATED – TROY OAKS WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION*

*Director Gerard Morgan explained that during the design of the conversion of the Troy Oaks and Auburn Corners project, the current rapid sand filters are no longer manufactured and we cannot get replacement parts, so putting a third filter in is no longer an option, so we need to convert to the disc filter system that includes a membrane which works very well. Mr. Morgan stated that included in this change are the cost for the inspection and the management of the construction on the plant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #2 increasing the Contract with GPD Group, Incorporated for additional engineering services required to convert to a disk filter system for the Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion Project in the amount of \$132,700.00.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN APPLICATION PAPERWORK – CHARDON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Morgan explained that they would be applying for financing with the USDA, noting that the area itself is looked at and not the census tract, but the salary study of the individuals being served by the project could allow for grant funding to help lower the cost for those residents. Mr. Morgan asked the Board to allow him to execute the grant paperwork for the Chardon Township, Henning Drive project which will eliminate the need to come to session repeatedly for the last minute pages that always need to be signed. There was a brief discussion in regards to other funding sources that may be available to assist with the cost of the project. It was noted that the initial testing was done on Henning Drive back in 2014 and we were given a time frame to get the project completed.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize Director Gerard Morgan to execute the USDA Rural Development Loan Application paperwork in regards to the Chardon Township Sewer Project.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Absent

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY AWARD

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne presented Christine Blair, Clerk, a certificate for completing ten years of service with the County on April 9, 2017. Mr. Lair added that throughout the State, Boards of Commissioners have a Clerk, and it's unfortunate that they are given that title, because the job encapsulates so much more, with the knowledge required to ensure that the paperwork put before the Board is correct, and the pressure by Departments to get last minute items before the Board for approval. Mr. Lair expressed appreciation and admiration to Ms. Blair for the work that she does. Local resident Walter Leagan agreed adding that Ms. Blair had a very nice personality. Ms. Blair thanked the Board.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Blair noted that they were still trying to get a Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center meeting scheduled along with getting ODOT in to give the presentation on the buggy lane survey. There was brief discussion about the upcoming appointment to the GMHA Board.

MEETINGS

Wed., 4/5 NOC COG Meeting, OMJ Center, Ashtabula, 1:30 p.m.

Thu., 4/6 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. District Office, Warren

Tue., 4/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Tue., 4/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Wed., 4/12 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Munson Town Hall

Fri., 4/14 NOACA External Affairs at 8:30 a.m., Policy at 10:00 a.m., and Planning and Programming at 11:30 p.m., Cleveland

Mon., 4/17 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health

Tue., 4/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 4/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ASTRO 25 SYSTEM UPGRADE AGREEMENT II - MOTOROLA

Mr. Claypool expressed his opinion regarding the price of the maintenance on the contract and while he doesn't like it will move forward.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the ASTRO 25 System Upgrade Agreement II between Geauga County and Motorola for the Software License and Hardware Equipment Maintenance for a ten year period in the amount of \$178,185.00 for 2017, with an annual invoice amount thereafter not to exceed \$90,000.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 16, 2017 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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