

Commissioners' Journal
June 6, 2017

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 6, 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 President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 23, 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>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved June 5, 2017 by the County Administrator, included for Transit permission to advertise for two (2) Part-time Drivers (#2210-1), to remain posted until filled. Mr. Lair noted that he had previously accepted two resignations in May that had not been advertised to be filled until now. Mr. Lair concurred with Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by 8053 Mayfield LLC d.b.a. Pueblo Real (C TRFO 2455410), 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Director Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including Travel requests for the Commissioners' Office and the Common Pleas Court; a payment to Business Smarts for X Change Server Upgrade in the amount of \$15,918.49; a payment to ESRI for Annual Maintenance for ARCGIS for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$19,933.80; a payment to ITERSOURCE for GIS Support for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$10,000.00; a payment to CORSA for the Annual Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$331,976.00; and a payment to Monte Construction Company for drainage improvements to Caves Road for the County Engineer's Office in the amount of \$204,807.83.

Commissioner Claypool noted that there is a shortfall from the State funding for the ADAMHS Board and a concern over the ripple effect of that shortfall for the future.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-073 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 6, 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>Aye</i>

LAKE-GEAUGA RECOVERY SERVICES

President and CEO, Melanie Blasko thanked the Board for the funding they provide to the Jail Treatment Program and for helping to staff the program. Ms. Blasko presented the following information to the Board for 2016 and through the end of May 2017.

Ms. Blasko pointed out that to date they have seen 187 people for assessments and 98 in group counseling, noting that it was broken down by 60% male and 40% female. Ms. Blasko stated that 77% of the men and women that participated did complete all their treatment plan goals. Part of the funding from the Board allowed them to start the Aftercare Group program and through the end of May, 59% discharged from the treatment plan met their goals. Not all clients go into the Aftercare Group. Individuals can go into residential treatment, intensive outpatient or a regular aftercare group depending on how close it is to their residence.

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Currently they have 21 in the Aftercare Group, last year they had 25, and still have five active clients from last year. Ms. Blasko explained that they do an intensive tracking of their clients and specifically noted the section regarding the six month follow up on those clients from the Jail Treatment Program, noting that some statistics are from when the program began in 1999 along with current stats through FY 2016.



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June 2, 2017 / Treatment Outcomes

Gauga County Jail Treatment Program Utilization:

Number of inmates served per service per quarter year to date total FY2017 (7/1/16-5/31/17*)

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter*	2017 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS
Assessments	56	49	51	31	187
Group Counseling*	14 (10M / 4F)	30 (18M / 12F)	38 (21M / 17F)	16 (9M / 7W)	98 58M (60%) / 40F (40%)

FY 2017 (7/1/16 – 5/31/17): 77% of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans' goals, average length of stay of 4 weeks

JTP Aftercare Group: Aftercare Group specifically for JTP clients only*. (*Clients completing JTP may participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House))

- o 21 clients have participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY17 (7/1/16 – 5/31/17)
- o 11 out of the 19 (59%) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare met their treatment plans' goals.
- o 5 clients are currently active in our JTP Aftercare as of 6/2/17.

Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year total FY2016 (7/1/15 – 6/30/16)

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	2016 YEAR TOTALS
Assessments	50	67	55	41	213
Group Counseling	44 (24M / 20F)	40 (23M / 17F)	38 (20M / 18F)	32 (26M / 6F)	154 93M (60%) / 61 F (40%)

FY 2016: 72% of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans' goals, average length of stay of 4.5 weeks

JTP Aftercare Group: Aftercare Group, specifically for JTP clients only*. (*Clients completing JTP may then participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House), upon discharge from JTP and the Geauga Safety Center)

- o 25 clients participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY16
- o 13 out of the 25 (62%) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare met their treatment plans' goals.

Gauga County Jail Treatment Program: Six Months Follow-up Report

Number of Clients, Number Contacted*	Reported Relapse*	Reported Sober*	Reported Re-arrests*
Since Inception 1/99: 1123 (77%) clients contacted out of 1456 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	390 (35%) former clients (11 former clients deceased, 14 unknown)	719 (64%) former clients	228 (20%) former clients
FY16: July 2015 – June 2016: 103 (88%) clients contacted out of 117 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	27 (26%) former clients (1 former client deceased, 14 unknown)	75 (73%) former clients	20 (19%) former clients

Referrals: Over the past several years, 75% - 80% of clients participating in JTP were referred by Chardon Municipal Court, 15% - 20% were referred by Common Pleas Court, and 3% - 5% were referred by Juvenile Court.

Ms. Blasko went over the following information:



Residential Treatment (Lake House, men residential and Oak House, women residential treatment)

- FY16, 60% of women and 59% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, exceeding the national average of 40-44%.
- FY17, (as of 3/31/17) 49% of women and 70% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, exceeding the national average of 40-44%.
- One year after completing residential treatment, 64% of men and 65% of women were still sober and reported an improved quality of life. (For those residents completing treatment in FY15).
- Six months after completing residential treatment, 50% of men and 53% of women were still sober and reported an improved quality of life. (For those residents completing treatment in FY16, one year is not completed yet).
- Welcomed the 14th drug-free baby born to residents at Oak House and Nevaeh Ridge.

Water Street (Recovery House):

Recovery Housing for men seeking a safe, sober and healthy living environment following the completion of treatment is currently offered at Water Street since November 2015, located in Chardon, and Bill Horvath House, located in Painesville. Recovery Housing for women is offered at Nowlen Manor, located in Mentor. All recovery houses can accommodate up to 5 individuals who not only share a home, but also share a common bond, a commitment to sobriety and an abstinent lifestyle. A Recovery House in Geauga County helps promote long term recovery, will facilitate individual's transition back into the community while remaining in a safe, sober environment.

- Our first resident admitted to Water Street in November 2015 spent 11 months in residence and was successfully transitioned back into the community.
- Three individuals have been at Water Street for 11-12 months, following house guidelines and personal recovery goals.
- Currently our Water Street recovery house has 5 men in residence and is at full capacity.
- Water Street residents and House Manager participated in the Geauga County Housing Coalition Chili cook-off fund raiser to give back to the community.

Future Goals for FY 18:

- Continue our efforts to improve treatment outcomes for participants in our Geauga County Jail Treatment program by working collaboratively with our county resources (e.g. other behavioral health care agencies, jail personnel, job and family services, and court system) to better address the case management needs of inmates leaving the jail and expand use of medication assisted (Vivitrol, naltrexone) treatment services to opiate addicts.
- Continued monitoring, evaluating and growing the new services and programs implemented in last few years including: Ambulatory Detox, Medication Assisted Treatment, Adult AoD and Gambling Prevention, Latino Substance Abuse services, Grief Support Group, Recovery Housing.
- Continue to embrace and promote Recovery Oriented systems of Care model throughout the Centers' operations and delivery of care.
- Continue to prepare for Behavioral Health Re-design and Medicaid Managed Care.
- Assist Program Assistants in residential treatment to complete training and become Certified Peer Supporters.
- Become a Tricare Medicare provider for military and their dependents.
- Part of the agency strategic plan has included opening a women's recovery house facility in Geauga County. We hope to pursue this once funding can be secured.

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Ms. Blasko noted that they will continue to refine the programs that they started in the last two years. Ms. Blasko stated that the Medicaid Healthcare Re-Design will change how they do billing, explaining that currently they use 50 codes for billing and that soon they will be using about 1,500 codes. If coding is not correct it can delay funding reimbursements.

Ms. Blasko noted one mistake under the future goals for FY18 section, stating they already are a Medicare provider, but want to become a Tricare provider for Veterans and their families so that they won't have to drive past us and travel to Cleveland. Ms. Blasko briefly talked about the desire to get a Women's Recovery house in Geauga County.

Commissioner Lennon asked if this treatment is required or recommended, to which Ms. Blasko stated that it would depend on the requirements placed on them for probation that may include continued treatment.

Mr. Claypool stated that he has been talking with Ms. Blasko about the program and that he is pleased with the results that they are getting, and the ideas that they have been discussing regarding treatments with Vivitrol and expanding the number of beds in a facility. Ms. Blasko stated that they hope the law will change and allow them to increase from 16 to 40 beds. Part of the challenge is funding, but if they do that expansion, then Medicaid can be billed for treatment.

Chief Financial Officer Thomas Tuttle thanked the Board for their continued support. He explained that last year the employee cost \$51,568.00 and 4/5 of that cost the County covered was \$41,200.00. This year they are asking for an increase to cover a salary increase, a change in payroll taxes, and a change in medical benefits. The amount required for this year is \$55,186.00 which brings the amount they are asking for from the Board to \$44,150.00. Mr. Tuttle stated that he will submit the formal request to the Board in writing.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – 2017-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened Public Hearing #2 at 9:25 a.m. Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad explained that today's hearing describes the applications for the next round of Allocation funding. Ms. Conrad stated that due to the federal budget not being approved, the allocation amount is not known, which makes it hard to make suggestions at this time. Ms. Conrad stated that they received ten applications. Once the amount we will receive is known they will submit additional information regarding the applications and make suggestions to the Board. Ms. Conrad noted that the grant process is changing to a two year period and she anticipates the amount we will receive at being around \$330,000.00, (the amount from last year doubled). A brief discussion took place regarding the suggestions of what projects would be considered by the State for approval, and the Board will make the decision of what applications are sent to the state.

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair asked Ms. Conrad to expand on the projects that were submitted for the record. Ms. Conrad stated that they had received the following project applications:

Department on Aging requested an ADA transit bus
Berkshire High School requested assistance for an ADA entryway
Huntsburg Community Center requested upgrades for an ADA bathroom
Maple Leaf Community Residences requested assistance to re-side a house
DDC Clinic requested paving of the driveway to include ADA parking spaces and the driveway on the new facility
County Home requested for repair to the porch and flooring
Womensafe requested assistance with drainage issues
Claridon Township requested assistance to restore the house being used for the Red Tulip Project (sober living house for women)
Commissioners' Office requested assistance with repair to the Opera House Elevator
Airport Authority requested to upgrade to ADA restrooms

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Being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:33 a.m.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that this is the Revolving Loan Fund loan client that has paid off their mortgage and is asking to release the mortgage.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Thistle Lane Real Properties, LLC for property located at 17990 Great Lakes Parkway, as the Revolving Loan Fund Loan in the amount of \$450,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – AWARD BIDS – HOME CARE SERVICES: ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER – MONTEFIORE HOME CARE, QUAL CARE, LLC D.B.A. HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE SERVICES, INCORPORATED AND CHERISHED COMPANIONS HOME CARE, LLC

Director Jessica Boalt stated that they had gone out to bid twice for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living program which includes contracting with home health care agencies to assist seniors to stay in their homes longer. Ms. Boalt asked to award bids to Montefiore, Home Instead and Cherished Companions. This is a two year program that is a reimbursement program and the amounts will be the max bid for each agency and are about 84% utilization rate.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to Montefiore Home Care for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over in the amount of 22,534 units of service for the period August 15, 2017 through August 14, 2019 (two years) at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit for a total amount of \$473,214.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to Qual Care, LLC d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care Services, Incorporated for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over in the amount of 3,120 units of service for the period August 15, 2017 through August 14, 2019 (two years) at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit for a total amount of \$65,520.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to Cherished Companions Home Care, LLC for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over in the amount of 12,826 units of service for the period August 15, 2017 through August 14, 2019 (two years) at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit for a total amount of \$269,346.00.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS

It was noted that these applications were to revise the PNC Giant Eagle credit card and add the use of the VISA.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to permit the use of County Credit Cards form, under O.R.C. 301.27) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per month for a PNC Giant Eagle card (revised) for Roger Peterson and Judy Oberstar and \$2,000.00 per month for a Geauga Credit Union Visa for Roger Peterson.

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

MAINTENANCE - CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GABLE ELEVATOR

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the contract with Gable Elevator for the Opera House elevator shaft repair. Mr. Venrick stated that they held a meeting with the Elected Officials and staff that are affected by the elevator being down and worked on accommodations for employees and clients coming in to the building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Gable Elevator to perform repair work on the Opera House Elevator during the Year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$49,750.00.

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

TRANSIT – APPROVE UNPAID LEAVE – MICHAEL KASPER

Director Michael Kasper asked the Board to approve up to eighty hours of unpaid personal Leave through the end of August to allow him to provide assistance to his wife due to her medical condition. Mr. Kasper stated that the Transit Department is set up to continue operation whether he is there or not and that he personally does not take benefits from the County.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve up to eighty (80) hours of unpaid personal leave of absence for Michael Kasper, during the period June 7, 2017 through August 31, 2017 in accordance with the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE INTERNALLY FOR OPERATOR III (#2313)

Business Manager Adrian Gorton asked the Board to internally advertise in accordance with the union contract for Operator III. Mr. Gorton explained that an employee had recently acquired his Operator III license. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if Operator III is required at McFarland, to which Mr. Gorton stated that McFarland is the only location with the need of an Operator III and should this employee apply and be promoted, he would then be a back up to the current Operator III at that plant. There was a brief discussion about several employees working on Operator I and Operator II. Mr. Gorton stated that due to the sensitivity of the membranes and the complexity of the plant they determined that 24 hour operation was necessary and have coverage by way of two twelve hour shifts per day.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Plant Operator III (#2312) at the Merritt Road Garage in the Water Section for a period of ten days, in accordance with the union contract.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of May, 2017*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 24, 2017 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) *Annual Stewardship visit to the Mayer Preserve Conservation Easement Property.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 6/6 The Commissioners will hold a work session at or about 11:00 a.m. to review and discuss the proposals relating to a possible county newsletter.*
- Wed., 6/7 NOC COG meeting, 9:00 a.m., NOC COG Office, Chardon*
- Thu., 6/8 Illuminating Company, Northern Region Distribution Center - Public Officials Tour, Brecksville, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 6/9 NOACA Board of Directors Meeting, Cleveland at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 6/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Tue., 6/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 6/13 The Commissioners will hold a work session at or about 11:00 a.m. to review and discuss the proposals relating to a feasibility study of the county.*
- Fri., 6/16 NOACA Air Quality, 9:00 a.m., Water Quality, 12:00 p.m.*
- Mon., 6/19 Family First Council, Mental Health Offices at 1:30 p.m.*
- Tue., 6/20 Investment Advisory Board, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 6/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. regarding the Geauga County 2018 Tax Budget*
- Tue., 6/20 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting, District Office at 1:00 p.m.*
- Tue., 6/20 ADP Meeting, Auditor's Office, 2:00 p.m.*
- Tue., 6/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 7/3 **County offices under the Commissioners Hiring Authority will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Tue., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Thu., 7/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m.*

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Ralph Spidalieri

Walter M. Claypool

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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