

Commissioners' Journal
November 29, 2016

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 29, 2016 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, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from November 22, 2016, Resolution #16-157 that included an Appropriation transfer for the Board of Elections to move funds for Medicare and a Purchase order the Building Department to Southern Computer for four (4) IPAD's in the amount of \$2,872.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-157 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 15, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved November 23, 2016 by the County Administrator, that included concurring with the Thompson Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License requested by Dolgen Midwest LLC d.b.a. Dollar General Store #17439 in Thompson Township, authorized by Resolution #16-097 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was amended and approved July 12, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about how many Dollar Generals there are now in Geauga County, to which the following were named: Chardon, Chesterland, Middlefield, Parkman, Thompson, and potentially Newbury.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator II Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including Revenue Certifications for the Department of Water Resources for Water/Sewer Debt Retirement Fund and the Thompson Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Fund and for the Commissioner's office for General Fund Sales Tax Receipts; an Appropriation transfer for Board of Elections and Job and Family Services to move funds for hospitalization; an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for salaries expended and reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund; Supplemental Appropriations for the Treasurer for Delinquent Tax Fund and for the Department of Water Resources for yearend debt payment; a Travel request for the Clerk of Courts; a Purchase Order for the Department of Water Resources to Accelerated Technology Laboratories for Lab Info Management System in the amount of \$39,830.00; a payment to Integrity Appraisal Services for 2017 Appraisal for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$44,079.00; payments to the Geauga County Airport Authority for FAA and Local Matches on grants in the amount of \$223,694.66 and \$62,310.80; a payment to Logos Communication for the Court Technology Fund for equipment in the amount of \$14,168.84; and a payment to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for road resurfacing in the amount of \$25,044.91.

Ms. Rasic noted that \$257,404.90 is the FAA funds and that \$28,601.26 is the local match funding. These are reimbursement requests from ongoing projects from 2015. We receive the funds from FAA and transfer the funding to them. There was a brief discussion regarding the Delinquent Tax funds and where they go, and what the cost was covering in today's financials.

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-158 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 29, 2016.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REJECT THE BID FROM NUTRITION GROUP – AWARD THE BID TO PAIGE FOOD SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF CATERED MEALS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that bids were received from two companies for the new two year contract, adding that both companies visited the center and met with the staff, however only one company submitted a complete bid. Ms. Boalt stated that you can see a significant difference in the amount and that is in part because the Nutrition Group did not encompass everything that was asked for in the bid. Ms. Boalt briefly explained the two meal groups, and that Group B is emergency shelf stable meals and those were not even included in the bid from Nutrition Group. Ms. Boalt asked the Board to reject the bid from Nutrition Group and move forward with accepting the Bid from Paige Food Services, whom we have used for the last two years and with whom everyone is happy and the food is good.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to reject the Bid from Nutrition Group in the amount of \$690,089.40 for the Elderly Nutrition Program Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals according to federal guidelines as they are the lowest bid, but did not submit a completed bid or comply with and follow bid specification requirements.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri award the Bid to Paige Food Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals according to federal guidelines for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$4.23-\$4.58 per meal for Group A and \$5.50 per meal for Group B for a total contract amount of \$760,964.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. These Meal Groups include home delivered and congregate meal programs, emergency shelf stable, box lunches, and renal and diabetic therapeutic weekday and weekend meals.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – TERMINATE CONTRACT – FAMILY TREE HOME CARE SERVICES, LLC – HOME CARE SERVICES: ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING PROGRAM

Ms. Boalt explained that this is one of the larger programs that they offer, which is for in home care services for home bound individuals for personal care assistance and home care assistance. Ms. Boalt stated that she has had to have had several conversations about being billed for services that are taking place outside of the contracted scope, including watching TV, talking to people. Ms. Boalt stated that she had met with them and the situation is continuing and causing issues with billing and they are not receptive with following the rules. This contract period ends in August, however they would like to terminate services with this agency at the end of the year and then move these clients to the other contracted vendors to continue the care. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about what is in place for these elderly that are spending a lot of time at home alone, to which Ms. Boalt stated that the Home Delivered Meals program does precipitate a lot of phone calls regarding any changes in the behavior of the person who is receiving the meals. Ms. Boalt expressed that we are not paying \$21.00 per hour for someone to sit and watch TV or playing checkers, and it is just not something they are going to use tax payers dollars for. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about whether some of the services could be provided by Department on Aging staff to which Ms. Boalt stated that you want to use a state certified nurse, and if we were to do something in house, it would cost a much higher amount overall than that \$21.00 per hour. Mr.

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Spidalieri asked if we might be missing out on some of the face to face programs, to which Ms. Boalt replied that she is working on reviewing and tightening up on the current programs in place and gives us the information to move to a next step and with new staff in place we might be able to offer a new volunteer program that might do some family visiting. Commissioner Claypool inquired about means testing, to which Ms. Boalt stated that they are currently looking at pilot programs that would cover those that need to have it covered, and those that can afford the services would cover some of the cost involved or a fee for the services, which allows us to pay less for the service. She added that we want to help you prepare, but if you are able you should help pay a portion, and legal services is another service that is also being considered.

Commissioner Rear inquired about what the \$21.00 per hour provides, to which Ms. Boalt stated that we are using a criteria for nursing home appropriate but want to provide care to keep them in their home, it includes 2 hours per week and it typically is used in one visit, that includes meal prep, grocery shopping or the changing of linens. When someone needs bathing or grooming, we will do up to four hours per week, which is two days for two hours, so they can get bathed at least twice a week, which makes sure they do not get sores.

Mr. Spidalieri inquired if complaints had been received, to which Ms. Boalt stated that some of the seniors had been moved to other service providers as the customer service has been a problem. There was a brief discussion about the current generation of older seniors and whether they complain.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri terminate the contract with Family Tree Home Care Services, LLC from the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga residents Age 60 and over to be effective December 31, 2016 due to non-compliance with the contract provision.

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

COUNTY HOME – APPROVE HIRING SUSAN RITER – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)
Director Karen DeCola asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Riter as a Part-time Attendant, noting that she has a lot of experience but only wants to work part-time.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Susan Riter to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) at the rate of \$11.24 per hour with a one year probationary period, which offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, and will then be effective December 5, 2016.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AQUILLA ROAD
Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this change order is for an increase to the contract for Aquilla Road, that included additional repairs once the surface was milled. The project came out really well, and included the full amount of funds from the OPWC.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1, Final, increasing the contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Sections C) in Burton and Claridon Townships in the amount of \$9,288.77.

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

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MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – BRIAN SMITH, FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to accept the Retirement Resignation from Brian Smith after twenty-one years. Mr. Vernick noted that he works at the Safety Center and it is not an easy job even to change a lightbulb there due to security concerns and they are held accountable for every tool used.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the retirement resignation of Brian M. Smith, Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904), to be effective December 31, 2016.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

Mr. Vernick asked to advertise to begin to look at a replacement for that position, as it will take a lot of time to find someone. There are two current employees that are currently being considered, and they are working with Sheriff Lieutenant Rose for the hiring process.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

TRANSIT - APPROVE HIRING ROBERT WARE – PART-TIME TRANSIT DRIVER (#2210-1)

Transit Driver Supervisor Joanna Brace asked the Board to hire Mr. Ware as a Part-time Driver.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Robert Ware to the position of Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) at the rate of \$13.57 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and will then be effective December 5, 2016.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #3 INCREASE CONTRACT – JACK GIBSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – RUSSELL PARK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Director Gerard Morgan explained that this change order is to include additional inputs on the mission control system, that allows us to look at what is happening in the plants via the computer or cell phones.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #3, increasing the Contract with Jack Gibson Construction Company, for upgrades to the electric to include six additional inputs for the Mission Control Panel for the Russell Park Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project in the amount of \$3,614.01.

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

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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – EXECUTE CORSA PROPERTY VALUATION SELECTION –
REPLACEMENT COST OF COURTHOUSE, ANNEX AND OPERA HOUSE

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that last week the Marketing Specialist Ginny Shrimplin asked for a decision in regards to replacement or reproduction coverage on the Courthouse, Annex and the Opera House. Mr. Claypool stated that he agreed to replacement cost, and hasn't really had any issues, and if something out of the ordinary happens we can face that decision on financials at the time. Mr. Lair noted that to date repairs and upgrades have not been to period construction.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the CORSA Property Valuation Selection in regards to the Replacement Costs associated with the Courthouse, Annex and Opera House.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE
DAVID L. FUHRY FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF
GEAUGA COUNTY

Mr. Lair asked the Board to approve a resolution for Judge Fuhry whose term will be ending at the end of December.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-159 Honoring Common Pleas Court Judge David L. Fuhry for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County.

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

Mr. Claypool read the following resolution:

Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 16-159

Date: November 29, 2016

**RESOLUTION HONORING COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE DAVID L. FUHRY FOR HIS
DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, David L. Fuhry grew up with his five brothers and sisters in South Russell Village, graduating from Chagrin Falls High School, he earned a BA from Kent State University in 1974 where he worked his way through college as a farm hand on various farms in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships, and a Juris Doctorate from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1977; and

WHEREAS, David L. Fuhry married his wife Mary Lou in 1980, and they moved to Parkman Township where they raised their family of four, Louise Ann, David, Stephen and Martin; and

WHEREAS, David L. Fuhry served as an Assistant Professor of Business Law at Kent State University from 1978 to 1995 and practiced as an Attorney in the Law Office of David L. Fuhry in Burton Village, beginning in 1981; and

WHEREAS, David L. Fuhry was appointed Magistrate for the Chardon Municipal Court in 1985 as well as serving as a Parkman Township Trustee, when he was elected to serve beginning in 1986; and

WHEREAS, David L. Fuhry gave up those roles when he was elected Common Pleas Court Judge for Geauga County in 2004, serving with distinction in this position for twelve years, always maintaining his credo of... Firm. Fair. Fuhry!, and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and thank David L. Fuhry for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County during the time he served as a Geauga County Common Pleas Court Judge

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – SCHEDULE WORK SESSION, REGULAR SESSION, AND REGULAR SESSION WITH RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to consider scheduling a work session on December 15th to discuss the upcoming re-organization meeting in January and include Commissioner Elect Lennon in the meeting to assist with preparation for that meeting. There was a brief discussion about moving that work session to the 8th following the regular meeting and it being held prior to the Joint Detention Center meeting being held at 2:00 p.m. in Geauga County.

Mr. Claypool briefly brought up the contracting of bed spaces at the Detention Center, and that there is the possibility that it could happen, whether or not we move forward. Mr. Spidalieri added that we are one Board that has to deal with Portage County and that they along with the Judges have made their statements in not moving forward with contracting. Discussion continued with Mr. Spidalieri adding that while he started the conversation, we need to pick and choose our battles, and feel that it is not worth moving forward to pursue this issue.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule a work session on Thursday, December 8, 2016 following regular session.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule a regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule a regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017 that will include their Annual Re-Organization Meeting.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</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 November 16, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from October 19, 2016.*

MEETINGS

*Fri., 12/2 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Annual Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
Guido's Generations Reception and Event Center*

12/4 – 12/6 CCAO Winter Conferences, Columbus, Ohio

*Tue., 12/6 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 12/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

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- Thu., 12/8 *The Commissioners will hold a work session following the regular meeting*
- Thu., 12/8 *Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Joint Board meeting, 2:00 p.m., Geauga County*
- Fri., 12/9 *NOACA, Board of Directors, Cleveland*
- Tue., 12/13 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 12/13 *ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m.*
- Tue., 12/13 *Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 12/15 *Gauga Trumbull Solid Waste Annual Luncheon Meeting, 12:00 p.m. Welshfield Inn*
- Fri., 12/16 *NOACA – Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 12/19 *Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 12/20 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 12/23 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closing at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Mon., 12/26 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**
- Thu., 12/29 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 1/2 **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.**
- Thu., 1/5 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. (pending motion)*
- Mon., 1/9 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include their Annual Re-Organization Meeting.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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