

Commissioners' Journal
January 6, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 6, 2015 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.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from December 31, 2014, Resolution #14-191, including a Supplemental De-Appropriation for the Job and Family Services Workforce Investment fund for year-end compliance in the amount of \$5.00, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 16, 2014 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2014, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 23 2014.

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

**Commissioner Claypool abstained due to the meeting being held prior to him being seated as a Commissioner.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the encumbrances to be considered by the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in January 2015 to be effective January 1, 2015.

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

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Block Grant; Supplemental Appropriations for the Auditor's REAF fund for unemployment expenses and the Engineer's Municipal Road Tax and Sheriff's Law Enforcement Block Grant funds to appropriate carryover balances; Contracts, Purchase Orders and Travel requests for various departments for the new year.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #15-001 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 6, 2015.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND / RELEASE BID BOND – PAIGE FOOD SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Director Jessica Boalt stated that the Performance Bond needs to be accepted and then release the Bid Bond. Ms. Boalt stated that they had started on Monday and so far so good.

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Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the Performance Bond from Paige Food Services, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program for the preparation and delivery of meals for the period January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016, and further release the Bid Bond.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE FRANK PERTZ – FULL-TIME TRANSPORTATION DRIVER (#1020)

Ms. Boalt stated that she would like to hire Mr. Pertz to fill the Full-Time Transportation Driver, noting that Mr. Pertz currently works for Geauga Transit. Ms. Boalt stated that she had spoken to Mr. Kasper and settled on a date that would be effective for both of the departments.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring Frank Pertz to the position of Full-time Transportation Driver (#1020) to be effective January 19, 2015 at a rate of \$12.64 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$13.30 per hour.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS – VARIOUS PROJECTS FROM 2014

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that they would like to release bid / performance bonds for the completed projects, noting that the Board had executed the final change orders.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Kokosing Construction Company for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bainbridge Road (CH 11, Sections A-G) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships, as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Ronyak Paving Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Pettibone Road (CH 607, Sections A-D) in Bainbridge Township, as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Burton Scot Contractors, LLC for the Improvement of Culverts on Ravenna Road (Structure #601-0.20 and #601-2.28) in Chardon Township, as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Improvement of Woodin Road (CH 25, Sections A –D) in Chardon and Hambden Townships, as all specifications have been met.

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Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Karvo Paving Company for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Mumford Road (CH 24, Sections E-H) in Troy Township, as all specifications have been met.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Oglesby Construction for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings for Various County Roads for the Year 2014, as all specifications have been met.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid / Performance Bond for Chagrin Valley Paving for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Jug Street (CH 46, Sections C-E) in Troy Township, as all specifications have been met.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – CHARDON TOMORROW – WINTERFEST EVENT

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chardon Tomorrow to allow Chardon Tomorrow to use the county parking lot located at 100 Short Court Street and lawn surrounding the Courthouse for the purpose of parking cars, holding dog sled demonstrations and ice sculpting displays during the Winterfest event on January 17, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT WALTER CLAYPOOL – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Lair explained stated that the term that former Commissioner Samide held does not end until July 20, 2015 and it was recommended to place Mr. Claypool to fill the remainder of that term with Mr. Hajjar as the alternate. Mr. Cattell added that Mr. Hajjar is the liason for the Ohio Public Works District 7 and makes a big difference.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to appoint Walter M. Claypool (Shane Hajjar as alternate) as Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 7 County Representative to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Mary E. Samide, ending July 20, 2015.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Rear *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF OLD STATE ROAD (CH 6) IN PARKMAN AND MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIPS

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

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m., County Engineer Joe Cattell and Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained the project as including the surface being milled off and resurfaced from Nash Road to State Route 528 as part of a Federal Aid project that was submitted to NOACA in 2012. Mr. Hajjar noted that the project is slated to begin in the Spring. Mr. Cattell stated that it will be about four weeks with traffic maintained. Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:12 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CHAGRIN ROAD (CH 9) IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

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

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:13 a.m., County Engineer Joe Cattell and Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained the project will begin at Catsden and stop just short of State Route 306, due a recent State project at the intersection of State Route 422 and 306 that included the paving of 900 feet up Bainbridge Road. Mr. Hajjar stated that Chagrin Road surface has deteriorated over the last several years, adding that the road is on the Federal Highway System and will be a similar project of milling off the existing surface and then resurface. It was noted that traffic will be maintained. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the intersection of Bainbridge Road and East Washington and what the plan for the future is on that corner. Mr. Cattell stated that they had done a study with the results of accidents mainly happening from cars heading westbound that stop to turn onto Bainbridge and are rear-ended, adding that there is no accident history from the other direction. A brief discussion took place regarding projects done with Kenston School students which included a recommendation for the intersection and the ideals of progression to population growth for the future. Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:19 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF RAVENNA ROAD (CH 601) IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP

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

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m., County Engineer Joe Cattell and Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained the project will include an asphalt widening trench from the City limit to the mid-point of the entire road length to improve safety by adding shoulder width. Mr. Hajjar noted that it is not for a bike path, but will provide safer non-motorized vehicle traffic that is above average due to the proximity to the City, bike path, parks and schools. Mr. Cattell added that this will basically be a milling machine running down the side of the road to mill out a slot, then asphalt widener to fill it in and then put a 2 course overlay over the entire length. Mr. Hajjar stated that traffic will be maintained and the project should take about thirty days and tie right into the city and county line with new asphalt end to end. A brief discussion took place about the bike path connections through the city and into Lake County.

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Commissioner Rear inquired about a private pond with a collapsing dam on Hosford, to which Mr. Cattell stated that they have spoken with the homeowner that they were willing to assist with improvements, but when it came to an actual agreement there was push back. Mr. Cattell stated that there is so much silt in it that it doesn't retain much water, so while they keep an eye on it, there is no real concern. Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - DISCUSSION REGARDING BUILDING OF NEW SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE

Mr. Cattell stated that he wanted to have a discussion with the Board regarding the building of a new salt structure and cost savings to the county, noting that they currently have a barn and dome that are connected, noting that the dome is at the end of its life. Mr. Cattell explained that currently they can hold about 4,000 tons of material and that they use around 10,000 tons which forces delivery in the winter. Mr. Cattell explained that this year the summer delivery price was \$37.00 a ton and the winter delivery price is \$55.00 a ton, which would have been a cost savings of \$180,000.00 if they had the storage. At times Townships purchase salt from the County, and they are currently purchasing it at \$125.00 a ton. Mr. Cattell stated that he was looking for assistance from the Commissioners for the new building due to a lack of capital funds to outlay, but that they would like to put up a structure of 220' x 85' that will hold 12,000 tons of material. It was discussed that not having the capacity to store causes problems during the winter of delivery due to weather and increased costs. Mr. Cattell stated that a quote to repair the current dome came in around \$80,000.00 and they would like to avoid putting that kind of funds into the dome but rather towards the new structure that has an estimated cost of \$550,000.00. Mr. Rear stated that last year there was a discussion about the salt structure and a cost estimate of around \$450,000.00 and at that time there was an agreement for assistance with the new office addition at the Highway garage which includes a payback portion, inquiring if Mr. Cattell was looking at a similar situation. Mr. Cattell stated that income has gone down, and the cost of fuel, salt and asphalt prices are much higher, adding that there are different variables with the salt structure build and the office addition due to no need for an architect and the project estimate would be a solid number between the \$500,000.00 and \$550,000.00. It was discussed that the project would have to go out for bid, that the fabric includes a fifteen year warranty but that the life span on them has been around fifty years. Mr. Cattell noted that the structure would be similar to the one that Arms Trucking has that to his understanding was in a location for fifteen years and then moved to the current location. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that it would be a re-coop of funds in two years with the savings on salt. Discussion continued regarding the cost of salt being less expensive in the summer due to easier delivery and less pressure of demand, and while prices will fluctuate. Several townships purchase salt from the county due to their lack of storage, which the extra capacity of storage would allow the County to accommodate the townships and not short the county on their need.

Commissioner Claypool expressed that he would like to have further discussion and obtain information from the Townships on working with them to get a better bulk price on the salt and the Townships having an agreement to purchase a set amount from the county. Mr. Cattell spoke about the County 'renting' equipment to the Townships as a resource program for use that they cannot purchase or rent on their own that the County owns, adding that the County works with the Townships to schedule the equipment use around projects the County is doing in that same area to make it even more cost effective. Mr. Spidalieri expressed an idea of supplying the salt to the Townships at a set price above what the County purchases it for above that as a revenue stream that can be used to defray the cost of the structure, with the idea of it would be necessary putting in a larger structure that could handle the additional capacity needed by not only the county but also the Townships. Mr. Claypool added that with a few additional questions and ideas this could ultimately be something really great, adding that with an agreement with the Townships, initial deliveries could be delivered as a start and then the remainder being picked up from the County, with the initial contracted price being paid on the amount delivered. Mr. Cattell expressed concern now over the time frame of building the structure in time for summer delivery, adding that he has to commit to summer delivery in April.

Mr. Rear expressed that he has some questions and observations starting with that there is no reason to put money into repair of the current salt dome, asking about any environmental issues with larger amounts of salt, and any downsides from water run-off. Mr. Cattell stated that there are regulations that the salt has to be covered, that they must load inside and underground drainage, to which he added that they would not have any problems. Mr. Rear stated that the

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'big guy has to front the money' which while the General Fund doesn't purchase the salt, but if the Board has to front money to build a structure, how does the General Fund be replenished over time, expressing concern that while the General Fund will get back a percentage of the new office addition, additional concern is with the reduction to the General Fund. Discussion then took place regarding increases in costs, and the changes in fuel costs and how those costs affect budgets. The Board expressed that they agreed that the project needs to be completed; they just need to figure out a way to get it completed. Mr. Lair was asked for input regarding the conversation to which he noted that there are compelling returns on investment to do the project, and suggested that the Engineer move forward to accept bids with no commitment of awarding a bid, adding that the Budget Commission needs to certify the revenues in the General Fund and then the Board will need to make some hard decisions regarding the General Fund carryover to serve the needs that need to be handled, debt renewal in August and the additional needs that will need to be included in that, noting the building needs of the Veterans and the cost of the salt structure. Discussion took place regarding how debt is paid off and how funding needs need to be met. Local resident Walter Leagan brought up the idea of using an overage cost above the price paid by the Townships that could be used to pay back funds to the General Fund, which in the end is profitable to both the county and the townships.

Mr. Spidalieri brought up the idea of a centralized fueling station for the County that would include any departments in the County that would see larger bulk discounts on fuel. Discussion took place on what departments could be included, capacity that would be needed, fuel suppliers and the tanks being above ground.

Mr. Rear steered back the discussion to the salt structure and asked to see some financial scenarios, including the scenarios with the Townships. Mr. Cattell presented the Board with a breakdown of numbers on salt prices and usage. Mr. Rear explained that they were all in the same boat regarding funding and budgets being tight. Local resident Tom Jones inquired about the Townships being included and if they should be included as stakeholders, to which it was discussed that in a way they would be under an agreement and would also see the benefits. A brief discussion took place regarding financing whether it is in house or making payments through a bank. It ended with the idea of moving forward with obtaining bids and discussion regarding the size of the building, the height of the sides of the walls and the thickness, the benefits of one larger building verses two smaller and the insurance placed on the fabric on top.

OTHER

Mr. Claypool mentioned that he had met with a resident this a.m. voicing concern over a county employee being parked in a handicap parking space at McDonalds and that a picture of the vehicle and plate would be looked into.

Mr. Claypool expressed that a conversation needed to be had regarding a procedure of having a standard or selection process for board members, adding that he didn't want to appoint anyone without having a resume to review. A brief discussion took place regarding the issues that they are seeing with the Mental Health Board and options that need to be looked are regarding the members that they appoint to that Board. Mr. Rear noted that he had received a template from the Prosecutor's Office regarding a process or procedure for accepting applications and how to move forward with appointments. Discussion continued regarding holding interviews if needed because a person can look great on paper, but having a discussion with them gives you a better idea of experience and their way of thinking.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 24, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A Resolution of Appreciation presented by Chester Township Board of Trustees to John Rogers, Road Department worker for 29 years of service.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Thu., 1/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

Fri., 1/9 – Sun., 1/11 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Fair Managers Conference in Columbus

Mon., 1/12 The Commissioners' will hold the Annual Re-Organizational Meeting

Tue., 1/13 The Regularly Scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled

*Mon., 1/19 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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