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April 12, 2016

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 12, 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 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator, David Lair reported on financials from April 5, 2016, Resolution #16-038, as including Appropriation Transfer from the Contingency account for indigent defendant transcript fees for the Common Pleas; Cash Transfer from the General Fund for a portion of 2016 County Home funding; Contract for Meyer Design Incorporated for playground resurfacing for the Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$49,992.00; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Commissioners' Office, Common Pleas Court, the Department of Job and Family Services and the Department of Water Resources; a Payment to Ravenwood Center for the 2nd Quarter 2016 funding for the Youth Center and payment to Kent Marks Home Improvements for the Thompson Township Community Center Rehabilitation Project for the Office of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$12,841.60 as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 5, 2016 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 2016, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 29, 2016.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the work session meeting of March 29, 2016.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of March 31, 2016.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from these meetings.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers from the Contingency fund for the Sheriff's Office for web check fees reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund and for additional appropriations for the Veterans Service Commission; Cash Transfers out of the General Fund for 2016 funding for the Family First Council, the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Soil and Water Conservation District; Travel Requests for the Auditor's Office, Building Department, Clerk of Courts, Common Pleas Court, Community Development, and the Department of Job and Family Services; A payment to Logos Communication for the ADP Department for a Cloud

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managed access point in the amount of \$7,438.83; A payment to New World Systems for annual utility software agreement for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$19,008.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-039 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 12, 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 April 8, 2016 by the County Administrator, including an Agreement with Chardon Rotary for the requested use of the Parking Area (208 East Park Street) for the Maple Festival; Concurred with Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License requested by Ross C. DeJohn & Sons, Incorporated, d.b.a DeJohn Funeral Homes, and Pari Group 1, Incorporated, d.b.a Pari Indian Cuisine, as authorized by Resolution #16-005 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 11, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

GEAUGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – PRESENTATION UPDATE

President of the Geauga County Historical Society, Mr. Fred Green, recapped the history of Geauga County's first Historical Society facility. Mr. Green recommended an autobiography by Eleazer Hicox, stating that the autobiography touches on the personal history of Geauga County and the meaning of Western Reserve. Mr. Green also expressed with regard to the operation of the organization, how salaries and fixed utility costs have gone up while income has stayed static or gone down. Mr. Green thanked the commissioners for past donations and is asking for more help. Mr. Green is moving forward with planning new events that will promote tourism and revenue growth and using volunteers as much as possible to help offset increased expenses. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that the county hopes to put together a newsletter that will help in promoting organizations such as the Historical Society.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – VETERAN SERVICE COMMISSION – DONATION FUND

Mr. Lair asked for the Board's consideration to create a special revenue donation fund to allow for the proper accounting of revenues for donations made to the Veteran Service Commission. Mr. Lair expressed that there has been interest from people willing to donate for various reasons, but at this point they are unable to do so. Mr. Lair noted that allowing this special fund will help the Veteran Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the Geauga County Auditor to establish a new special revenue fund to be known as the Veteran Service Commission (VSC) Donation Fund to allow for the proper accounting of revenues for donations received by the Geauga County Veterans Service Commission and the expenditures for the same.

<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 – TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Director Jessica Boalt informed the Board of a reoccurring contract that exists between the Department on Aging and the Geauga County Transit. Ms. Boalt asked the Transit Department to review their operating and fuel costs to ensure that the Department on Aging is paying a fair value for transportation services. Ms. Boalt stated that this year they will be paying \$3.07 per mile as opposed to \$3.16 per mile in past years. Ms. Boalt also informed the Board that mileage for scheduled client outings are paid by the client at a cost of \$3.00 per mile and not by the tax payers.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Transportation Services Agreement between Geauga County Transit and the Department on Aging to provide the professional transportation services of senior citizens for the period April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$3.07 per mile for services and \$3.00 per mile for outings.

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

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SHANNON HUMBERSON – PART-TIME ATTENDANT

Director Karen DeCola asked for the Board's approval in hiring Shannon Humberson for the position of Part-time Attendant.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Shannon Humberson to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective April 18, 2016 at the rate of \$11.24 per hour with a one year probationary period.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-040 – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA – BURTON TOWNSHIP – DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER – CREATING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL – TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

Director Anita Stocker stated that Burton Township Trustees unanimously agreed to ask the Commissioners to accept a resolution to create a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). Ms. Stocker stated that the first step is to approve the resolution and if approved it will then be sent to the state delineating the CRA zone requested. Ms. Stocker stated that this only applies to new construction or additions to existing buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-040 Implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 and Section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in the Township of Burton, Geauga County, Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program, and Creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 12, 2016
Resolution: #16-040

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 AND SECTION 5709.85 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BURTON, GEAUGA COUNTY, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County (hereinafter "Board") desires to pursue all reasonable and legitimate incentive measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the County of Geauga that have not enjoyed reinvestment from remodeling or new construction;

WHEREAS, a survey of housing, a copy of which is on file in the office of Community and Economic Development as required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3735.66 has been prepared for the area to be included in the proposed Community Reinvestment Area;

WHEREAS, the maintenance of existing and construction of new structures in such area would serve to encourage economic stability, maintain real property values, and generate new employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new structures in this Community Reinvestment Area constitutes a public purpose for which real property exemptions may be granted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF GEAUGA, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: The area designated as the Burton Township Community Reinvestment Area

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constitutes an area in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged:

Section 2: Pursuant to ORC Section 3735.66, Burton Township Community Reinvestment Area is hereby established in the following described area:

The CRA property is located either wholly or partially within Lots 49, 50, 59 and 60 of Burton Township. This section of Burton is located in the far eastern section adjacent to Middlefield Township and encompasses properties north and south of Kinsman Road (SR87) in lots 49, 50, 59 and 60. The Southeast portion of the Burton CRA zone is located entirely within Burton Lot 60. Lot 60 is bordered on the North by Kinsman Road, on the South by Burton Lot 70, on the East by Middlefield Township Lot 30 and 31, on the west a portion of Burton Lot 59 in the Southwest portion. The Southwest portion is bordered by Burton Lot 69 to the south and properties owned by T.L. Schaeffer parcel #04.145922 and Clark Family LP parcels: #04.005650 and #04.005050 to the west. Burton CRA zone is located within Burton Lots 49 and 50. Lots 49 and 50 are bordered on the north by Burton Lots 39 and 40, on the east by Middlefield Lots 21 and 40, on the west by properties owned by City of Akron parcels #04.707132 and #04.404130. Parcels #04.100500 and #04.100400 owned by Harold William Moss and parcel #04.045700 owned by Ralph Fritinger are included in the Burton CRA zone. Burton CRA zone is bordered on the Northwest by properties owned by City of Akron parcels 04.707130 and 04.707136 and Impullitti Holdings parcel 04.131700. On the Southwest the CRA is bordered by properties owned by the Clark Family LP parcels #04.005050 and #04.005650 and T.L. Schaeffer parcel #04.145922. Burton CRA is bordered on the Northeastern by Middlefield Lots 21, 30 and 31.

The Burton Township Community Reinvestment Area is approximately depicted as the crosshatched area on the map attached to this Resolution (see Exhibit A) and by this reference incorporated herein.

Only industrial properties consistent with the applicable zoning regulations within the designated Community Reinvestment Area will be eligible for exemptions under this Program.

Section 3: All properties identified in Exhibit A as being within the designated Community Reinvestment Area are eligible for this incentive (the county may determine that all new industrial uses are eligible). This proposal is a public/private partnership intended to promote and expand conforming uses in the designated area. As part of the project, the County of Geauga intends to undertake supporting public improvements in the designated area.

Section 4: Within the Community Reinvestment Area, the percentage of the tax exemption on the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from improvements to industrial real property and the term of those exemptions, shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction or remodeling occurring according to the rules outlined in the ORC Section 3765.67. The results of the negotiation as approved by the Board will be set in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement as outlined in ORC Section 3735.671.

Section 5: All industrial projects are required to comply with the state application fee requirements of ORC Section 3735.672 (C) and the local annual monitoring fee of one percent of the amount of taxes exempted under the agreement - a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$2500 annually unless waived.

Section 6: To administer and implement the provisions of this Resolution, the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is designated as the Housing Officer as described in Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70.

Section 7: A "Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council" shall be created, consisting of three members appointed by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and two members appointed by the Gauga County Planning Commission. The majority of the members shall then appoint two additional members who shall be residents of Burton Township. Terms of the members of the Council shall be for three years. An unexpired term resulting from a vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment was made. The Community Reinvestment Area Council shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the district for which an exemption has been granted under Section 3735.67 of the ORC. The Council shall also hear appeals under Section 3735.70 of the ORC.

A Tax Incentive Review Council shall be established pursuant to ORC Section 5709.85 and shall consist of three representatives appointed by each member of the Board of County Commissioners, two representatives of Burton Township, appointed by the Burton Township Board of Trustees, the Gauga County Auditor (or designee) and one representative each appointed by the Boards' of Education of Berkshire School District and Auburn Career Center. At least two members of the Council must be residents of Burton Township. The Tax Incentive Review Council shall review annually the compliance of all agreements involving the granting of exemptions for industrial real property improvements under Section 3735.671, of the ORC and make written recommendations to the Council as to continuing, modifying or terminating said

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agreement based upon the performance of the agreement.

Section 8: The council reserves the right to re-evaluate the designation of the Burton Township Community Reinvestment Area after December 31, 2017, at which time the Council may direct the Housing Officer not to accept any new applications for exemptions as described in Section 3735.67 of the ORC.

Section 9: The Community Reinvestment Area Council shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the district for which an exemption has been granted under Section 3735.67 of the ORC. The council shall also hear appeals under 3735.70, of the ORC.

Section 10: The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the ORC.

Section 11: This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon confirmation of the findings in this Resolution by the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Section 12: The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County hereby petitions the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency to confirm the findings contained within this Resolution.

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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE – RESOLUTION #16-040 TO CREATE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) – BURTON TOWNSHIP

Ms. Stocker asked for permission to advertise Resolution #16-040.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise Resolution #16-040 to Create a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in the Township of Burton, Geauga County, on April 14, 2016, April 21, 2016 and on the county website.*

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE – NOTICE OF PUBLIC FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) – NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF) – CDBG PROGRAM INCOME – REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad asked the Commissioners for permission to advertise the Notice to Public of a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for environmental review for EEI, Incorporated, who wishes to purchase land and construct a building.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise the Notice to Public of a Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) combined notice in regards to the EEI Project, CDBG Program Income, Revolving Loan Fund, to be advertised on April 14, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

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Ms. Conrad asked for permission to advertise Public Hearing #2. Ms. Conrad explained that Public Hearing #2 is the beginning process to apply for the Community Development Grant (CDBG) on behalf of EEI, Incorporated..

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #2 for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Program to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:35 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on April 14, 2016 and on the county website.

<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>

Commissioner Claypool asked Water Resources Director Gerald Morgan, Planning Director Dave Dietrich and Anita Stocker to come before the Board for a discussion on ground water quality. Mr. Claypool stated various individuals in the county are doing research and that all information is available to the public and Mr. Lair has been updated on discussions on a regular basis. Mr. Lair stated that Mr. Claypool is doing independent research in order to make good fiscal decisions. Mr. Claypool announced that there will be a meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. on ground water. Mr. Claypool expressed that this meeting was orchestrated with the intent to allow more people to be informed of this topic. Mr. Dietrich stated that there are options to be discussed about our ground water to make sure the correct decisions are being made.

GEAUGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES – JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) – FIRST QUARTER REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Mr. Lair noted that supporting documentation was provided along with the report.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) (#2013-JB-014-B226) first quarter reimbursement report.

<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>

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT – FIORE’S GROUP, LLC – LAWN MAINTENANCE – SAFETY CENTER – SHERIFF’S POST #2 – DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICE – PLEASANT HILL COUNTY HOME – RAVENWOOD – VETERANS MEMORIAL – PLEASANT HILL COUNTY HOME CEMETERY – COURT HOUSE – 208 EAST PARK PARKING LOT – 470 CENTER STREET

Director Glen Vernick stated information pertaining to three contracts providing lawn care services for the Safety Center and various department locations throughout the county.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore’s Group, LLC to perform lawn maintenance services at the Safety Center and Sheriff’s Post #2 for the Years 2016 and 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

<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 approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore’s Group, LLC to perform lawn maintenance services at the Department of Emergency Services, Pleasant Hill County Home, Department on Aging/Ravenwood, Veterans Memorial and the Pleasant Hill County Home Cemetery for the Years 2016 and 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore's Group, LLC to perform lawn maintenance services at the Courthouse , 208 East Park Parking Lot, and at 470 Center Street for the Years 2016 and 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL – VETERAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Geauga County Prosecutor Jim Flaiz stated that he had previously submitted an application for outside counsel for the Geauga County Veteran Service Commission due to an adversarial situation with the Commissioners. Mr. Flaiz expressed that the concern was over a funding issue for the year 2016. Mr. Flaiz stated that to his understanding the 2016 funding request between the Veteran Service Commission and the County Commissioners has been fully met.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - VOCA GRANT AWARD – ACCEPTANCE FORM – ATTORNEY GENERAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Sheriff Dan McClelland asked the Board to accept the grant that will allow three employees to attend the Ohio Attorney General's conference training program.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the VOCA Grant Award and Acceptance Form (Grant #2016-VOCA-27434016) for reimbursement of training expenses for three (3) Deputies to attend the Attorney General training conference in May, in the amount of \$988.00 (\$790.40 VOCA Funds, \$197.60 local match, Sheriff's Law Enforcement Trust).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – MUTUAL RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – CHRISTINE AND ERIC WILSON – DAMAGE TO PROPERTY – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Director Gerry Morgan stated that this is a Settlement Agreement with Christine and Eric Wilson for property damage in connection with the construction of the Thompson Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Morgan stated that the contractor's subcontractor used the Wilsons' property without permission to move heavy equipment back to the discharge point causing damage to the Wilsons' driveway and also for the wrongful placement of the head wall on the Wilsons' property.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement between Christine and Eric Wilson and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for damages caused to their property while work was being performed on the construction of the Thompson Township Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – BID AWARD – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICE INCORPORATED – COY LANE LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Mr. Morgan stated that the Coy Lane Lift Station was built in the 1960's and serves eight houses in the Scarsdale subdivision in Russell Township and would like to award the bid for the lowest and best bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute award the bid to Workman Industrial Service, Incorporated for the Coy Lane Lift Station Replacement Project in the amount of \$166,152.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT – FIORE'S GROUP LLC – LAWN MAINTENANCE – NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN LOCATIONS

Mr. Morgan stated that all their lawn maintenance for 2016 and 2017 went out to bid and Fiore's Landscaping came in with the lowest bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore's Group LLC, to perform lawn maintenance at the Northern and Southern locations within the department for the Years 2016 and 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00 (\$16,250.00 per year).

<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 OF WATER RESOURCES – RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS INCORPORATED – RATE EVALUATION

Mr. Morgan stated that they are looking to do a rate evaluation study on the current service fees charged by the department. Mr. Morgan expressed that the last time a study was done was 16 years ago. Mr. Morgan added that the last sanitary fee increase in the amount of 3% and the last water service increase in the amount of 5% took place in 2012.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the department to begin negotiating a contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants Incorporated to perform a Rate Evaluation on charges for services currently being provided.

<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 OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #4 – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Morgan asked for authorization to send paperwork to Ohio Public Works Commission for the reimbursement of payments made on the Thompson Township Sewer Project.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #4 for the Thompson Township Sewer Project in the amount of \$85,463.69.

<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 – APPOINT FRANK GLIHA & SHERIFF DAN McCLELLAND - VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD – POSTING OF THE NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Mr. Lair stated that the State of Ohio recently passed Legislation requiring counties to set up a Volunteer Police Officers' Dependents Fund and to establish a Board to oversee funding and the distribution of funds to injured volunteers for safety services. Mr. Lair stated that a recommendation was made to appoint the Geauga County Auditor and Geauga County Sheriff to this Board. Mr. Lair also stated that another requirement is to acknowledge the posting of the Notice of Election for other members of the Board. Commissioner Claypool added comment that this is a great program, but state legislators have made the whole process complicated.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Auditor Frank Gliha to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Sheriff Dan McClelland to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge the posting of the Notice of Election for the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board at the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, with the Election to be held Thursday, April 14, 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 – RESOLUTION #16-042 – PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK 2016

Mr. Lair stated that May 2 through May 6, 2016 is Public Service Recognition week throughout the state. Mr. Lair expressed that in the 12 years of his employment with the Commissioners' Office he has worked alongside some of the most outstanding professionals he has seen in his career. Mr. Lair continued to state that the people in this office and individuals working under this hiring authority without question or hesitation are always stepping up to the plate and going above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Claypool interjected that he agreed with Mr. Lair with the fact that Geauga County has great employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-042 Proclaiming May 2 through May 6 as Public Service Recognition Week for 2016.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 16-042
Date: April 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 6
AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2016**

WHEREAS, Men and women serve America daily as public servants at the federal, state, county and local levels. The vast array of services provided by government is an integral part of our lives. Every day of our lives we depend upon the work performed by public employees; and

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WHEREAS, Public service is a public trust, a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, A job in public service will impact the lives of many people, through public policy, education, law enforcement, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Without these dedicated government employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, We, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, wish to proclaim that annually the first full week of May will be Public Service Recognition Week in Geauga County and to call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made by public employees at all levels who help ensure the quality of our lives in this great country and in this great county in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 325.25 specifically authorizes employee recognition programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – CANCELLING OF SESSIONS – APRIL 28, 2016 – MAY 3, 2016

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session on Thursday April 28, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session on Tuesday, May 3, 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>

Auburn Township resident Tom Jones offered comments pertaining to a meeting regarding water level monitoring that both he and Commissioner Rear attended in Auburn Township.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 23, 2016 and March 30, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of March, 2016.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 4/12 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Wed., 4/13 The Geauga County Township Association Quarterly Dinner, Pleasant Hills Golf Club, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., 4/18 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

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Mon., 4/18 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 4/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 4/19 ADP Meeting 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 4/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include Public Hearing #1 at 9:30 a.m. for the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program

*Thu., 4/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m. (**cancelled pending motion above**)*

Thu., 4/28 CIC 46th Annual Salute to Business and Industry at 5:30 p.m., St. Denis Party Center

*Tue., 5/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. (**cancelled pending motion above**)*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

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Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk

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