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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 28, 2014 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2014.

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

FINANCIALS

The Commissioners' Office reported on financials from January 23, 2014, Resolution #14-011, that included a Supplemental appropriation for salary and benefits for map room employees that have been transferred to the Auditor's office; an appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to the Prosecutor's hospitalization line due to a change in insurance coverage; one Then & Now for the Building Department; a payment to Manatron for annual support for property tax software for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$83,282.50; and a payment to Itersource for annual network support for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$45,000.00, 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 Year 2014, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.3, and which duties shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the commissioners.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including revenue certifications for the Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) operating fund for new ODE special education funding and the Board of Mental Health for apartment operating revenue; Supplemental appropriations for the Board of DD for Board approved budget adjustments; Travel requests for the Recorder's and Treasurer's offices and the Department of Emergency Services; one Then and Now for the Department of Job & Family Services; Payments to Cummins Bridgeway LLC for the purchase of a Genset diesel generator for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$21,018.00 and to Mr. Excavator for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$67,412.44.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-012 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 28, 2014.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri, Ms. Delaney explained that this was the first payment for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project. Commissioner Samide said she had received a question from a resident who was somewhat upset regarding the fact that the Metzenbaum Developmental Disabilities Center had not closed during recent inclement weather, and asked County Administrator David Lair if he knew why they had not closed. Mr. Lair responded that he had recently had a conversation with Metzenbaum Superintendent Don Rice, who indicated that they had felt conditions were acceptable for maintaining operations. Mr. Lair added that this decision is not governed by what the county might do or what the public

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schools in the county might do, and that it would be up to the Metzenbaum Board to determine whether their closure policy needed to be reviewed.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT – ORCHARD HILLS CENTER, LLC – WEST GEAUGA SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPACE - TABLED

Department on Aging Director Jessica Boalt explained that she was looking to do a one-year contract for this space, given that this was a levy year, and stated in response to a question from Commissioner Samide that this contract includes a 10 percent increase from last year, but is comparable to other site costs. In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri as to participation at this location, Ms. Boalt responded that they were at about 750 participants at that site, and it was acknowledged that this number placed this site not far behind the main senior center site located on the county central campus in Claridon, which was at around 880 participants last year. Ms. Boalt confirmed Mr. Spidalieri's estimate that we were looking at an increase of almost \$3,000 per year, but stated that she felt this was still a good expenditure for the agency, as Site Coordinator Sandy McLeod had commented to her that this location accommodates our needs very well, and the facility's kitchen allows for them to serve home delivered meals directly from that site. In response to a question from Ms. Samide, Ms. Boalt stated that property owner Mr. Patterson is very accommodating, and would have no problem with them using the site on an evening or weekend, as long as the party center facility was not booked at that time for another event. In response to a question from Mr. Spidalieri, Ms. Boalt stated that the rental cost does not include utilities, but the only utility they must pay at that site is electric, and it was noted that the agency pays the electric bill on the meter serving the clubhouse, as well as some of the electricity for the party center building. In response to a question from Ms. Samide regarding the electric bills, Ms. Boalt responded that the utility bills are quite high in the winter due to the electric heat used there, and she recalled seeing a recent bill in the range of \$2,000. In response to a question from Mr. Spidalieri as to how we can determine whether we are paying for utilities costs caused by weekend activities when we are not there, Ms. Boalt said she was unable to provide an answer at present, but confirmed that we are paying the electric bill at least part of the party center that might get used on weekends as well as during the week when the senior center was in operation. In response to a question from Ms. Samide regarding comparability of utility costs to the main Senior Center on Ravenwood Drive, Mr. Lair said that he would get with Jessica and Maintenance Director Glen Vernick to review utility bills there. Commissioners Spidalieri and Samide agreed that it would make sense to delay action on this request for a day or so just to gather some additional background information and perhaps revisit the requested rent increase with the Lessor.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Sub-Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Orchard Hills Center, LLC for the West Geauga Senior Center for use of the Clubhouse and the Main Room and Caterer's Kitchen of the Event Center during the Permitted Hours for the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015, in the amount of \$2,415.00 per month, plus utilities.

The motion was not read, but tabled pending review of information and subsequent rescheduling at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL TIME INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANT (#1017)

Ms. Boalt stated that we don't have anyone handling customers or transferring phone calls after 12 p.m. on our business floor; we do have an ancillary services coordinator, but she is part time, but instead of being able to coordinate ancillary services in the morning, she is assisting with phone calls as is the normal function of the Information and Referral (I & R) position. The goal is to allow the ancillary services manager to handle I & R duties as well as manage departmental assets onsite and offsite as far as maintenance goes, along with maintaining required documentation for paperwork including MSDS sheets. In response to a question from Mr. Lair, Ms. Boalt responded that she had gone through her existing budget and has found areas to reduce planned expenditures to pay for this additional position, including the elimination of a planned expenditure to Catholic Charities for \$24,000 for a counselor position which they have eliminated.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Information and Referral Assistant (#1017). This position will remain posted until February 14, 2014.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #B-F-13-1AZ-1 – INSTALLATION OF KNOX BOXES FOR SENIORS

Department of Community and Economic Development Administrative Secretary Kristin Merrill said these actions are both for the same grant, one is for the Knox Box project, and one is for the ADA restroom accessibility project at the Burton log cabin, and these actions are just for the paperwork that has to be sent to the state prior to going out for bid, certifying that these projects have no environmental impact and are thus exempt from environmental review.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-13-1AZ-1 for the Installation of Knox Boxes on Senior's Homes throughout the county.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-13-1AZ-1 for ADA Upgrading of Public Facilities to the Burton Log Cabin in Burton Village.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT – FOWLERS MILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that we have been approved for a \$100,000 Ohio Public Works grant for replacement of an existing bridge on Fowlers Mill Road, just north of Mayfield Road. He added that had consulted with Munson Township Trustee Andy Bushman, who said that residents will be pleased that this upgrade will widen the roadway, which will allow pedestrians space to walk across the bridge on the road shoulder. Mr. Cattell indicated that the Engineer's office has gotten most of the necessary property easements in place to do this project, and added that in these cases, his office tries to talk to the township where the project is located up front to prevent problems. In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri as to the project schedule, Engineer Cattell stated that they plan to do the work this year, and the project should only take 3-4 weeks, because it is pre-cast construction, and most of the time is spent removing the old bridge and its foundation, and added that they will try to wait to start this project until school is out.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement Local Transportation Improvement Program for the Fowlers Mill Road Bridge Replacement Project #CGY12 in Munson Township in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

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MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTIONS DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Jim Adams, Executive Director of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services explained that the Board has asked that the commissioners allow placement of this renewal issue on the May primary ballot. Mr. Adams stated that we have programs in senior centers and programs in schools, and this levy represents about 28% of our revenue through their fiscal year. Recent projects include \$200,000 for a transitional center and the recently completed, 2 million dollar residential facility, all done with grants, which is enabling them to open up debt free, with no public money required for their completion. Mr. Adams referred to a handout he had provided the commissioners in describing the services provided his agency, stating that there are about 100 different programs that we fund. Commissioner Samide commented that programs to support mental health are important, and that this (winter) is a tough time of year. In response to question from resident Skip Claypool, Mr. Adams stated that this request is for a renewal, not a tax increase, and this levy has been in place since the late seventies. Mr. Adams noted that his agency had received a three-year grant for a study on the response to trauma from a mass shooting incident, based on experience gained from the Chardon High School shooting in early 2012. He added that his agency has been working with and providing information to the local health department in Connecticut tasked with response to aid local residents traumatized in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. Mr. Claypool suggested that it would be good if the commissioners could provide more information up-front to meeting attendees in the audience, so they could also see the information being passed out to the Commissioners by a participant in a board meeting.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-013 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Health and Recovery Services, As Authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 -013

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 28th day of January 2014, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:

Ralph Spidalieri

Mary E. Samide

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Samide moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services f.k.a. Geauga Community Board of Mental Health,

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Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, hereby certifies to the Geauga County Auditor this resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify to the Board of County Commissioners the total current tax valuation of Geauga County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal levy of seven tenths (.70) of one mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding seven tenths (.70) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amount to seven cents (\$0.07) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of seven tenths (.70) of one mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy shall be for a period of five (5) years and this levy is a renewal levy of seven tenths (.70) of one mill to be placed upon the tax year 2014 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the primary election to be held on May 6, 2014.

Commissioner Spidalieri seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that there would be a second required action on Thursday after receipt of the Auditor's certification in order to place this issue on the May ballot.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXTEND PROBATIONARY PERIOD – BRIAN BENSON

Department of Water Resources Director Doug Bowen this action was to provide more time for Mr. Benson to obtain his CDL, noting that the need to take this kind of action will change with the new union contract, which allows for an entry-level position without this requirement, plus an extended period of time to obtain the license.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve with the consent of the employee and in accordance with Article Seventeen of the Labor Agreement to extend the probationary period of Brian Benson, Full-time Maintenance Worker (#2330) an additional sixty (60) days allowing the opportunity to pass the CDL exam, which is a condition of continued employment.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Rear	Absent
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – HONORING J. ERIK KRIZMAN – ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-014 Honoring J. Erik Krizman on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING J. ERIK KRIZMAN FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, J. Erik Krizman is a member of St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 190, Chardon, Ohio, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, J. Erik Krizman provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, J. Erik Krizman's Eagle Scout project consisted of renovating trails and building information kiosks for Geneva State Park located in Geneva, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes J. Erik Krizman for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Rear	Absent
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 15, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending December, 2013.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Wed., 1/29 Geauga County Tourism Annual Members meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Middlefield Community Room

Wed., 1/29 Geauga Township Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the West Woods Nature Center

Thu., 1/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:36 A.M.

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Ralph Spidalieri

absent

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Deborah Ashburn, Temporary Acting Commissioners' Clerk

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