

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 25, 2015**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room located at 470 Center Street. Building #8, 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 6:30 p.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator David Lair reported on the financials from June 25, 2015, Resolution #15-084, an Appropriation transfer for the Auditor's Office in order to process payroll due to additional hours incurred in the administration of dog licenses, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved December 30, 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 2015, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.*

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ORC 5705.19 AND .222**

*Director Don Rice introduced the Board members in attendance, Dr. Dennis Schmidt, Mark Jackson and Nanette Warholic, along with acknowledgement of the large members of support from the community. Business Manager Steve Tucker explained that on June 2, 2015 the Board was asked to approve the first step requesting the Board to certify the amount of revenue that would be brought by this levy, that has been received and they are now asking the Board to approve the resolution for the next step that requests the Board of Elections to draft ballot language and have it placed on the November 2015 ballot. Commissioner Claypool thanked Mr. Rice for all of his time and in providing the information requested.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-081 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, O.R.C. 5705.19 and .222.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 25, 2015*

*Resolution: #15-081*

***A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, O.R.C. 5705.19 and .222***

*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #8, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:*

*Walter M. Claypool      Ralph Spidalieri      Blake A. Rear*

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*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 Rear moved for the adoption of the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Metzenbaum Center) established pursuant to Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:*

*Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Metzenbaum Center) for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Metzenbaum Center) with sufficient funds for the operation, and funding, of programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities, at a rate not exceeding one (1.00) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is an additional levy for said purposes.*

*Section 2. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2015 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.*

*Section 3. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19 and .222 to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015.*

*Section 4. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the general election to be held on November 3, 2015 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of elections on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.*

*Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those*

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*formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri seconded the motion.*

<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. Rear thanked those in attendance, acknowledging that it is a very passionate issue with many of them. Commissioner Spidalieri noted that it is a great outpouring of support. Mr. Rear expressed that everyone was welcome to stay but that if they needed to leave the Board understood. There was a pause while those that wished to leave made their way out of the building.*

**PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE / VICTIM WITNESS – OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) 2015-2016 GRANT APPLICATION**

*Victims Advocate Cindi Haycox-Wellman explained that it was time again to submit the application for the VOCA/SVAA grant. According to Ms. Haycox-Wellman, the Department of Justice collects fees from fines and distributes those funds to the different states, noting that thirty-three states have victims of crimes funds and that we are lucky to have one in Ohio. Ms. Haycox-Wellman stated that in the past they have given up an amount that can be applied for that requires a 25% match, adding that normally there is a cap of \$16 million that is released, however due to an excess of funds, Congress lifted that cap and \$69.9 million was available and that increases in funding could be requested. Ms. Haycox-Wellman stated that there was no request for salary but rather for an increase to update the SART Team (Sexual Abuse Response Team). Mr. Spidalieri inquired who that was made up of, to which Ms. Haycox-Wellman stated that it was a collaboration of Advocates, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement – primarily Robin Taylor (Sheriff's Victim Advocate) and Katie Kimball (Job and Family Services Joint Investigator), Ravenwood, Job and Family Services, Mental Health and Recovery, Human Trafficking group, Cleveland Rape Center, Nurses (SANE Trained – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) that does the collection of evidence. Ms. Haycox-Wellman stated that these funds will assist with providing training and getting literature together that will include a flow chart depicting the order of contact depending on the type of crime. Ms. Haycox-Wellman noted that the increase included an additional \$800.00 for the county local match.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to execute the Ohio Attorney General Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) 2015-2016 grant application for the Geauga County Prosecutor Victim/Witness Program in the amount of \$71,661.00 (\$50,400.00 Federal VOCA Funds, \$16,800.00 County local match) and \$4,461.00 from SVAA with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 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>

*Mr. Spidalieri asked Ms. Haycox-Wellman if she would be interested in putting together a presentation on human trafficking and present that at an evening meeting.*

**COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KAITLYN KAUFMAN, PART-TIME ATTENDANT**

*Mr. Lair stated that Ms. Kaufman has turned in her resignation because she has accepted another position elsewhere.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Kaufman, Part-time Attendant to be effective June 23, 2015.*

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

COUNTY HOME – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)  
*Mr. Lair noted that Ms. DeCola would like to increase the current posting to three positions to cover the vacancies.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to increase the current posting from two to three positions for Part-Attendant (#1504-1). These positions will remain posted until filled.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RE-APPOINT CASEY ZICARELLI, MANCAN INCORPORATED – NOC COG AREA 19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

*It was noted that this is an additional re-appointment that was missed in the initial group done on Tuesday.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to Re-Appoint Casey Zicarelli, Mancan Incorporated as a Business representative to the NOC COG Area 19 Workforce Investment Board for a one year term ending June 30, 2016.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND TIME OF AUGUST 27, 2015 REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD AT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES)

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-082 Establishing the Location and Time of the August 27, 2015 Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at the Department of Emergency Services (DES).*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 25, 2015*  
*Resolution: 15-082*

*RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE AUGUST 27, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TO BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES)*

*WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of Commissioners;*

*WHEREAS, The Department of Emergency Services will give a presentation on the Plans and Responses in place for a variety of emergencies that could arise within the County; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, August 27, 2015 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to be held at the Department of Emergency Services (DES), located at 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.*

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

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

*It was noted that the Department of Emergency Services is located on Merritt Road almost across from the Dog Warden's Office.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE ADDITION OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME TO BE HELD AT THE GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the addition of a regular meeting to be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, and further approve and execute Resolution #15-083 Establishing the Location and Time of the September 3, 2015 Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at the Geauga County Fairgrounds.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 25, 2015*

*Resolution: 15-083*

***RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BE HELD AT THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR***

*WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the Great Geauga County Fair, as Ohio's Oldest County Fair; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of Commissioners;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, September 3, 2015 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, at the site of the Junior Fair Four-H stage and will begin at 10:00 a.m.*

*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 Rear	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye

*It was noted that this meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will take place on the Junior Fair Stage.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER TO ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING GEAUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, INCORPORATED**

*Mr. Claypool noted that a meeting had been held with the City of Chardon and in the course of time were notified that LIFELINE has pulled out from Geauga County and that the City of Chardon was now endorsing the Geauga County Community Action group. A letter has been sent to the State with the action plan and this letter is to the Elected Officials providing an update.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a letter to the Geauga County Elected Officials regarding the Geauga County Community Action, Incorporated.*

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

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**RECOGNITION**

*Mr. Claypool stated that at the Geauga Growth Partnership annual meeting he had met Ms. Gray and introduced Laurel Gray. Ms. Gray stated that she is an upcoming senior at Chardon High School, that she is a Girl Scout and that she had recently been appointed to serve on the Teen Ambassador Board for Mike DeWine at the Attorney General's Office for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Gray stated that she is a volunteer for American Prosperity and in August will be attending their Summit in Columbus. Mr. Rear noted that she has quite a number of volunteer hours at an early age, to which Ms. Gray stated that she is currently working on her congressional award that requires 450 hours of community service, along with personal and experience hours. The Board congratulated Ms. Gray for her accomplishment and noted her mother was in attendance and expressed gratitude for doing such a great job.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 10, 2015 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 May, 2015.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 6/29 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 6/30 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*

*Tue., 6/30 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. which will include a Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the Geauga County 2016 Tax Budget*

*Fri., 7/3 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tue., 7/7 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Wed., 7/8 Geauga County Township Association Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Welshfield Inn Banquet Center, Troy Township*

*Mon., 7/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 7/14 The Commissioners' Office will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 7/14 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center, Board meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Geauga County*

*Tue., 7/14 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD***

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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