

Commissioners' Journal
February 26, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.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 6:30 p.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S BOND – FRANK J. GLIHA - AUDITOR

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve a Public Official's Bond for Frank J. Gliha, Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$10,000.00 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.02 and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Approval.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2015 EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER – GEAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY – RESCUE VILLAGE

Commissioner Rear explained that Leadership Geauga holds a fundraiser every year called the Emerald Ball and presents an award for leadership to an individual, business or non-profit agency during the event. This year the award is being presented to the Geauga Humane Society – Rescue Village.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-023 Honoring Leadership Geauga 2015 Emerald Leader Award Winner Geauga Humane Society – Rescue Village.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 15-023
Date: February 26, 2015

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2015 EMERALD LEADER AWARD
WINNER GEAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY – RESCUE VILLAGE**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Arlene MacDonald and a small group of committed animal advocates began a life-saving labor of love when they started the Geauga Humane Society. This vision of saving animals from homelessness and harm began with sheltering animals in private homes until 1980 when they moved into space on Merritt Road in Chardon; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga Humane Society shared their dreams, and with strong leadership, the generosity of many people that shared that vision, in 2001, they built and opened a new facility named Rescue Village; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga Humane Society – Rescue Village care for animals until they are able to find a new home, including those that have been abused, sick or injured, are in need of behavior training or just time. Animals are never euthanized for age, special needs or lack of space; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga Humane Society – Rescue Village strives to achieve their mission of sheltering and finding homes for sick, injured, abused and abandoned domestic

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animals that have no other alternatives; to foster compassion for all living things through education; to reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs; and to prevent cruelty by enforcing animal protection laws; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the dedicated service of the Geauga Humane Society – Rescue Village with the honor of being the recipient of the 2015 Leadership Geauga County Emerald Leader Award.

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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2015 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-024 Recognizing March 2015 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 26, 2015
Resolution: 15-024

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2015 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Geauga County recognizes that developmental disabilities affect more than 850 individuals and their families in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, Opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, We encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the community recognizes, The Metzenbaum Center as Geauga County's program for individuals with developmental disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2015 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires that all residents of the County offer their full support and enable individuals with developmental disabilities to live successful lives and realize their potential such that they can live, learn, work and play and be active members of our community. We encourage all citizens to recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability. Look Beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

<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>

Superintendent Don Rice presented the Board with a "Thank you" card signed by some of the residents. The Board then accepted the card and posed for few pictures after presenting some of the residents in attendance with the resolution.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND MOTIONS FROM AUGUST 26, 2014 CORRECTING THE JOB CODE NUMBER FOR MICROGRAPHICS COORDINATOR (#2604) AND ARCHIVIST-RECORDS MANAGER (#2603) FOR ALLISON BRANDEBERRY AND CLAIR WILSON

County Administrator David Lair explained that last year when job descriptions were revised and promotions to the new job descriptions were done it was recently discovered that two of the positions were given the wrong job code and this is simply to correct those job code numbers.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the motion from August 26, 2014 to read: approve the new position and job description for Micrographics Coordinator (#2604) Grade 11E, correcting the job code number.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the motion from August 26, 2014 to read: approve the new position and job description for Archivist- Records Manager (#2603) Grade 11E, correcting the job code number.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the motion from August 26, 2014 to read: approve the promotion of Allison Brandeberry to the position of Micrographics Coordinator (#2604), Grade 11E, Step 4 to be effective August 31, 2014 at the rate of \$21.06 per hour.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the motion from August 26, 2014 to read: approve the promotion of Clair Wilson to the position of Archivist-Records Manager (#2603), Grade 11E, Step 3 to be effective August 31, 2014 at a rate of \$20.36 per hour.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – 11095 CHARDON ROAD LLC D.B.A. MAPLE CITY TAPS AND EATERY, PATIO AND WALK-IN COOLER – CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to concur with Chardon Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by 11095 Chardon Road LLC d.b.a. Maple City Taps and Eatery, Patio and Walk-in Cooler located at 11095 Chardon Road, Chardon (C TRFO 6548268).

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – SAI OM BEVERAGE, INCORPORATED D.B.A. PARKMAN COUNTRY STORE – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to concur with Parkman Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by SAI OM Beverage, Incorporated d.b.a. Parkman Country Store located at 16268 Main Market Road, Parkman (C NEW 7677210-0005).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW MEMBERSHIP FROM THE CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS, INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-025 To Withdraw Membership from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 15-025
Date: February 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW MEMBERSHIP FROM THE CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #04-103 on May 27, 2004 to join the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners is committed to protecting the natural and agricultural resources that are found in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Water Resources, the County Planning Commission, the County Soil and Water Conservation District, the County Health District, the County Storm Water Management and other County agencies and offices provide valuable services and resources regarding water and storm water management without additional cost to the residents of Geauga County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby withdraw their membership from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Claypool explained that the Board had been looking at simplifying some things within the county. After speaking with several departments the feeling was while the Chagrin River Watershed Partners perform a lot of good work, the impact for Geauga County was nominal and the work could be handled with the departments within the county. There was brief discussion regarding the properties within the county in the watershed. Mr. Claypool added that there was a purpose for these organizations in the beginning but over time other agencies and people develop and learn how to handle the same projects and programs and those organizations ultimately are no longer needed.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EMPLOY MANSOUR GAVIN LPA – REPRESENTING THE COMMISSIONERS IN THE PROSECUTION OR DEFENSE OF ACTIONS INVOLVING THE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to employ Mansour Gavin LPA, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.14(B) to represent the Board of Commissioners in the prosecution or defense of actions involving the Geauga County Board of Mental Health, and further set the maximum compensation to be paid for such services in the Year 2015 at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 without prior Board approval, in accordance with O.R.C. 309.09 (C), which specifies the total compensation to be paid for such services at an amount not to exceed the annual compensation of the County Prosecutor.

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Mr. Rear stated that he is not in favor of spending county taxpayer money on actions taken on other county agencies and employees and voted no.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Claypool stated that this action was not to spend money, but to prepare in case they choose to take action that may be taken against misbehavior.

PROBATE /JUVENILE COURT BUDGET

Mr. Claypool presented each member of the Board a copy of a line item budget for the Probate/Juvenile Court that Mr. Lair, Ms. Delaney and he had reviewed with Judge Grendell's liaison. Mr. Claypool stated that he feels that some of the line items can be approved while there are some others that need to be considered heavily. Mr. Claypool stated that the Board members could take this worksheet back, review it and have Mr. Lair update them on the discussions that had been held. Mr. Lair stated that if consensus on some of those line items was reached, then they would be placed on the financials to move funds to those line items. Mr. Rear stated that his position hasn't changed, that the Judge was given a budget, he has exceeded it, has exceeded it in wages and benefits and he feels that it is irresponsible and he will not put his name on the approval. Mr. Rear expressed concern on the FLIP program expansion request, citing that funds had been transferred from that program last year to another account to pay for other expenses. Mr. Rear expressed additional concern on the report for the FLIP program that had been received and questioned how the figures on the success rate on that program had been reached. Mr. Rear added that he would vote no on anything tonight. Mr. Claypool stated that he agreed with Mr. Rear to some degree in the conservative view of managing the budget, however there are some changes he can see to agree to that total about \$28,000.00. Mr. Claypool stated that he does have concern over the FLIP program, and that he was having a meeting and so was Commissioner Spidalieri next week to discuss that program. Mr. Rear stated that if the Judge feels that Commissioners are being unreasonable that he has the capacity to journalize and then by law the Board is required to fund those items that are journalized. Mr. Rear stated that he took an oath and has to live by his decisions and has a responsibility to the taxpayers. Mr. Rear brought up the example of Board of Elections and the voting equipment that is in need of being replaced, and that the Board cannot currently provide funds to aid in the replacement. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that he hasn't had a chance to dissect the information, adding that if there is everyday stuff that we can move on he didn't have a problem with that. Mr. Lair stated that about \$28,000.00 are items that can possibly be moved on, but that while they have received good information there are some other items that may need additional information in order for the Board to make a decision on them.

COUNTY ENGINEER – SALT STRUCTURE (MOU) MEMORDANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Rear stated that there is another issue that has been hanging around, and that is the ongoing issue with the Memorandum of Understanding with the County Engineer regarding the funding of a new salt structure. Mr. Rear brought up two options that have been proposed which include a full payback with a delayed start, or a 78% Engineer to 22% Commissioner split with payback beginning next year. Mr. Rear noted that prior to any contract being executed the MOU needs to be in place. Mr. Claypool stated that he was having a meeting with Mr. Cattell on Monday and would like to put this on for Tuesday. Mr. Rear expressed concern on the time constraint but proposed the 77.8% and the 22.2% alternative as acceptable to him. There was a brief discussion regarding the MOU being ready and the needed signatures prior to the Board executing the document. Mr. Claypool inquired about which MOU he was in agreement for, to which it was noted that the Commissioners will front the funds to build the structure and that the MOU stated the amount agreed to be paid back and a time frame in which it will be done. It was noted that the MOU they are referencing begins repayment on April 1, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 18, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Fri., 2/27 NOACA – Finance/Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., and Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland

Mon., 3/2 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 3/3 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 3/10 Tax Incentive Review Council, 8:00 a.m. Community Development

Tue., 3/10 Community Reinvestment Housing Council, 8:30 a.m. Community Development

Tue., 3/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include a Business Resource Network (BRN) Update presented by Brenda Vogley and Denise Tomazic

Tue., 3/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 3/12 Youth Leadership Government Day

Fri., 3/13 NOACA, Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 3/16 Family First Council, 2:00 pm. Job and Family Services

Tue., 3/17 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 3/20 NOACA Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m. Cleveland

It was also noted that on 3/6 NOACA is holding a Legislative Meet and Greet at 11:00 a.m. in Cleveland, and on 3/10 the Josh Prest from Senator Rob Portman's Office will be holding an office hour beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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