

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**December 16, 2014**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 16, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Building Standards Assessment fund for additional revenue to be remitted to the State of Ohio; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2014 funding for the Court Technology Fund and the annual per capita subdivision funding for the Department of Emergency Services; a Travel request for the Department of Emergency Services; 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014 Bed Tax disbursements to the City of Chardon, Burton Village, Russell Township and the Geauga Tourism Council; and payment #4 to Lakeland Management for the addition to the Engineer's building in the amount of \$171,186.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-181 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 16, 2014.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RECLASSIFY RUDY BRUENIG – FULL-TIME TRANSPORTATION DRIVER (#1020)**

*Director Jessica Boalt explained that currently they had two positions open for a Full-time Transportation Driver, one being internal and one external. Ms. Boalt stated that Mr. Bruenig was currently a Part-time Driver and had applied for the internal posting and would to reclassify him to Full-time Driver. Ms. Boalt stated that Mr. Bruenig has had good evaluations and has been doing a great job.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to reclassify Rudy Bruenig from Part-time Transportation Driver (#1020-1) to Full-time Transportation Driver (#1020) to be effective December 15, 2014 at a rate of \$13.30 per hour.*

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

*Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the training that is provided to the drivers, to which Ms. Boalt stated that Mr. Kasper from Transit actually provides training for all of their drivers.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS RLF GRANT / LOAN REVIEW REPORT – ZESTIVE, INCORPORATED**

*Director Anita Stocker explained that this company was created by DeMarie over in the Knowles Industrial Park that about five years ago started making crackers and ingredients for wine mixes and is ready to try a new phase, with Zestive being created to produce more sales, and the loan is for working capital to train and set up the website.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships RLF Grant / Loan Review Report Form for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund loan to Zestive, Incorporated for the purchase of working*

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*capital located at 16758 West Park Circle Drive, Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$45,000.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TARA VARGOVICH – DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PLANNING**

*County Administrator David Lair stated that Ms. Vargovich received a job offer that was simply too great for her to turn down, but has offered to come back and help train the new employee.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Tara Vargovich, Deputy Director – Planning to be effective January 2, 2015.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – ADVERTISE POSITION – DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PLANNING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for the position of Deputy Director – Planning (classified, exempt from overtime). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**DOG WARDEN – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PATRICIA EVANS – PART-TIME ATTENDANT**

*Mr. Lair stated Ms. Evans is relocating out of state.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Patricia Evans, Part-time Attendant to be effective January 5, 2015.*

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

**DOG WARDEN – ADVERTISE POSITION – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1607-1)**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Attendant (#1607-1). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS – SET PUBLIC HEARING – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF OLD STATE ROAD – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that this will complete the work started this year by milling off the existing surface and apply a two-course overlay as a Federal Aid project for 2015.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road (CH 6) in Parkman and Middlefield Townships per Resolution #11-148 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on January 6, 2015 at 10:10 a.m. Notice of this Public*

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*Hearing will be advertised on December 18, 2014, December 25, 2014 and on the county website.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS – SET PUBLIC HEARING – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CHAGRIN ROAD – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar stated that this is for Chagrin Road from Cato Den to just west of State Route 306 that will be similar to Old State by milling off the surface and applying a two-course overlay. Mr. Hajjar stated that this is also a Federal Aid project for 2015. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if Chagrin Road was really in need to which Mr. Hajjar stated that the surface is coming apart and by working on the surface now can avoid a full-depth improvement.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chagrin Road (CH 9) in Bainbridge Township per Resolution #11-147 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on January 6, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on December 18, 2014, December 25, 2014 and on the county website.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS – SET PUBLIC HEARING – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF RAVENNA ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar explained that Ravenna Road has been an on-going for preparatory work with drainage and guardrail improvements completed, along with shoulder reinforcement preformed. Mr. Hajjar stated that as part of the project next year they will widen the shoulders from the City Limits to approximately the parking lot for the bike path and then will resurface the entire road from the City limits to the County limits on the north end.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Ravenna Road (CH 601) in Chardon Township per Resolution #11-143 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on January 6, 2015 at 10:20 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on December 18, 2014, December 25, 2014 and on the county website.*

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – APPROVE UNPAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE – MICHAEL PECK**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that Mr. Peck is the maintenance worker who performs janitor work at the Courthouse and the Opera House who has had come medical issues and has exhausted his sick and vacation time and needs to be place on unpaid status for the remaining hours of his FMLA leave. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if this time off protects his position, to which it was noted that it is a place holder for his position to return.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence for Michael Peck, Maintenance Worker for the period December 17, 2014 through January 4, 2015.*

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

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**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM FORSYTHE – PART-TIME DRIVER**

*Director Mike Kasper explained that Mr. Forsythe expressed having some personal issues that he could no longer continue employment and resigned effective December 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of William Forsythe, Part-time Driver, to be effective December 5, 2014.*

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

**OTHER - TRAINING**

*Mr. Kasper expanded on the training for drivers to which the State of Ohio offers “DRIVE” training which is passenger assistance training, adding that actual driving training is still done by the State. It was noted that CDL training is not required due to the size of the buses.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to cancel session for Tuesday, January 13, 2015 due to the Organizational meeting being held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 3, 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 prisoner transport for the month ending October, 2014 and November, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- c) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of October, 2014 and November, 2014, pursuant to ORC 135.35 (L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 12/16 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors, 12:30 p.m. at Welshfield Inn*

*Tue., 12/23 The Commissioners' will hold regular session beginning with a Public Viewing at 9:00 a.m. for the Proposed Dedication of Existing Undedicated Extension of Stillwater Drive (TR 152) in Russell Township and then return to Chambers to complete the regular meeting.*

*Thu., 12/25 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

**The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

*Fri., 12/26 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

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*Tue., 12/30 The Commissioners' will hold regular session with a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the Proposed Dedication of Existing Undedicated Extension of Stillwater Drive (TR 152) in Russell Township*

*Thu., 1/1 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

***The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Tues., 1/6 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

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

*Mon., 1/12 The Commissioners' will hold the Annual Organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:21 A.M.**

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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