

Commissioners' Journal
April 29, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 29, 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 MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 22, 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>

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 24, 2014.

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

**Commissioner Samide was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Community and Economic Development CDBG fund for Thompson Sewer Grant funding; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2014 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development and Family First Council. 1st Quarter 2014 interest transfers and the payment of the quarterly gas well allotment proceeds to the Board of Developmental Disabilities; a purchase order for Clemans, Nelson and Associates for consulting services for the Transit Department in the amount of \$7,000.00; Travel requests for the Engineer's Office, Department of Job and Family Services, Juvenile and Probate Court and the Transit Department; and a payment to CORSA for property, vehicle and liability insurance program costs in the amount of \$370,512.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-060 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 29, 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING TERI MALNAR ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS WITH GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-061 Honoring Teri Malnar on the occasion of her Retirement after Forty-seven Years with Geauga County.

Commissioner Spidalieri read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-061
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*A RESOLUTION HONORING TERI MALNAR ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT
AFTER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS WITH GEAUGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS, Teri Malnar began her career with Geauga County by working for the Welfare Department while a senior in high school, where upon graduation she became hired June 6, 1967 as a full-time Clerk Typist; and

WHEREAS, Teri Malnar was recognized for her hard work, dedication and loyalty by being promoted from Clerk Typist to Secretary to Administrative Secretary and then in 1975 as Administrative Secretary to the Director of the Agency which she has since held; and

WHEREAS, Teri Malnar has witnessed and contributed to many transitions throughout the department with improvements to technology, workflow, a relocation to its new building, renovations and additions along with the numerous changes in County Commissioners, County Administrators and Agency Directors; and

WHEREAS, Teri Malnar has been recognized many times by her peers for her dedication, reliability, motivation and exceptional work ethic for her handling of clients with respect, her handling of angry client phone calls, and for taking on any task, duty, change or transition without complaint; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Teri Malnar on the occasion of her Retirement after forty-seven years and appreciate her for the dedicated service she provided to the children, families, and senior citizens of Geauga County and;

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

Assistant Director Paul Reiman explained that Mr. Taylor feels extremely bad for not being able to be present to celebrate and honor Ms. Malnar today. Mr. Reiman expressed all the things that Ms. Malnar has done and experienced since working there including three name changes in the department, three directors and she outlasted them all. Congratulations for a job well done.

The Board presented Ms. Malnar with her resolution and posed for pictures.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JOHN KARLOVEC ON BEING NAMED CHESTERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-062 Congratulating John Karlovec on being named Chesterland Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Spidalieri read the following the resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-062
Date: April 29, 2014

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JOHN KARLOVEC ON BEING NAMED
CHESTERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Chesterland Chamber of Commerce has named John Karlovec as the Business Person of the Year and recognizes him for his accomplishments as owner of the Geauga County Maple Leaf, the Chesterland News, and the Kirtland Chronicle; and

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WHEREAS, John Karlovec and his brother Jeff have turned the Geauga County Maple Leaf into an award winning local newspaper since purchasing it in 2001, with circulation to over 75 sales racks and 5,000 copies a week; and

WHEREAS, John Karlovec purchased the Chesterland News from the Martin family in 2012 and began making improvements to the paper which included publication in color, allowing businesses more of an opportunity to advertise and by giving the community more coverage on local news, events, and happenings in the community, the township and with the schools; and

WHEREAS, John Karlovec launched the Kirtland Chronicle in June 2013 as a monthly newsletter with a circulation of 3,000 copies; and

WHEREAS, John Karlovec is a small business owner that realizes the importance of buying and shopping local, understands the importance of supporting those who support you, listens to the readers and to the community, and does what he can to give his employees the resources they need to improve and meet the needs of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate John Karlovec on being the Chesterland Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING MATTHEW BARON, RYAN MCDIVITT, BENJAMIN ROESSLER, AND ERIC SIKTBERG ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT OF A BOY SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-063 Honoring Matthew Baron on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement of a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-063
Date: April 29, 2014

A RESOLUTION HONORING MATTHEW BARON 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, Matthew Baron is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Baron provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Baron's Eagle Scout project consisted of the construction of an Information Kiosk at the trailhead of the Auburn/Sherman Road entrance of the Scenic Overlook Retreat in Munson Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Matthew Baron 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.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-064 Honoring Ryan McDivitt on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement of a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-064
Date: April 29, 2014

**A RESOLUTION HONORING RYAN MCDIVITT 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, Ryan McDivitt is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Ryan McDivitt provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Ryan McDivitt's Eagle Scout project consisted of the design and construction of a large bat house and bat display case for Eldon Russell Park located in Burton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Ryan McDivitt 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.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-065 Honoring Benjamin Roessler on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement of a Boy Scout.*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: *14-065*
Date: *April 29, 2014*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BENJAMIN ROESSLER 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, Benjamin Roessler is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Roessler provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Roessler's Eagle Scout project consisted of the construction of an Interactive Butterfly Garden located near the main entrance of the Geauga County Department on Aging that allows seniors the opportunity to walk through and spend time within the garden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Benjamin Roessler 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 *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-066 Honoring Eric Siktberg on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement of a Boy Scout.*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: *14-066*
Date: *April 29, 2014*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ERIC SIKTBERG FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

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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, Eric Siktberg is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Eric Siktberg provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Eric Siktberg's Eagle Scout project consisted of the design, construction and installation of two blue bird boxes at the Scenic Overlook Retreat in Munson Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Eric Siktberg 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.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT – COMPMANAGEMENT, INCORPORATED

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that since we joined Group Retrospective Rating Program we are required to be with CompManagement. Ms. Hostutler stated that since 2010 the county has received \$455,887.52 in rebates on our claims experience.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Workers' Compensation Service Agency Agreement between Geauga County and CompManagement, Incorporated, a Sedgwick CMS Company (CMI) for Workers' Compensation services for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$10,350.00.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri abstained due to his own use of CompManagement for his business.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT – COMPMANAGEMENT, INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Unemployment Compensation Service Agency Agreement between Geauga County and CompManagement, Incorporated, a Sedgwick CMS Company (CMI) for unemployment services for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,205.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SERVICES AGREEMENT – CLEVELAND CLINIC WELLNESS ENTERPRISE LLC – LIFESTYLE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP)

Ms. Hostutler explained that the employee assistance program (Lifestyle EAP) is available to supervisors to use as a tool and employees to receive counseling services at no cost, adding that this service directly impacts the health care premium by the employees utilizing the program rather than using the health care for the same services. Ms. Hostutler stated that this program is available to both full-time and part-time employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Services Agreement between Cleveland Clinic Wellness Enterprise LLC and Geauga County for the Lifestyle Employee Assistance Program (LEAP) for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$26.00 per covered employee per year based on 589 full-time employees.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2014 CO-EMPLOYER AGREEMENT – JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

County Administrator David Lair explained that Job and Family Services is offering a program to provide employment to youth on a limited basis with the costs being paid through JFS funding dollars.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Department of Job and Family Services Summer Youth Employment Program 2014 SYEP Co-Employer Agreement to allow the Departments under the hiring authority of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to participate in the program for the period May 15, 2014 through August 31, 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 – HIRE MCKENZIE KING – FULL-TIME SUMMER HELP #0101

Ms. Lair explained that Ms. King worked at the County Home last year and came with good references, adding that Ms. King is in nursing school and is interested in the Geriatric population.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring McKenzie King to the position of Full-time Summer Help (#0101) to be effective May 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 or the start of school whichever comes first at a rate of \$8.50 per hour for twenty-one weeks (maximum of 840 hours).

<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 - ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS – WILLIAM O'DONNELL AND SCOTT HILDENBRAND – AGING ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Lair stated that Mr. O'Donnell has a conflict with his current work schedule and when the meetings are held and Mr. Hildenbrand is unable to continue to serve on the Board due to other commitments.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of William O'Donnell from the Aging Advisory Board to be effective April 29, 2014.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Scott Hildenbrand from the Aging Advisory Board to be effective April 29, 2014.*

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – MODIFICATION OF PURCHASE SERVICE AGREEMENTS – 2013 AND 2014 OLDER AMERICANS ACT/SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Mr. Lair explained that the award is for transportation services for 2013 for the Adult Day Service Program and traditionally was applied for under Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) IIIB (supportive services) but due to a change in funding from IIIB, WRAAA requested that the transportation award be funded out of both IIIB and IIIE (Family Caregiver Support) due to a number of the clients that are served through the Adult Day Service Program having caregivers. The modification is for \$257,359.78 with \$86,784.83 from IIIB and \$170,574.95 being from IIIE.

Mr. Lair continued by stating the funding for 2014 has also been modified to be the same amount of funds with \$115,811.55 from IIIB and \$141,548.23 from IIIE.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Modification of Purchase of Service Agreement 2013 Older Americans Act / Senior Community Services between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Department on Aging in the amount of \$257,359.78.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Modification of Purchase of Service Agreement 2014 Older Americans Act / Senior Community Services between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, and the Department on Aging in the amount of \$257,359.78.*

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

COMMON PLEAS COURT – ESTABLISH NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – SMART FUND

Mr. Lair explained that the Common Pleas Court needs to set up a separate fund for proper accounting of the SMART Fund and are asking the Board to authorize the County Auditor to establish that new fund for revenue and expenditures through the grant program.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to authorize the Geauga County Auditor to establish a new special revenue fund to be known as the SMART Fund to allow for the proper accounting of revenue and expenditures associated with the SMART Ohio grant program under the direction of the Common Pleas Court.*

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENTS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES – SNYDER ROAD PROJECT – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that a bridge on Snyder Road has been incorporated into a project that Bainbridge Township will be completing that includes reconstruction and repaving on the South end of Snyder Road by Crackle and County Line Roads. Mr. Cattell stated that earlier in the year a Memorandum of Understanding was approved with Bainbridge that allows us to reimburse them for the replacement of the bridge.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and June Edwards Kostal (AKA June R. Kostal), Hugh A. Edwards, Walter H. Edwards, and Dennis P. Kubach (Parcel #02-104055) for the Snyder Road Project in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$250.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Hugh A. Edwards, Janice R. Edwards, and Hugh Arthur Edwards (Parcel #02-363800) for the Snyder Road Project in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$250.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – NEW OFFICE BUILDING – COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Cattell explained that this is to advertise for bids for the office addition on the garage on Merritt Road. Mr. Cattell stated that the architect is still finishing up a few things but you can see the general layout on these preliminary plans, noting that the new building is smaller than what they currently have in terms of square footage here at 470 Center Street, but the architect did a great job at maximizing what they need. Mr. Cattell briefly explained part of the plans with efficiency in the design.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for bids for the new Geauga County Engineer's Office Building to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on May 1, 2014, May 8, 2014 and on the county website.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Rear	Aye
	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 April 16, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS – POLICY

Mr. Spidalieri opened a discussion about having public input at meetings and expressed that he feels it's important to have public input but often times questions get the agenda business off track. Mr. Spidalieri suggested a set time for questions. Commissioner Samide added that a policy would be good to have in place that not only sets a time but sets a time limit. Commissioner Rear expressed that he had provided a copy of what the Chardon School Board had done to Mr. Spidalieri and that he has also spoken with the Prosecutor about setting a policy that doesn't interfere with first amendment rights. Mr. Rear noted that the Clerk had solicited copies of policy from other counties that have been sent to Ms. LaChapelle as well. There was discussion about options that might include allowing time in the beginning to address questions about items on the agenda for that day and then a set time for questions about other issues at the end of the meeting, with a limit on the number of times someone can speak on a topic.

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Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool made a comment using NOACA as an example for participation, asking that the public be given reasonable time to be part of the dialogue.

OTHER – MENTAL HEALTH

Local resident Jeff Klein expressed concern over what he had learned about the Mental Health Board since his daughter has special needs and gets up every day and fights just to be equal to everyone else. Mr. Klein asked each Commissioner to tell him what they were going to do about Mr. Adams. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he stands firm in his request of Mr. Adams and the Board to resign, adding his requests of the Board for review of options by the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Spidalieri voiced his disgust over the additional benefits that Mr. Adams receives including a county vehicle and payment of a life insurance policy. Mr. Rear expressed his compassion for special needs pointing to his terms on the school board and being married to a special needs educator, adding that he had submitted a letter to Mr. Adams asking him to come before the Board and explain the request that was done prior to Mr. Spidalieri bringing about his requests in session. Mr. Rear voiced concern over the levy renewal on the ballot and if it's defeated the impact that it could have on those that require services. Mr. Rear briefly addressed the issue of Mental Health Board members that are appointed by the Commissioners come as a recommendation from the Mental Health Department and have requirements in order to serve on that Board. Discussion occurred about the funding for the Youth Center being redirected to come directly from the Commissioners' Office to Ravenwood instead of through Mental Health and about some spacing concerns at the center. Commissioner Samide added that Mental Health and related issues are a serious issue in this county and expressed concern over the defeat of the levy. Ms. Samide expressed that she felt Mr. Adam's offer to return his salary to a lower level is a little too late, noting what was regularly asked of the employees of this county. Ms. Samide brought up that at the time of the previous renewal the Mental Health Board wanted to add on an increase, but that the Commissioners made them split the addition out from the renewal in order to give the voters an option, upon which they defeated the increase. Mr. Klein voiced concern over the Auditor not bringing these salary increases to the Commissioners, to which discussion about how the request had come through the financials for an increase in funding to cover the costs of a new employee. Mr. Rear stated that while there is an election going on and people are picking sides, but that he knows in the past the Auditor has challenged Judges and Elected Officials about their salary schedules and has paid a price for those challenges, and it becomes a situation of darned if you do, darned if you don't. Mr. Rear stated that the Board has virtually no discretion over other Elected Officials except over the total payroll budget. Mr. Petrizelo stated that there is a procedural problem in the Commissioners' Office citing again the need for a retire/rehire policy, and the need to set policy for Boards that the Commissioners make appointments to, following which discussion continued about what appointments the Commissioners have control over and on which Boards, noting that the Prosecutor's Office is working on the options the Board has with Mental Health.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 5/6 **The Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled.***
- Wed., 5/7 NOC COG meeting, 1:30 p.m. 470 Center Street, Chardon - Building #8*
- Thu 5/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session during which a Public Hearing will be held beginning at 10:05 a.m. for the Proposed Issuance by the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority of a Variable Rate Demand Revenue Tax-Exempt Loan (National Jewish Federation Bond Program) Series I-2*
- Thu., 5/8 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 44th Annual Salute to Business and Industry, 5:30 p.m. at St. Denis Party Center*
- Fri., 5/9 NOACA – Policy at 9:30 a.m., Planning and Programming at 11:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 5/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

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Tue., 5/13 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

Tue., 5/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Mr. Spidalieri noted that he had been contacted by Portage County about the need to re-schedule the Joint Detention Center Board meeting due to some financials that need to be processed.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:08 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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