

Commissioners' Journal
April 1, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 1, 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 10:02 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 March 25, 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 March 27, 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 FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2014 funding for the Sheriff's 800 Communications and 911 Program Operating funds; Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts, Commissioners' Office, Community Development, Maintenance, Public Defender and the Treasurers' Office; and a payment to Geocomm, Incorporated for the annual software maintenance contract for the Sheriff's 911 GIS Mapping program in the amount of \$11,705.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-051 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 1, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT – B-F-13-1AZ-1

Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis stated that this is the first status report for the B-F-13 noting that no funds had been drawn which is usual at the end of the first quarter.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Status Report for Grant #B-F-13-1AZ-1 for the period September 1, 2013 through March 12, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RELEASE BID /PERFORMANCE BONDS

Ms. Belconis stated that this is to release the performance bonds for the last grant projects as all projects have been completed.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid /Performance Bond for Petersen Construction for the Pleasant Hill County Home Bathroom Renovation project, as all specifications have been met.

<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 release the Bid /Performance Bond for Infinity Paving Company for the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Improvement project, as all specifications have been met.

<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 release the Bid /Performance Bond for Petersen Construction for the Huntsburg Township Gymnasium ADA Renovation project, as all specifications have been met.

<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 – WENS SERVICE AGREEMENT –
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES –LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING
COMMITTEE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Director Dale Wedge explained that the WENS system is used to do group texting to Police, Fire, and EMS for emergencies along with notification to those in the public that have subscribed to the service. Mr. Wedge stated that the system works well and is very reliable. Mr. Wedge presented the Board with a breakdown of statistics showing the number of alerts and messages for January of 2013 through March of 2014 by daily use for police, fire and staff, notifications to those who signed up through the website, and notifications to those residents with land lines. Sheriff Dan McClelland stated that this is the system that is used for notification of emergencies, notifications to subscribers, and has been used for hazmat incidents for evacuations, lost persons, amber alerts, but the majority is used for paging of fire and rescue. Mr. Wedge inquired with Ashtabula County about the system that they use since they are similar in population; they use CODE RED and are paying \$29,000.00 per year. Currently a program is being written to interface with the CAD system and will save several hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wedge remarked that last year a question was raised regarding security and noted a letter from Inspiron that ensures that information is kept secretive and confidential. Mr. Wedge noted a flyer that had been put together to use as a way to get more residents to sign up for the notification system that is a better way to get information to them versus just using a siren for weather emergencies. Sheriff McClelland touched on the reverse 911 system that goes to land line phones, and the fact that many residences now no longer have land lines and therefore the information cannot get through. There was a brief discussion on how call volume in emergencies tends to knock out cellular service, which happened the day of the Chardon School shooting, but that texting manages to get through because it sits in a hold pattern and when it finds an opening goes through.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the WENS Service Agreement between the Department of Emergency Services (DES), Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Inspiron Logistics for an emergency response notification system for emergency responders and the general public for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$19,350.00 (\$6,450.00 paid by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), \$6,450.00 paid by the Department of Emergency Services (DES), and \$6,450.00 paid by the Sheriff's Office).

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RELEASE BID /PERFORMANCE BOND – SABRE COMMUNICATIONS – TROY AND CHAGRIN TOWER SITES

Sheriff McClelland explained that the towers had been complete and operational for the last year, noting that the holes had been filled in and that the radio coverage had been enhanced with these upgrades.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for Sabre Communications for the Construction of the Troy and Chagrin Tower Sites, as all specifications have been met.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTE RAY FARINACCI – MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST (#2329)

Director Doug Bowen explained that Mr. Farinacci has the qualifications and ten years of experience to be promoted to Maintenance Specialist which is in line with the union agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the promotion of Ray Farinacci to the position of Maintenance Specialist (#2329) to be effective March 31, 2014 at a rate of \$17.62 per hour with a 180 day probationary period, in accordance with the bargaining agreement.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION INTERNALLY – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ASSISTANT (#2332)

Adrian Gorton explained that this does not add a position to the department that they are simply looking to promote someone within the department.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for the position of Accounts Receivable Assistant (#2332) internally for a period of five days.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RELEASE BID/PERFORMANCE BONDS

Mr. Bowen explained that the Infirmary and Opalocka Plant Improvement projects have been completed and well over a year has passed since completion and these bonds can therefore be released.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for EnviroCom Construction for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for Jack Gibson Construction Company for the Infirmary Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, as all specifications have been met.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COMPENSATE INTERIM TRANSIT DIRECTOR MICHAEL KASPER – WORKING OUTSIDE PAY GRADE

County Administrator David Lair explained that per the personnel policy when a person is working at a higher pay grade for a period of time they can be compensated. Mr. Kasper was put into the position of Interim Director and has been since; this rate is executive grade 16 step 1 and is the entry level for the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to compensate Michael Kasper for working outside of the pay grade as Interim Transit Director, at a rate of \$29.09 per hour to be effective April 2, 2014, in accordance with the Geauga County Policy and Procedure Manual.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

A motion was read to cancel session for Thursday, April 10, 2014, there was discussion about the reason for the meeting to be cancelled and it was noted that if there was no business to come before the Board meetings could be cancelled and as of that morning no requests had been received. Diane Jones questioned why session was being cancelled right before an important meeting at NOACA and that Mr. Claypool was supposed to be presenting information to the Board that was critical to the decision at the NOACA Board meeting. After a lengthy discussion about Mr. Claypool and the NOACA meeting the Board pulled this item until the next meeting.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND OHIO INTEGRATED ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM IN GEAUGA COUNTY

Executive Director Tim Taylor and Readiness Manager Lisa Milgate came before the Board to discuss the challenges that they have been facing with processing Medicaid applications. Ms. Milgate narrowed it down to three main issues that include the “No Wrong Application” approach to Medicaid, the wait on the Federal Applications to be released, and that there have been constant changes on every level – “the game is always changing”. Ms. Milgate went into further detail explaining that almost every application filed can be considered a Medicaid application except that appropriate questions don’t get asked so they have to re-contact a client to get further information and they receive applications via the state and federal portals, by telephone, E-gateway and paper applications that are filed at the agency. Ms. Milgate noted that from October through February they had received approximately 176 paper applications and their records currently show approximately 800 cases in the new system – OIES. It was noted that two staff members work full-time on the MAGI and are in the process of training two more. Ms. Milgate expressed concern over the applications that had been filed through the healthcare.gov website and had not been received yet, that they had been released to the State but not to them, which could be an additional 700 applications. Ms. Milgate explained that many applications could not be seen due to not being released and with the deadline that happened on March 31, 2014 people panicked and then started entering additional applications. Another issue being faced was with information that had been sent to clients that differed from the information that had been sent to the agency. Ms. Milgate expressed that clients are hearing different information than the agency, the agency is constantly handling updates and changes to the policy and regulations, along with procedures with the new system to track, and there are system overrides that must be done when the system doesn’t work properly. Ms. Milgate gave examples of some of the issues that they have faced and the solutions that they are being given to those issues that do not exist currently but should be available by a set date that seems to come and go. Mr. Taylor expressed that in the coming weeks there will be over 500 cases released to us, and while it will take time we are doing everything we can to get those applications processed through. There was a brief discussion about staff and if additional help is needed and if it would be beneficial due to the training time. Mr. Taylor noted that they may ask for an extension on vacation time for those employees handling these applications so that they don’t lose vacation time by not being able to take it by the required time frame. Mr. Taylor expressed that the State has become responsive and recognized that there is more to the applications.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 19, 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 February, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 4/1 Job and Family Services kickoff reception for Child Abuse Prevention Month, 11:30 a.m.*
- Wed., 4/2 NEO Consortium COG meeting has been cancelled*
- Tue., 4/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session with a presentation by Geauga County Tourism*
- Tue., 4/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 4/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Russell Township Fire-Rescue Center*
- Thu., 4/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Fri., 4/11 NOACA Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*

OTHER – GEAUGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

County Administrator David Lair explained that following the last evening meeting, upon the request from the Board he had contacted GMHA about coming the meeting in April and received a call back from Mr. Petersen with reservations about attending and participating in discussing their programs.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:02 A.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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