

Commissioners' Journal
April 10, 2018

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 10, 2018 at 9:30 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 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 3, 2018.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved April 9, 2018 by the County Administrator, that included for the County Home the acceptance of resignation of David Wicks, Full-time Attendant (#1504) to be effective April 2, 2018; for the Transit Department, the approval of hiring Russell Kallay to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective April 16, 2018 at the rate of \$14.25 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and the approval and execution of the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$3,420.00; authorized by Resolution #18-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 4, 2018 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including An Appropriation transfer for an increase to the legal fees account; a Cash transfer to Department of Development (Community & Economic) for 2nd quarter 2018 funding; a Cash transfer to various departments for 1st quarter 2018 interest transfers; a Cash transfer to Job and Family Services for the Family First Council 4th quarter SFY2018 commitment; a Cash transfer to the Sheriff's Office for VAWA grant local match; Travel requests for the Department on Aging, Job and Family Services and the Department of Water Resources; a Then and Now for the Auditor's Office to Acumen Data Systems for the 4th installment on the time and attendance software project; a Then and Now for the Commissioner's Office to Skoda Minotti and Company for investigative services for December 2017 and January 2018; Encumbrances for Roetzel and Andres LPA and Montgomery, Rennie and Jonson LPA to secure legal representation for the Juvenile Probate Court; a payment to Tyler Technologies for the ADP Board for annual service and support maintenance for the County's financial system software in the amount of \$131,216.00 and a payment to Liberty Ford, Incorporated for Job and Family Services for the purchase of a 2018 Ford Eco Vehicle in the amount of \$20,629.50.

Commissioner Lennon inquired about the purchase orders for the Juvenile / Probate Court, noting that it was his understanding that it is two separate issues. Mr. Gorton stated that both were included in the Court Order. Mr. Lennon noted that no one was present from the Court, and inquired about funding for legal counsel from the Supreme Court. Mr. Lennon expressed confusion over the funding since no action had been filed. Mr. Gorton added that to avoid Then and Now's we were being proactive in getting the encumbrances in place. Commissioner Claypool added that the process is more of a concern for him for outside counsel that is being circumvented around the Commissioners' Office. Mr. Lair read a small section regarding the Supreme Court and that they needed to determine if the Supreme Court will be covering costs. Mr. Lennon stated that we don't want to argue the validity, but want to make public knowledge of the expense of it, and if this is a reasonable rate that we are being charged. Mr. Claypool added that it is hard to work within the budget when you are expending resources for legal fees that could be used for other services.

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Mr. Lennon inquired about a charge on the financials for the Juvenile/ Probate Court, to which Mr. Gorton noted that there was a cost split for representation for a client, and worked to get a lesser amount due to the amount that they wanted to charge. Mr. Lair briefly explained that the Commissioner's office pay the bills for the appointment of outside counsel. Mr. Claypool brought up the idea of utilizing a Prosecutor for a surrounding county, as a way to accommodate the Code and a conflict of interest that may exist. Mr. Lennon asked that they reach out to find out what can be covered by the Supreme Court. There was a brief discussion about holding off on approving the encumbrance, to which they erred on the side of caution of a Then and Now if work is being performed prior to any action taking place. Mr. Lennon expressed that it is hard to have a conversation with themselves and not with the departments making the requests.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-055 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 10, 2018.

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Acting Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder explained that since the Commissioners appointed him to this position last week, that he wanted to provide an update on the obstacles he has seen and the progress they have made, the first being to have better communication between offices and staff. Mr. Walder thanked the Commissioners, noting the staff has been very helpful. Mr. Walder stated that they want to remove obstacles, and if he doesn't know what they are, he can't do anything about it. The Prosecutor's Office has provided a lot of support and answered many questions, including their staff member Kate Jacobs that has helped the staff debrief and strategize. Mr. Walder noted the Treasurer's Office, Ms. Mansfield and Mr. Hitchcock have answered any question that he has had. Mr. Walder noted that County Engineer Joe Cattell and his administrator Frank Antenucci have assisted them, adding that he would like to try and mimic some similar roles in the Auditor's Office, since they are lacking in job descriptions. Mr. Walder added that the Sheriff, the Judges and the Recorder have all reached out to him.

Mr. Walder expressed some of the feelings that he had been hearing from the staff, and that emotions and feelings are still raw, and that triage is underway. Mr. Walder expressed that from a business point of view they have defined their customers, both external as residents as well as internal with the departments that they work with. Mr. Walder briefly went over a strategy that he has put together with a majority of the players already in place. Mr. Walder wanted to recognize some of the staff that have stepped up and picked up the pieces, mentioned the need for additional resources, and spoke individually about the following staff and the things they have been doing and what they have stepped up to do, including: Ron Leyde, Al Vontorcik and Allen Keener, Kate Jacobs and Pam McMahan. Thanked the Board for their confidence and support and asked them to contact them if they have any questions.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – WENS SERVICE AGREEMENT – LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE NOTIFICATIONS

Director Roger Peterson and Chief Tom Rowan explained that this agreement is for the WENS emergency notification system, noting that there is over 20,000 messages going through the service a year. Mr. Peterson noted that there is once again no change in the cost and is split three ways with the Sheriff and LEPC along with DES.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the WENS Service Agreement between the Department of Emergency Services (EMA/DES), Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Inspiron Logistics Software for an emergency response notification system for emergency responders and the general public for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 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 Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Lennon *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – COUNTY PARCEL – HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP – IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERT ON PEARL ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this easement is being granted to Hambden Township, that is owned by the Board on Pearl Road. Hambden Township will be paying the Commissioners \$1.00, because they are government agents.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes regarding County Parcel No. 15-703820 with the Hambden Township Trustees for drainage improvements to culvert (CU-0070-08.10 #1) on Pearl Road in the amount of \$1.00.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Lennon *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD THE BID – C.I.R. INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid to C.I.R. for the Valentine Road Bridge replacement, noting that the award is under the estimate.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to C.I.R., Incorporated for the Replacement of the Valentine Road Bridge (Structure #52-0.21) in Thompson Township in the amount of \$154,572.01 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Lennon *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD THE BID – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED – BUNDYSBURG ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid to Grade Line for the drainage improvements to Bundysburg Road. Mr. Gorris noted that this will include multiple culverts and ditch repair in preparation to later resurface.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the Bundysburg Road Drainage Improvements in Parkman Township in the amount of \$250,864.50 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Lennon *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) – OHIO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM PETITION FOR AREA CERTIFICATION TO AMEND AND EXPAND ZONE IN TROY TOWNSHIP

Executive Director Dave Favorite and Director Anita Stocker asked the Board to execute the petition to amend and expand the current CRA zone in Troy Township.

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area Program Petition for Area Certification to amend and expand the current Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Zone in Troy Township.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Claypool* *Aye*
 Commissioner Lennon *Aye*
 Commissioner Spidalieri *Aye*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) -

Ms. Stocker explained that we had certified the agreement and sent to the School Districts, adding that the schools agreed to waive time period, however one school put a condition in the resolution and under the O.R.C. they can include a condition, but that would require amending a certified agreement within the time period. It was agreed to add a clause to the agreement that included the condition from Auburn Career Center and included the Berkshire School Districts agreement. Mr. Favorite noted that Great Lakes Cheese agreed to the condition. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding was dropped off between Auburn Career Center and Great Lakes Cheese regarding the condition.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to acknowledge receipt of a Resolution from the Auburn Vocational School District Board waiving any and all notification periods required by the Ohio Revised Code and conditionally approving the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners, Great Lakes Cheese and JHK Company and further acknowledge and agree to the condition set forth in the School Board's Resolution, to wit: that Great Lakes Cheese and JHK Company enter into a contribution agreement with the School Board in which Great Lakes Cheese and JHK Company agree to compensate the School Board by paying \$5,000.00 per year, beginning June 1, 2018 and continuing each year until June 1, 2032.

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

Ms. Stocker noted that this is the acknowledgement of the receipt of the Resolution from Berkshire School District, agreeing and waiving the notification period.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to acknowledge receipt of a Resolution from the Berkshire Local School District approving the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners, Great Lakes Cheese and JHK Company, and waiving any and all notification periods required by the Ohio Revised Code with regard to the project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) –
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, WHICH
INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WAIVERS OF THE NOTIFICATION
PERIOD

Ms. Stocker noted that this resolution authorizes the President to execute the CRA Agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-057 Authorizing the President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Ralph Spidalieri, to execute the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Agreement with Great Lakes Cheese and JHK Company, which Agreement was amended to acknowledge the waivers of the notification period provided by the Auburn Vocational and Berkshire School Districts and incorporate the terms of the conditional approval of the Auburn Vocational School District.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 10, 2018

Resolution: #18-057

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TROY TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEAUGA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND GREAT LAKES CHEESE CO. INC. / JHK COMPANY.*

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WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners created the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in Troy Township in order to provide appropriate development incentives to support economic development projects, and

WHEREAS, GREAT LAKES CHEESE CO. INC. / JHK COMPANY proposes to construct a 275,000 SF addition to the existing 319,000 SF manufacturing facility located on PP# 32.074273 and constructing a new 60,000 SF facility on PP# 32.072326 and PP# 32.072327 (which parcel will be consolidated into Permanent Parcel PP# 32.072326) in Great Lakes Industrial Park, Troy Township, Geauga County, Ohio in the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) adopted by resolution 97-054 by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners on April 5, 1997.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners authorize the President Ralph Spidalieri to execute the Troy Township Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with GREAT LAKES CHEESE CO. INC. / JHK COMPANY.

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 Claypool | Aye |
| | Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| | Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |

*DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) –
CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION – REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM INCOME – GREAT
LAKES GROWERS*

Ms. Stocker explained that this is in preparation of a possible Revolving Loan Fund loan for Great Lakes Growers for the purchase of machinery and this exclusion states that there is no environmental impact. Ms. Stocker stated that Great Lakes Growers has a loan through local revolving fund, and that this one is CDBG which is more restrictive. Ms. Stocker noted that if a company has met their job creation portion, they are able to borrow again.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project for a Revolving Loan Fund program income form Great Lakes Growers in the amount of \$215,000.00.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Claypool | Aye |
| | Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| | Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |

NOACA RURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - UPDATE

Parkman Township Trustee and Board appointee to the NOACA Rural Advisory Council, Jon Ferguson presented the Board with his take on a recent Advisory Council meeting he attended.

Mr. Ferguson presented the Board with some notes on the Council, regarding questions he had regarding an RTPO, why they had an RAC and what their job was. Mr. Ferguson stated that he wasn't going to go to residents that live on a gravel road and tell them that NOACA approved funding for a bike path. Mr. Ferguson noted that his wife attended with him, adding that it was a terrible meeting, that NOACA had danced around every issue he brought up.

Begin with the End in Mind

- 1. "The main reason the Rural Advisory Council was formed was to help NOACA do a better job of addressing the needs of the rural communities within the region."*
- 2. "The RAC was formed because some people in the rural area felt NOACA was not doing a good job of addressing their concerns with respect to policy and funding issues."*
- 3. "An RTPO would put the rural counties in a better position to obtain other funds for rural counties."*

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His Take:

When he asked if funds would be made available to implement any plan developed as a result of RAC or RTPO activities, I was told that no funding was available to rural areas through NOACA. It was further explained that NOACA has neither the resources nor funding to address rural planning issues. Ms. Gallucci stated that funding for rural road improvement is a local issue. Rural roads are considered 'residential' roads and are not eligible for NOACA funding.

He asked what would happen if the rural RTPO came up with an outstanding plan; would it get funded? The answer was somewhat obtuse but would result in NOACA spending the money where they thought it would do the most good – the urban areas. He pointed out that it made no sense to create a RTPO for the rural areas if there was no money to implement the plan. It's a waste of time and effort to plan if you can't implement the plan. I further questioned the value of the RAC. Ms. Gallucci said we could leave NOACA. In fact several times she said Geauga can leave if we wanted. She further explained that, if Geauga elected to leave (and create its own MPO with another county), the urban area in the NE corner of Geauga would stay with NOACA. Geauga cannot do better without NOACA. NOACA can do better without Geauga – in terms of funding. NOACA would retain Geauga's urban area.

The March 23rd meeting was equally frustrating as we again discussed the RTPO. Mr. Ferguson continued to question the value of planning without the ability to implement. In addition to the answers he received previously, Ms. Gallucci stated that an RTPO can supersede the decisions made by the County Engineer and ODOT. He asked for clarification. Can an RTPO stop ODOT from implementing a project? Her response was "Yes, that's another good reason for an RTPO."

Mr. Ferguson requested that we notify all members that the RAC will vote on whether or not to implement an RTPO at the next meeting.

Mr. Ferguson noted that NOACA's motto is "Planning for Greater Cleveland"

Mr. Ferguson stated that if the Board was in agreement he was going to vote no to an RTPO, and even make the suggestion to get rid of the RAC.

Mr. Claypool stated that NOACA created the subcommittees to bring decisions to the next group before it gets rubber stamped by the main board, so these little committees are really where the rubber meets the road. Mr. Claypool expressed concern on their need to have their fingers into everything, noting water and air quality. Mr. Claypool felt that it was important for people to hear what they are planning. County Engineer Joe Cattell added that he had provided Mr. Ferguson with a section of the O.R.C. that reads differently than NOACA's opinion about RTPO's. Mr. Cattell added that Pennsylvania has the highest gas taxes and they are using them as a poster child for how things work, when the information is not relevant.

Mr. Cattell added that Mr. Claypool was instrumental in getting the Amish Safety Council moving forward with ODOT and as a result got funding for a small Township road.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK – MAY 6 THROUGH 12, 2018

Mr. Lair stated that the State of Ohio had enacted legislation that designates the first full week of May as Public Service Recognition Week as a way to recognize employees that serve the public every day. Mr. Lair noted that departments recognize their employees in small way, typically it's out of the Director or Managers pocket, or often the employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-056 Proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2018 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 18-056

Date: April 10, 2018

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12
AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2018**

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WHEREAS, Men and women serve America daily as public servants at the federal, state, county and local levels. The vast array of services provided by government is an integral part of our lives. Every day of our lives we depend upon the work performed by public employees; and

WHEREAS, Public service is a public trust, a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, A job in public service will impact the lives of many people, through public policy, education, law enforcement, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, without these dedicated government employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, We, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, wish to proclaim that annually the first full week of May will be Public Service Recognition Week in Geauga County and to call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made by public employees at all levels who help ensure the quality of our lives in this great country and in this great county in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 325.25 specifically authorizes employee recognition programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF LINDA BURHENNE –
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Commissioners wanted to skip this item. Mr. Claypool voted no, and wanted to know what the impact was on it. Commissioner Spidalieri reluctantly read the motion to accept Ms. Burhenne's Retirement. Mr. Claypool added that she will be really missed and that there is a lot that she has done for this office, and that they appreciate her.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the Retirement Resignation of Linda Burhenne, Director of Administrative Services to be effective July 2, 2018.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE REVISED ACCOUNTING FORMS AND PAYROLL
AUTHORIZATION FORMS – ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER, COMMISSIONERS AND
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised Accounting Forms Authorization Forms and Payroll Authorization Forms for the Archives and Records Center, Commissioners' Office and Department of Development (Building and Community and Economic Development).

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT GERARD MORGAN, VOTING REPRESENTATIVE
AT CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING**

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Gerard Morgan as voting representative for Geauga County at the CEBCO Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, April 13, 2018.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Claypool | Aye |
| | Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| | Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |

INFORMATION ON ANNEXATION

Huntsburg Township Trustee John Hunter on behalf of the Methodist Church in Middlefield that would like to Annex 15 acres from the Township into the Village and asked if they had any information on how to fast track this request. Clerk, Christine Blair made the suggestion at the request of the Prosecutor to contact an Attorney to help guide them through the petition process. Ms. Blair noted that we are not allowed to point anyone in any direction, noting that there are many types of annexation and since the Board will be making the decision. There was discussion about previous annexations involving the Middlefield Township and the Village. The Board asked Mr. Favorite to look into giving him some assistance. Ms. Blair added that the recommendation for the Attorney was due to the number of items that need to be included with the petition and you will want to make sure all those items are included before it is presented to the Board.

LAW LIBRARY FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Lair brought up a letter received from the Law Library Resources Board requesting additional funding due to continued revenue decline that is resulting in many cuts to things like subscriptions used by the public and departments in the County. Mr. Lennon stated that the request is for an additional \$10,000.00, and feel that it doesn't seem unreasonable to provide someone with the tools to do their job. Mr. Lair added that if the Board chose to approve the additional funding, the transfer could be approved in the financials next week. Mr. Claypool inquired about the need, to which Mr. Lair noted that they have funds in the balance sheet, but a majority is set aside for salaries, and limits them on making purchases for subscriptions.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the funding request of the Law Library Resources Board for 2018 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and will be placed on next week's financials.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Claypool | Aye |
| | Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| | Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of March, 2018.
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from February 21, 2018.
- c) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending March 21, 2018 and December 27, 2017 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- d) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Surface Water, NPDES Small MS4 General Permit, 2017 Annual Report for Geauga County as submitted by the County Engineer

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 4/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Tue., 4/10 Special ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office

Wed., 4/11 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Hillbrook Club

Fri., 4/12 NOACA External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m. and Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m.

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Mon., 4/16 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 4/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Mon., 4/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 4/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Wed., 4/25 50 Years of NOACA: Reflecting on the Past, 11:30 a.m. City Club of Cleveland

4/26 – 4/29 Maple Festival, Chardon Square

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Timothy C. Lennon

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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