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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 4, 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 FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental appropriations for the Court Technology and CASA funds for changes approved as part of the budget hearing process; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for CEBCO wellness grant program; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for 4th Quarter 2013 interest transfers and for the payment of quarterly gas well allotment proceeds to the Board of Developmental Disabilities; Travel requests for the Department of Emergency Services, the Transit Department and the Department of Water Resources; a payment to Gottschalk Building Company for pay request #5 for the Board of Developmental Disabilities ICFDD downsizing project in the amount of \$71,249.64, a payment to Ohio Cat for the purchase of a Caterpillar D4K series 2XL track tractor for the Engineer's Office in the amount of \$85,245.00, and a payment to Business Smarts, Incorporated for the purchase of a HP ProLiant DL380p server for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$32,557.75.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-039 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 4, 2014.

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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>Aye</i> |

CLERK OF COURTS – DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT – OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

County Administrator David Lair stated that Ohio Attorney General assists with the collection of Court costs at no cost to the County.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement between the Ohio Attorney General and Geauga County.

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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>Aye</i> |

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III (#1006)

Director Jessica Boalt explained that the job description for the administrative secretary just didn't fit the duties of what was actually being done, so she is asking the Board to approve the new job description for administrative assistant III. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired what the difference was between the two and the difference in pay, to which Mrs. Boalt explained that the day to day operations can be handled by the assistant III position if Mrs. Boalt is out of the office and that the new position is a dollar more per hour.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the new job description for Administrative Assistant III (#1006) to be effective March 2, 2014.

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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>Aye</i> |

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO INCLUDE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III (#1006)

Mrs. Boalt stated that this will include the new job description and puts the clerical staff directly underneath that position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include Administrative Assistant III (#1006).

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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>Aye</i> |

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RECLASSIFY KAREN STONE – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
III (#1006)

Mrs. Boalt explained that Ms. Stone has been handling the new duties and would like to then reclassify her into this position, noting that the effective date reflects that start of the current pay period.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to reclassify Karen Stone from Administrative Secretary (#1018) to Administrative Assistant III (#1006) to be effective March 2, 2014 at a rate of \$14.35 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$15.11 per hour.

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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>Aye</i> |

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RECLASSIFY NATALIE DOLEZOL – FULL-TIME
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANT (#1017)

Mrs. Boalt explained that this position was posted and as a result the best candidate for the position was a current employee and is she asking to reclassify Ms. Dolezol into that position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to reclassify Natalie Dolezol from Part-time Assistant Site Coordinator (#1005) to Full-time Information and Referral Assistant (#1017) to be effective March 17, 2014 at a rate of \$11.21 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$11.80 per hour.

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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>Aye</i> |

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – PATRICIA J. SCHRAFF
(SCHRAFF & KING CO., LPA)

Mrs. Boalt explained that the contract with Schraff and King needed to be updated, noting that they had worked with them for the last nine years and that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) holds the Federal contract agreement. Mrs. Boalt noted that the WRAAA pays \$104.28 per hour of the \$125.00 hourly rate up to 655 hours per year. Mrs. Boalt noted that she placed a cap on the number of hours for this year to 775 hours which is below the number of hours from last year. Local resident Alan Segedy explained that he had the pleasure of meeting somebody from Schraff and King twice, adding that they had done nothing for him in the correction of deeds. Mr. Segedy stated that they had sucked over \$80,000.00 out of the system without a contract last year. Mr. Segedy stated that the new person that has come in is stirring things up and will get it right, questioning why we are going with an out of county firm when there are so many lawyers in the County. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if Mr. Segedy's issue was specific to the item that is before the Board. Mr. Segedy expressed that the Board is going to sign a contract with someone with whom he feels they should not be signing. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the Prosecutor reviews contracts before they come before the Board as a check and balance system, asked Mr. Segedy to forward his concern to him to look over and send to the Prosecutor if need be. Mr. Segedy expressed that he was a check and continued to express his concern for using an out of county firm and that again he had not had good results with the firm

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in not handling his deeds. There was discussion about the good deeds program in the County to which it was noted that last year 134 appointments were held specifically to handle deeds. Mr. Spidalieri suggested that Mr. Segedy forward his information to him as he is just being presented with this information this morning, but would like to move forward as the Board needs to have accountability with the department.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Legal Services Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Department on Aging and Patricia J. Schraff (Schraff & King Co., LPA) for legal services that include advice, counsel and representation of clients up to seventy-two (72) hour per month up to a maximum of seven hundred seventy-five (775) hours for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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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>Aye</i> |

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2014 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Director Don Rice asked Kelly Ericsson to explain that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Ericsson stated that this is nationally recognized and in the State of Ohio. Ms. Ericsson stated that this year's theme is "Ability at Work" and stated that they will be out visiting this month at several local libraries including Burton and Middlefield, pancakes at West Geauga High School and will have their artwork on display at the West Woods Nature Center to help build awareness.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-040 Recognizing March 2014 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 4, 2014
Resolution: 14-040

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2014 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Geauga County recognizes that developmental disabilities affect more than 700 individuals and their families in Geauga County; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2014 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires that all residents of the County offer their full support and enable individuals with developmental disabilities to live successful lives and realize their potential such that they can live, learn, work and play and be active members of our community. We encourage all citizens to recognize that

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our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability. Look Beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

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

The Commissioners' took pictures with the clients in attendance from the Metzenbaum Center with the resolution as a kick off for the month.

COMMON PLEAS COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT – SMART OHIO PILOT FUNDING

Judge Forrest Burt introduced Intensive Supervision Probation Director Rebecca Pizar who had recently taken over this position from Susan Doudican. Judge Burt asked the Board to approve a grant that was applied for through the Department of Corrections which is calculated on a per capita basis to provide the county with funding to keep people out of prison. On average it costs about \$26,000.00 a year for a person in prison. Judge Burt added that this grant will pay for each person put into community control, which can include probation, placement in treatment facilities, or into the county jail, not prison and can also cover treatment through the Lake Geauga center. Judge Burt stated that he refused to call the drug problem the heroin epidemic but instead that it is a personal responsibility epidemic adding that it is whatever drug they are on, also noting that the number of meth labs in the state of Ohio is higher than ever before. Judge Burt stated that this grant gives them the opportunity to do something with offenders besides just putting them into prison and provides some money to do it. Judge Fuhry explained that this is a sixteen month commitment that started March 1st with staggered payments through June of 2015 with a total that could be up to \$107,000.00. These payments are paid as we continue putting people on probation or in jail receiving treatment, but as long as they are not in a state prison the county will be paid. Judge Fuhry stated that if 75 people are put into this program the county will receive almost the full amount of the grant. Commissioner Samide asked where the funds come from, if they came from fines, to which Judge Burt stated that they we're coming from the State General Fund. Judge Burt mentioned how this program was going to be administered by either a probation officer by adding hours or the use of a new probation officer that is being hired. Commissioner Rear inquired about when a person is incarcerated it costs \$26,000.00 a year and if that same person was put into this program what the cost or payment would be and if this person violates the program if those funds are required to be paid back. Judge Burt replied that the County will receive \$500.00 every time a person is put into this program with additional payments every quarter, and if this person fails the program the funds continue until that person is put into prison, but the funds do not have to be paid back. Judge Fuhry added that another option is if a person who is currently in prison and requests an early release then that person if the court chooses can be placed into the program and the county can be paid. Ms. Pizar stated that there is no cost to the county and no requirement of a local match.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for SMART Ohio Pilot Funding for the period March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Spidalieri noted that Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle, County Administrator David Lair and Human Resources Manager Colleen Lockhart will be joining the Board in executive session.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of public employees in the Transit Department.

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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>Aye</i> |

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to terminate the employment of Transit Director, Kristina Reider, effective immediately.

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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>Aye</i> |

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to appoint Michael Kasper, Interim Acting Director in the Transit Department to be effective immediately.

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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>Aye</i> |

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve a paid administrative leave for Kate Weybrecht, Administrative Assistant III in the Transit Department effective immediately, pending the outcome of further investigation.

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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>Aye</i> |

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – DAVID P. AND SANIEH A. WHITE

Director Anita Stocker explained that this was for a septic system replacement which is a loan program that includes a 100% due upon either the sale of the house or within ten years of the loan and this full amount has been recaptured.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for David P. and Sanieh A. White for property located at 11731 Basswood Drive, Chardon as a Revolving Loan Infrastructure Loan in the amount of \$12,000.00 has been satisfied.

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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>Aye</i> |

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE NEW HIRE APPOINTMENTS

Director Paul Reiman introduced new Human Resources officer Donna Brown-Barrow who replaced Anita Rohl who had retired at the end of last year. Mr. Reiman stated that Ms. Brown-Barrow comes with a degree in Child and Family studies and over eighteen years of Human Resources experience from ResCare in Chesterland. Mr. Reiman stated that Mr. Iaboni has twenty years of experience as a self-employed licensed plumber. Mr. Reiman added that Ms. Sommers has a year and half of experience as a public assistance eligibility referral specialist and protective services clerical specialist from Portage County JFS and at Western Reserve Health Systems as a health assistance and medical receptionist. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about what Mr. Iaboni would be doing and why the county maintenance department wasn't handling the services. It was noted that for the last eighteen years or so Job and Family Services has had their own maintenance staff that includes the general maintenance and upkeep on vehicles. Mr. Reiman stated that if repair work needs done it is completed through the Sheriff's Office Post 2.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge the following new hire appointments of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners recruitment and hiring procedures:

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| <i>Donna Brown-Barrow, Human Resource Officer (replacement)</i> | <i>Effective January 23, 2014</i> |
| <i>Armond Iaboni, Maintenance Repair Worker (replacement)</i> | <i>Effective January 23, 2014</i> |
| <i>DeAnna Sommers, PT Eligibility Referral Specialist I (replacement)</i> | <i>Effective February 18, 2014</i> |

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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>Aye</i> |

**GEAUGA TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – SINGLE STREAM DROP-OFF
RECYCLING PROGRAM 2014-2016 CONTRACT AGREEMENT – BURTON TOWNSHIP**

Director Bob Villers requested the Board approve the contract agreement with Burton Township Trustees for a single stream drop off recycling location. There was a brief discussion about the transition with the new company and while it was not a smooth transition, that everything was going good.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Single Stream Drop-off Recycling Program 2014-2016 Contract Agreement with Burton Township Trustees.

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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>Aye</i> |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE – SUMMER HELP (#0101)

Mr. Lair explained that this was to advertise for summer help noting that there was a possibility of a candidate through Geauga Growth Partnership as an intern. Mr. Lair stated that the Commissioner's Office, Aging, the County Home and Maintenance were looking to hire, noting that these positions may also be filled by interns. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that this position needs to be open and competitive by advertising for everyone and not just take the applicants from the Geauga Growth Partnership. Mr. Rear inquired if the pay rate was comparable to what some of the local school districts pay for their summer program, along with advertising the position along with the school job boards. There was discussion about the schools summer program and the types of jobs that they do for them, and if the county summer help program was in line with that program in comparison with the wages. Commissioners' Clerk asked if the Board had a problem with adding two positions for the Department of Water Resources who would also like to advertise; there was no objection.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for Summer Help (#0101) for the approximate period of May 1, 2014 (or the end of the school year) through September 30, 2014 (or at the start of school – whichever comes first) for a maximum of twenty-one (21) weeks (840 hours) to be worked. This posting will remain posted until all positions are filled with the compensation to be set at \$8.25 first year, \$8.50 second year, \$8.75 third and subsequent years for the following departments: Department on Aging (2), Commissioners (1), County Home (1), Maintenance (1), and Water Resources (2).

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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>Aye</i> |

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND MOTION FROM JANUARY 13, 2014 TO INCLUDE
ITEM #5 – ADVANCE NOTIFICATION**

Mr. Lair explained that Ms. Blair had left instructions for the Re-Organizational meeting which occurred while she was on leave and a portion of that was overlooked, so this is just to amend the motion to correct that. Ms. Blair noted that the only change was the addition of #5 regarding public notification. Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool asked for the meeting schedule to be added to the website for clarification to which it was responded that the meetings had already been added to the website immediately after his first request.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to amend the motion from January 13, 2014 to read: adopt the Geauga County Commissioners' meeting schedule for 2014:

- 1. Sessions will be held in the Geauga County Commissioners' chambers, or alternate location as necessary, with legally-required notice of changed location provided:*
- 2. Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.*
- 3. The second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.*
- 4. The fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*
- 5. Requests for reasonable advance notification of all Commissioners meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed may be requested of the Commissioners' Clerk, provisions for advance notification may include, but are not limited to, emailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on a distribution list or by self-addressed stamped envelope provided by the person requesting the information.*
- 6. The Board may have additional meetings, as required, at the time and place designated.*
- 7. Any meeting called by Geauga County officeholders, department heads, County Administrator or the county's legal counsel.*
- 8. Any meetings of the Geauga County Township Trustees and Clerks' Association*
- 9. Any meetings of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO).*
- 10. Any regular or special meetings of the following Boards or Councils at which a quorum of the Board of Commissioners is or may be present:*
 - a. Any township Board of Trustees meeting & City and Village Council*
 - b. Geauga County Board of Health*
 - c. Geauga County Health Advisory Council*
 - d. Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District*
 - e. Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District meetings*
 - f. Planning Commission*
 - g. Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)*
 - h. Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Governments (NOC COG)*
 - i. Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meetings*
 - j. Portage / Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Joint Board*
 - k. Investment Advisory Committee*
 - l. Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 7 Integrating Committee (Issue I)*
 - m. Geauga County Agricultural Society (Fair Board meetings)*
 - n. Chagrin River Watershed Partners*
 - o. Meetings to honor any invitations received by the Geauga County Commissioners to attend ground breakings, openings, celebrations, memorial services and/or parades*
 - p. Meetings with any organization or other political entities to discuss items of mutual concern*

The time, place and purpose of all special meetings in addition to regularly scheduled meetings, will be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting to the news media that have requested notification except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the Board member or Board members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

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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>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 February 19, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

- Thu., 3/6 Youth Leadership Government Day*
- Tue., 3/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Tue., 3/11 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 3/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session that will include a Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m. regarding the Department on Aging's application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) 2014 Specialized Transportation Program Grant*

Ms. Boalt explained what the Public Hearing was being held for, to which she noted it was to apply for a specialist grant through ODOT for a specialized handicapped van. Ms. Boalt explained that the grant will cover 80% of the cost.

- Mon., 3/17 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 3/18 Investment Advisory Committee meeting, 9:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 3/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Mon., 3/24 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 3/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session*
- Thu., 3/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

Mr. Rear noted that he would be attending a NOC COG (formerly GAPP) meeting on Wednesday, March 5th at 9 a.m. in Building #8.

OTHER – DISCUSSION ON NOACA

Mr. Claypool asked for clarification about when a discussion for the NOACA transportation loans was going to be held. Mr. Claypool stated that there was an Executive Committee meeting on Friday the 14th and wants to make sure that this gets handled and not lose the opportunity to stop this from moving forward. The Board discussed bringing in the County Engineer in to discuss the changes taking place, agreeing that they didn't want to take loans out, along with the risk of losing the county's share of funding for roads and bridges because of the changes to the road rating system. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern that Geauga County is a small vote in a very big pond and yes they as a Board can agree that it's a bad deal, but the strong hold that the NEOSCC has on NOACA and the forecast for Geauga County is very scary and this raises additional questions and concerns. There was further discussion about the ratings of the roads and the loans for the SIB and the NEOSCC being included in the policy. It was agreed that a resolution of opposition should be drafted that could be voted upon and submitted to NOACA on behalf of the Board. Mr. Claypool asked if he could present information to the Board regarding the NEOSCC and if they could also get the Townships behind them in opposing the NEOSCC. It was mentioned that the next Geauga County Township Association dinner will be held on April 9th. The Board asked that Mr. Claypool submit his information to them ahead of time to review before it is presented publicly, to be able to ask appropriate questions.

OTHER – TRANSIT

Mr. Claypool stated that the Transit event pointed to what he had perceived as a lack of proper oversight standards when he was Commissioner, and asked for an internal audit, expressing that this was a breakdown of proper management level checks and balances. Mr. Spidalieri stated that this has been discussed and a plan is being put into place. Ms. Samide stated that due to the investigation taking place it cannot be discussed based upon legal counsel. Mr. Spidalieri stated that it is unfortunate that this incident took place as this is a slap in the face to those employees that come to work every day and do a good honest job. The Board expressed their support of the Prosecutor's Office and that they are taking this incident very seriously. Mr. Claypool expressed that standards, policy and practices need to be put into place.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
REAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:58 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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