

Commissioners' Journal
December 11, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 11, 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 10:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Rear was absent from today's meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 2, 2014.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Revenue Certifications for the Building Standards Assessment fund and the County Water Systems fund; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency fund to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for web check and other expenses reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund; Supplemental Appropriations for the Public Assistance Fund, the Water Resources and Water District funds, the Treasurer's Delinquent Tax and the Clerk of Courts Title fund for yearend processing as well as the Transportation fund for the repayment of the 2014 payroll advance; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for the OWDE debt payments for the water tower and the county water treatment plant and the local match portion of reimbursement #2 of the Airport FAA grant #3-39-0054-1714; a Purchase order for Lebanon Ford for the state bid purchase of a 2014 Ford K8A AWD SUV vehicle for the Department of Emergency Services in the amount of \$26,476.80; a Contract for Johnson Controls for the performance contracting project development agreement for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$55,000.00; a Payment to Keystone US Management dba Tyco Integrated Security, LLC for the purchase and installation of (2) video recording cameras for the Geauga County Safety Center in the amount of \$15,872.00; a payment to Tremco for the purchase of roofing materials for the Board of Developmental Disabilities Administration and Adult Services Buildings in the amount of \$306,445.92; and a payment to Buildings Technicians for pay request #1 for the Board of Developmental Disabilities Administration and Adult Services buildings' roof replacement project in the amount of \$227,520.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-176 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 11, 2014.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS

County Administrator David Lair explained the blanket purchase order limit has been at \$15,000.00 for a long time. Mr. Lair stated that essentially the limit can be up to \$50,000.00 but would like to at least bring it up to \$25,000.00 to save departments on having to open multiple blanket purchase orders. Mr. Lair briefly gave some examples of how this would be beneficial, that typically it is used for multiple purchases from the same vendor, like office supplies.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-180 Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Limit for Blanket Purchase Orders from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to accommodate the

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operational needs of county departments, offices and agencies to be effective January 1, 2015.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 11, 2014

RESOLUTION: #14-180

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE
MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) desires to encourage local vendors to provide goods and services to Geauga County government, resulting in increased economic activity through more local jobs, tax revenues, and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports procurement measures which ensure that fair and equitable economic opportunities are afforded to all individuals and businesses that desire to compete for County business; and

WHEREAS, the current County maximum limit for Blanket Purchases Orders as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the County maximum limit for a Blanket Purchase Order from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 in order to accommodate the operational needs of certain County departments, offices, and agencies; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
GEAUGA COUNTY THAT:*

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5705.41(D)(3), upon certification by the County Auditor that a certain sum of money up to and including \$25,000 dollars has been lawfully appropriated for a certain purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of a specific line-item appropriation account in a certain fund free from previous and then outstanding obligations or certifications, then for such purpose and from such line-item appropriation account in such fund, over a period not extending beyond the end of the fiscal year, expenditures may be made, orders for payment issued, and contracts or obligations calling for or requiring the payment of money made and assumed.

SECTION 2. Such a certification need only be signed by the County Auditor.

SECTION 3. Such a certification may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor.

SECTION 4. Only one certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.

SECTION 5. Such a certification shall not extend beyond the end of the fiscal year of appropriation.

SECTION 6. The remaining unfulfilled portion after the fiscal year of appropriation shall be included in the Annual Appropriation Resolution for the next year as a fixed charge.

SECTION 7. An itemized statement of obligations incurred and expenditures made under such certificate shall be rendered to the County Auditor before another certificate is issued.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Resolution is to be effective January 1, 2015 and become a 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #2 – FAA PROJECT #3-39-0054-0017-2014

Business Manager Patty Fulop explained that they were asking for acknowledgement of the reimbursement for the current project from the FAA.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge and approve Reimbursement Request #2 for FAA Project #3-39-0054-0017-2014 in the amount of \$15,000.00 (\$13,500.00 FAA portion and \$1,500.00 local match).*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS AND OUTLAY REPORTS FOR – AIP #3-39-0054-1512, 3-39-0054-1613, AND 3-39-0054-1714

Ms. Fulop stated that these reports are required to be submitted regarding how grant funds have been used for the projects throughout the year.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Federal Financial Report for projects AIP #3-39-0054-1512, #3-39-0054-1613, and #3-39-0054-1714 for the fiscal year end grant totals.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Outlay Reports for projects AIP #3-39-0054-1512, #3-39-0054-1613, and #3-39-0054-1714 for the fiscal year end grant totals.*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – PRE-APPLICATION FOR FAA ASSISTANCE – PROJECT #3-39-0054-018-2015 – INSTALL PAPI’S RWYS 11 AND 29 – BENEFIT COST ANALYSIS AND DESIGN ONLY AND RECONSTRUCT ASPHALT APRON

Ms. Fulop explained that they are pre-applying for grant funds for a 2015 project and by doing this it allows the FAA to review the application and decide whether it is something that they want to grant funds for. Ms. Fulop stated that they do well with keeping up the airport except for capital improvements. Ms. Fulop explained that the FAA set up entitlements for airports through an act of Congress of \$150,000.00 a year. Ms. Fulop stated that there is a local match requirement of \$15,000.00 and if we don't take it then it is given to someone else. Ms. Fulop explained that the 2015 project includes a paving project and safety measures with the installation of PAPI lights. Ms. Fulop explained that they have saved funds through the entitlement of \$305,513.00 and so the local match portion will be \$33,946.00. There was a brief discussion regarding the PAPI lights and how they work and they currently are the only lights being approved by the FAA.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Federal Assistance Pre-Application for FAA Project #3-39-0054-018-2015 to Install PAPI's RWYS 11 and 29 – Benefit Cost Analysis and Design Only and*

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Reconstruct Asphalt Apron for a total amount of \$339,459.00 (\$305,513.00 FAA portion and \$33,946.00 County Match).

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

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about what strings are attached to the grant, noting that he didn't see any real strings other than educational which will keep younger generations interested in aviation. Ms. Fulop stated that when the grant is executed there are assurances that go along with it, noting that one of those is that you agree to keep the airport going forward twenty years in which they will assist, adding that there are 39 specified assurances in total. Ms. Fulop noted that the assurances make sense and that many of them are related to safety. Ms. Fulop stated that they have been looking to ODOT regarding the taxes on fuel sales at Ohio Airports. Currently \$800,000.00 of the \$3 million collected a year is given out in grants, so the FAA has given ODOT three years to establish a program to give those funds back to the Ohio Airports for assistance which will give another area to request funds from.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:22 a.m. and Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Belconis explained that due to the elimination of two projects we would like to not send all of those funds back to the state and instead would like to move those funds to the project that was completed at the fairgrounds. Mr. Spidalieri stated funds were allocated to the Burton Log Cabin project and those funds could no longer be used due to some legal concerns, so we would like to amend the grant to use those funds for the fairgrounds. Being no further comments or questions the Public Hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BAINBRIDGE ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that the project has been completed and they would like to decrease the contract with Kokosing for almost \$38,000.00. Mr. Gorris explained that the project including milling the surface which reduces the amount of pavement repairs that need to be made.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bainbridge Road (CH 11, Sections A-G) in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$37,942.35.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND DIRECT SALE OF EQUIPMENT AGAINST PURCHASE OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that they have been replacing Tasers on a rotation and that old Tasers are no longer supported and cannot be repaired, but also the manufacturer will no longer supply a witness if they are used in an incident. Sheriff McClelland stated that Keiser Supply in Indiana has offered \$10.00 a piece for them, which there are about fifty (50) adding that since they are a police model and not civilian, the only other option was to crush and destroy them. Sheriff McClelland stated that they felt it was better to get a credit with the company that can be used for other equipment.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-177 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Direct the Sale of Equipment Against Purchase of Other Law Enforcement Equipment, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(G).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-177

Date: December 11, 2014

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND DIRECT THE
SALE OF EQUIPMENT AGAINST PURCHASE OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT
EQUIPMENT,
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(G).**

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed for public use, is obsolete or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired" by the County; and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Sheriff's Department has determined that the M26 Taser equipment as unfit for public use as they are no longer used, supported and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Geauga County Commissioners directs the sale of the M26 Tasers to Keisler Police Supply to be used to defray cost of new law enforcement equipment for the Sheriff's Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby directs the sale of the M26 Tasers to Keisler Police Supply.

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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PRE-AWARD GRANT CONDITIONS – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT #2014-WF-VA2-8214 AND 2014-WF-VA2-8214B

Sheriff McClelland explained that this VAWA grant essentially pays for the salary of an investigator that primarily concentrates on violent offenses against women, such as domestic violence and is a continuation of a grant that they have been receiving that will be around \$60,000.00. Sheriff McClelland stated that this is part of the pre-award grant authorization.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Criminal Justice Services Pre-Award Grant Conditions for the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Grant #2014-WF-VA2-8214 and #2014-WF-VA2-8214B.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PRE-AWARD GRANT CONDITIONS – MDT REPLACEMENT

Sheriff McClelland explained that this is the third grant for the replacement of the MDT computers in cars. Sheriff McClelland stated that the new grant will allow for seven computers and mounts. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the models to which Sheriff McClelland stated that they are going with Fujitsu that are laptops that are only around \$3,000.00 instead of around \$5,000.00 for the previous tough books because of the technology changes.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Criminal Justice Services Pre-Award Grant Conditions for the MDT Replacement, Grant #2014-JG-A02-6468.

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

TRANSIT – ADVERTISE TWO PART-TIME TRANSIT DRIVERS (#2210-1)

Director Mike Kasper explained that they would like to advertise to hire for two part-time drivers, noting that they have a current part-time driver that needs to resign and they would like to add an additional driver for operational flexibility in 2015.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for two (2) Part-time Transit Drivers (#2210-1). These positions will remain posted until filled.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES – KIMBERLY L. SCHROETER – DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANT AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that previously down payment assistance and rehabilitation assistance programs were done through a grant and are no longer done. Ms. Stusek stated that we do not wish to subordinate on these mortgages when they are refinancing so as a result these have been paid.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Kimberly L. Schroeter for down payment assistance for property located at 12630 Hovey Drive, Chesterland under Grant #B-C-03-026-1, as the mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Kimberly L. Schroeter for rehabilitation assistance for property located at 12630 Hovey Drive, Chesterland under Grant #B-C-03-026-2, as the mortgage in the amount of \$4,570.00 has been satisfied.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH MR. EXCAVATOR – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerald Morgan stated this is the change order and final for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project noting that it was an increase due to some underground unforeseen conditions. Mr. Morgan explained that on the northeast corner of State Route 306 where the old gas station was located there were issues regarding the old tanks and gravel and ground water, along with the service line for the Shell station due to the existing tanks being in the way. Mr. Morgan stated that the total change order was about 7% of the project which is still within the original assessment numbers that were presented. Mr. Morgan stated that the Shell station needs to be tied in and the Township office buildings have the service line run but have not tied in yet because they need a grinder pump. There was brief discussion regarding an upgrade project to the Russell Lane filters and EQ tank. Mr. Morgan stated that the original plant was put into the place the in 1960's and then almost completely replaced in 1972.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, increasing the Contract with Mr. Excavator for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the amount of \$13,419.27.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCESS – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES TO EXPAND WATER RESOURCES GARAGE

Mr. Morgan stated that they would like to proceed with the Request for Proposal process to expand the Garage on Merritt Road to increase the office facility, put in a cold storage area and provide for the relocation and upgrading of the fuel tank area. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if they would be re-doing a fuel system and looking to relocate the offices from 470 to there, to which Mr. Morgan agreed along with the addition of moving the lab up from Infirmary and consolidating the department back together. Mr. Spidalieri made the suggestion of consolidating a fuel station for all county vehicles with the use of a smart card system that could eventually see a larger savings on fuel.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the department to begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for architectural design services for the expansion of the Water Resources garage located at 12550 Merritt Road in Claridon Township.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STARTING LOCATION AND TIME OF REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 23, 2014

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-178 Establishing the starting location and time of the December 23, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in Russell Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 11, 2014
Resolution: 14-178

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE STARTING LOCATION AND TIME OF THE
DECEMBER 23, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Viewing at 9:00 a.m. for the proposed Dedication of an Existing Undedicated Extension of Stillwater Drive in Russell Township;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to open the regular meeting and viewing at 9:00 a.m. at the site of the cul de sac on Stillwater Drive in Russell Township and then return back to the Commissioners' Office and Chambers to conclude the regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the starting location of the December 23, 2014 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Russell Township at the site of the cul de sac on Stillwater Drive for the Public Viewing in Russell Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

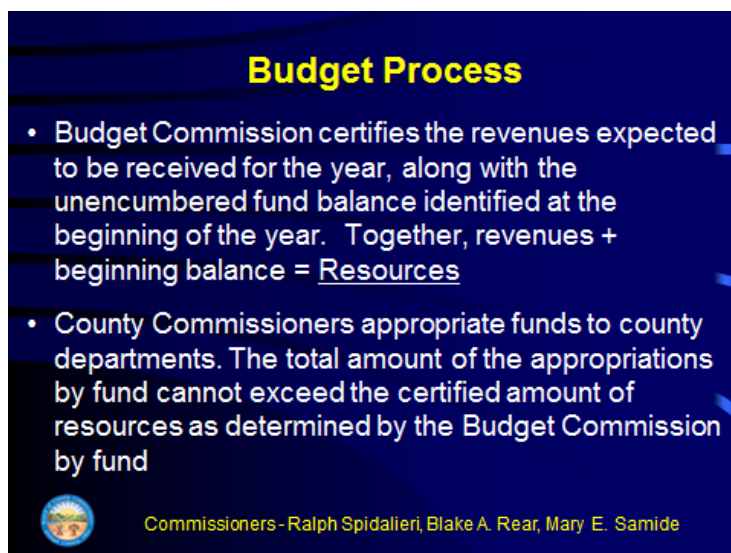
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Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Absent
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PERMANENT – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION 2015
Mr. Lair and Ms. Delaney presented the following on the 2015 Permanent Appropriation:




Mr. Lair explained that this is the actual budget this is spent from....



Mr. Lair explained that the unencumbered fund balance is the Cash in the check book less all the purchase orders that were committed to being spent out of the checkbook. The Commissioners cannot spend any more than what is certified by the Budget Commission.

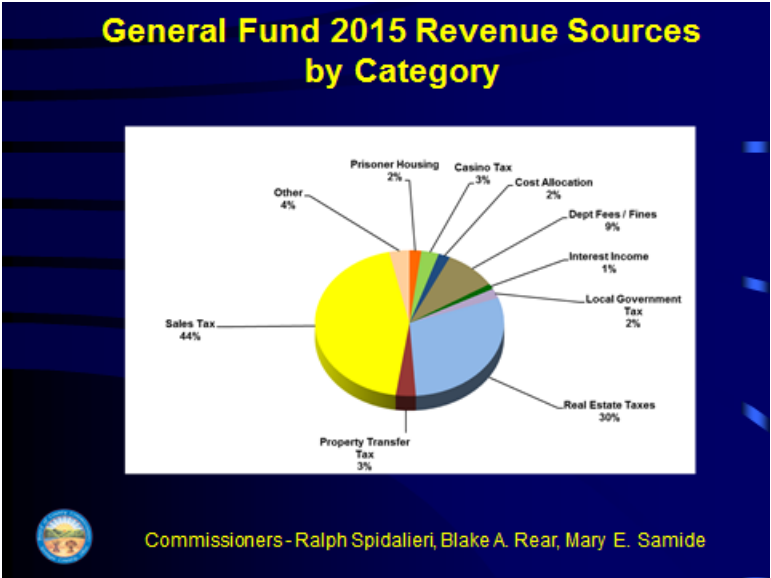
2015 Certified Available Resources – General Fund	
Estimated Carryover Balance	\$ 4,500,000
2015 Revenues	<u>\$ 24,916,948</u>
Total Certified Resources	\$ 29,416,948
Currently available	

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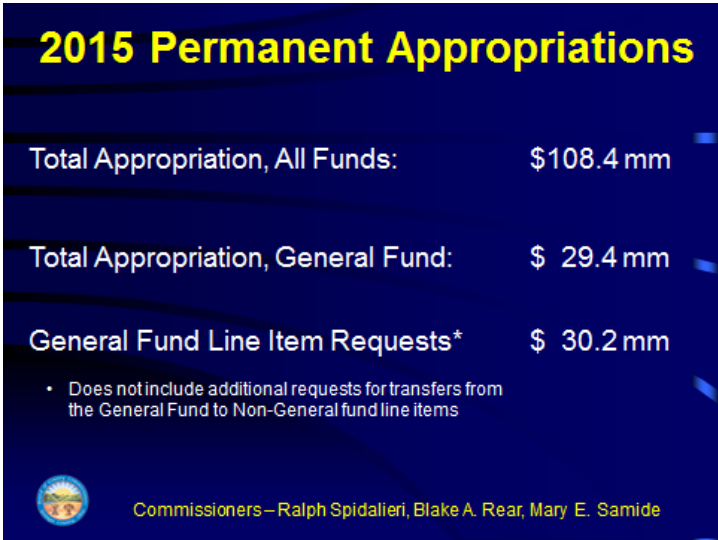
Ms. Delaney stated that while there any many other funds in the budget for the County that includes grant funding, and special levy funds, those are segregated out for certain purposes, and that today they would be discussing the General Fund. Ms. Delaney stated that in August they had resources certified by the budget commission with an estimated conservative carryover

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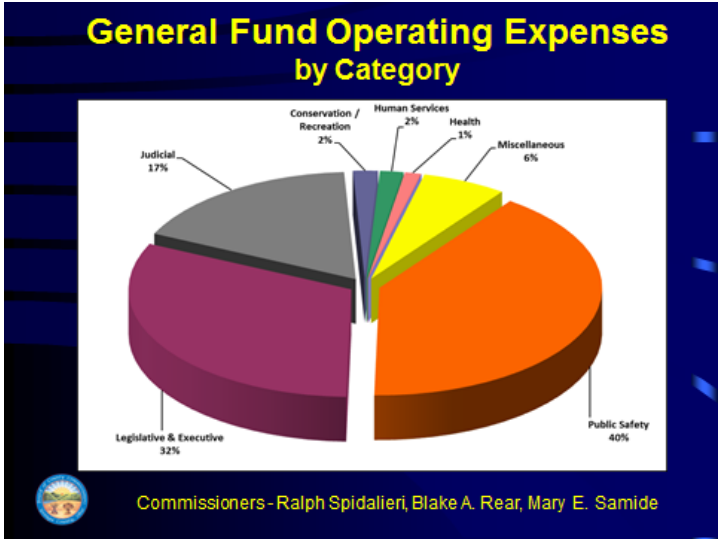
balance of \$4.5 million and the revenue balance that was certified for next year which gives us the available resources that can be appropriated at this time.



Ms. Delaney explained the breakdown of what those revenues include in the General Fund. Ms. Delaney briefly explained what is included in several of these breakdowns, noting that the Interest Income on investments has seen a dramatic change noting that in 2008 it was about \$2.4 million and is now down to \$300,000.00.



It was noted that the total appropriation of all funds was \$108.4 million but the part that they we're discussing is just the General Fund appropriations. Mr. Lair stated that the total appropriation is what is expected to be written for Geauga County purposes, noting that what is not included in there are the other resources that flow through the Treasury that is paid back out by the Auditor to schools, Townships and Villages. Mr. Lair added that the Park District, Health District and the Library are not included in the total appropriation of all funds. Those funds are received and spent out but are not included in this budget.



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Ms. Delaney briefly explained the breakdown of those expenses by category from the General Fund, noting that largest portion being Public Safety that includes the Sheriff's Office, the Coroner's Office and the Building Department; Legislative and Executive includes most of the other Elected Officials Offices; and Judicial portion includes the Courts, Clerk of Courts and the Public Defenders; Conservation / Recreation includes OSU extension and Soil and Water Conservation District; Human Services includes the Veterans' Service Commission; Health includes a mandate for children with medical handicaps (crippled children) with a maximum liability for the year is \$314,000.00; miscellaneous includes funding to Ravenwood for the Youth Center, professional service contracts and insurances are included.

General Fund		
2015 Department Request Increases		
(requests above approved Tax Budget)		
Department	Request	% Increase
Auditor	\$4,825.00	0.5%
ADP Board	\$98,855.00	10.7%
Board of Elections	\$104,000.00	10.9%
Building Department	\$28,000.00	5.8%
Clerk of Courts	\$9,550.00	1.6%
Community Development	\$100,000.00	0.0%
Juvenile / Probate Court	\$442,957.00	17.9%
Maintenance	\$261,639.00	11.5%
OSU Cooperative Extension	\$12,784.00	4.6%
Sheriff	\$99,900.00	1.0%
Veterans Service Commission	\$18,000.00	3.9%
Total Requests *	\$ 1,180,510.00	
* Includes requests for funding transferred from GF to other funds		

Commissioners- Ralph Spidalieri, Blake A. Rear, Mary E. Samide

Mr. Lair stated that these numbers are not included in the appropriation that is before the Board to approve today, that these are departmental requests over the approved budget. These are requests to be transferred to accounts outside the General Fund that they have access to use. Ms. Delaney briefly explained what each of these requests included. Local resident Diane Jones inquired about the amount for the Sheriff's Office, to which it was noted that it is \$99,900.00 and that at this point this is a wish list. Walter Claypool, Commissioner Elect inquired how much of this wish list has permanent versus temporary liability, to which Ms. Delaney said that it was being discussed and that further information can be provided.

Supplemental Appropriation Process	
(late January 2015, after actual carryover is known)	
Description	Estimated Amount
• Determine 1/1/2015 cash balance	\$7,500,000
• Deduct encumbrances	(\$ 600,000)
• Net Resources available as certified by Budget Comm, 1/2015	\$6,900,000
• Less est. carryover used for Tax Budget & Perm Appropriations	(\$4,500,000)
• Estimated resources available for supplemental appropriations	\$2,400,000
• Less current transfers out restoration total (some discretionary)	(\$1,498,957)
• Restoration of normal Contingency starting balance	(\$ 450,000)
• Departmental Requests (many are discretionary)	(\$1,180,510)
• Estimated General Fund Balance remaining	(\$ 729,467)

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Mr. Lair stated that after the beginning of the year the dollar amount will be known what has been saved and is available in the "check book" and based on history they are hopeful for \$7.5 million in carryover. Mr. Lair stated that while the balance in the check book looks good because all the checks you've written have not cleared, those amounts will be tied up in purchase orders and will come out of the carryover balance. Mr. Lair continued to explain that the remaining amount then will have transfer out taken from which some are discretionary. Mr. Lair briefly talked about the contingency balance and the importance of having those funds. Ms. Delaney explained that if a revenue source falls and amounts are de-certified the funds can be used from contingency to make up the difference without making cuts. Mr. Lair stated that the Board cannot do all of these expenditures as shown because it will be a negative balance, and

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they are not allowed to have a negative balance. The Board will have to make decisions based upon the final numbers in the carryover.

General Fund Debt

- August 2014 – Pay down was \$1,000,000 - \$750K - Safety Center / \$250K - 800 MHz Radio upgrade
- With this payment, the Safety Center debt was paid in full
- This leaves a balance of \$3 million on the debt for the 800 MHz upgrade
- Recommended supplemental appropriation includes \$500,000 to go towards retiring this debt within six years

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Mr. Lair discussed the debt in the General Fund, noting that Safety Center debt was paid off, but that there is still a balance of \$3 million that will want to paid off quickly because it's on technology.

The End

Question ?



Questions ?

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Mr. Spidalieri expressed that they are in discussion to several departments about the population outgrowing facilities and needs in this County. Mr. Spidalieri stated that changes are going to made and that they want to keep the public involved in the decision process so that everyone feels comfortable. Mr. Spidalieri commended the past Commissioners on doing a good job and the decisions that they made. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that new funding sources are going to need to be discovered within the County in order to make some of the changes that need to happen. Mr. Spidalieri talked about the decision made to support the heroin initiative and the lives that they have saved. Mr. Spidalieri stated that it is important that we need to put out good and accurate information in the best interest of the County. Commissioner Samide expressed that education is important to the children to keep the drug problems down, to which Mr. Spidalieri stated that parents need to start parenting again and that starts at home. Mr. Lair added that it is important to have a plan and be transparent, as businesses thinking about coming into the County will be looking to make sure government is responsible and have a plan to move forward in a positive way.

OTHER – DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH MEETING AND SURVEY GIVEN TO STUDENTS

Mr. Spidalieri stated that he had attended the Mental Health Board meeting the previous evening due to a large volume of calls from the West Geauga and Cardinal School Districts regarding the Public Schools in Geauga County being given a survey to students in grades 6 through 12 and that students in 4th and 5th grades will also be given a survey. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he was able to obtain a copy of the survey and was appalled by the questions contained in the survey. Mr. Spidalieri read several of the questions from the survey and noted that three years ago this survey was also given in the schools. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he felt that this

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survey was suggestive to kids that may not have ever had any reason to sniff glue, huff, and drink alcoholic beverages, continuing to say that the questions ask about suicide. Mr. Spidalieri stated that having twenty years in law enforcement, being a parent and as a Commissioner that he has concern that the members of the Mental Health Board had never even seen the survey that is being presented by Mental Health to the schools. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that the survey is ridiculous and that it needs to be stopped, and that he feels that Mr. Adams needs to resign, noting that he spent several hours on the phone with the creator of the survey who expressed that this makes money, noting that the survey is given to obtain grant funding and that the results of the survey determine the amount of funding given. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that the waiver was also handled in a way that parents can opt out of the survey but should be done as an opt in to the survey. Mr. Spidalieri read the following letter he directed to the Director of Job and Family Services:

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Dear Mr. Swenson, Director of Job and Family Services:

The survey for 4th through 12th grade students that the Geauga County Mental Health Board is seeking to disseminate to Geauga County Schools is extremely problematic and raises serious concerns.

While many Geauga County law enforcement, juvenile judge and prosecutor are fighting to limit the juvenile drug use problem in our county, this survey suggest and provides a road map to 4th through 12th graders with respect to dangerous and unlawful drug activities. It is highly unlikely that 4th through 12th graders know about huffing aerosols or sniffing glue. Yet, this survey introduces these young students to such illicit and dangerous activities. Because of youthful curiosity, it is likely that some of the students introduced to such illicit activities will pursue glue sniffing and huffing, essentially expanding the already growing youth drug problem. Why would our county mental health board introduce our youth to other means of dangerous drug use in a survey?

The survey also contains questions that intrude on the private parent-child relationship of our County residents. For what purpose?

The confidentiality of the survey is also suspect. While the student does not place his or her name on the survey, each survey is individually numbered. Is someone maintaining a list as to which student is given a specific numbered survey?

The waiver process for parents is also seriously flawed. A parent must take affirmative action to preclude their children's participation in the survey. Some children may not have even taken the waiver form home. At a minimum, the survey process should be carefully explained to all parents and a signed permission slip signed by a parent should be a mandatory prerequisite before a student takes the survey.

Finally, the survey contains some questions that invade the privacy of parents' homes and have no academic purpose. For example, any inquiry into a parent's gun ownership or the number of guns in a home is way out of bounds and smacks of some illicit governmental motive. The right of gun ownership is a protected Constitutional right. Neither our schools, nor the County mental health board have any right to private gun ownership information. Moreover, using our children to obtain such information on their parents for some highly questionable governmental or sociological purpose is just plain wrong.

This letter raises a few of the many problems with the survey.

Apparently, the main purpose of the survey is for use to pursue grant or other funding. Our students should not be manipulated and our families' privacy invaded for governmental economic purposes.

I was appalled to have attended the meeting on the 10th of December to learn that none of the board members had seen or read the survey and that this survey was put out without their approval and just handled directly from the director and his staff. I strongly urge the Board to review the conduct of the director and feel that fast and firm action is taken to put fail safes and policies in place to control the aggressive and potentially illegal and liable actions that his decisions are putting our county in. Furthermore the concern goes way beyond liability but rather children safety and welfare.

In light of these problems, I respectfully demand that all efforts to distribute the survey to Geauga Country students cease immediately. The proper procedure should have included a committee consisting of representatives of our schools, parent teacher organizations, JFS,

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Juvenile Court, and other youth involved groups to review this survey and survey process so that the rights of parents and students in our County are adequately protected.

I take a strong stand on this horrific and irresponsible action of putting out this survey and I refuse to sit on my hands and allow our children to be poisoned by such material. I have a duty to the people of this county in the position I hold and officially move to formally request the Director of Job and Family Service accept this letter as an official complaint and ask that an investigation be opened to uncover the safety and welfare that the director of Mental Health Mr. Jim Adams has put the children and their families at risk.

Thank you,

Ralph Spidalieri
Geauga County Commissioner

Ms. Samide stated that she had one question and asked everyone to think back when you were eight years old and if back then you would understand half of what is included on this survey, and how much our children know today compared to what we knew when we were this age. Ms. Samide stated that Mr. Spidalieri has a point, noting that when you tell a child not to do something the first thing they do is what you asked them not to. Mr. Claypool stated that he was also at the Mental Health meeting and expressed concern regarding the Board Members that are supposed to provide oversight to Mr. Adams and the attitude of arrogance and that so many of them were unaware of the survey and what it contained. Mr. Claypool stated that there are many questions that need to be asked regarding the survey and what is behind it. Discussion continued regarding the survey and the suggestive nature of it, and how it is being used to obtain grant funding and that the creator of the survey expressed that the negative nature makes him money. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that we as parents, public officials and as a humane society have a responsibility to stop this. Some of the discussion was directed at the schools who were supposed to administer the survey and how many parents were not made aware of the survey and the children that will take it because the waiver of the survey was mishandled in a way as an opt out instead of an opt in. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he feels Mr. Adams needs to be removed with concern over how many other things are being done without the Mental Health Board not knowing what is happening. Ms. Samide expressed concern and a wish to see the survey that was going to be given to the 4th – 5th graders. Mr. Claypool expressed that parents need to be expressing concern to the Superintendents about the common core being taught to our children and grandchildren. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern over the results and the questions implementing suggestions of ideas to the kids and the recent school shooting and how much was sparked off questions from a survey like this. Ms. Samide expressed that violence is not new, but arrogance and cruelty has been with us in society, and that is has been an issue in the schools, and while we protect them and want the best for them.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR 2015

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-179 (Permanent) Annual Appropriation Resolution in Accordance with O.R.C. Sections 570.38 and 5705.40.

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

**A complete copy of the (Permanent) Annual Appropriation*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of November, 2014.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 26, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) Probation Services Fund (Offender Fees) Report filed by Court of Common Pleas, Intensive Supervision Probation, Pretrial Release Services, pursuant to O.R.C. 2951.021*

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- d) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending November, 2014.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 12/12 NOACA, Finance and Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 9:30 a.m. and Executive at 10:30 a.m., Cleveland

**Ms. Samide stated that the Executive meeting is being moved to another day and time.*

Mon., 12/15 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health

Tue., 12/16 Investment Advisory Board, 9:45 a.m. in Chambers

Tue., 12/16 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

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

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

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

The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

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

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

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

The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:08 P.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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