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August 19, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental appropriations for the General Juvenile fund, the CASA fund, the Prosecutor's Delinquent Tax fund, and the Auditor's Note retirement fund; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for expenses reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the payment of the 1st Quarter SFY15 Job and Family Services mandated share; a Purchase order for HD Supply Waterworks for the purchase of (69) 20" Ford pit setters for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$36,570.00; Travel requests for the Building Department and the Commissioners' Office; and Payment #1 to EnviroCom Construction Incorporated for the Thompson Sewer Project Contract "B" for the Department of Water Resources and the Office of Community and Economic Development totaling \$96,176.58.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-130 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 19, 2014

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

ADVOCATES FOR RECOVERY

Marci Mondello-King representing Advocates for Recovery explained that three years ago her husband Phil King addressed the infiltrating drug issue by starting the Opiate Task Force which since has been taken over by Judge Terri Stupica whom has done a fantastic job. Ms. King expressed that law enforcement has been doing a good job at trying to get the drugs under control, and Mr. Michelson is working with patients at the Safety Center, along with Lisa Brown helping with pain management and new dimensions at University Hospitals. A drug treatment facility is usually six months to one year of pure structured treatment and then once completed they are on their own into the community. The task force discovered that one piece was missing and that is the final step in treatment, that is a sober, "¾" house or a transitional house, and currently there is not one in Geauga County. Ms. King explained that these houses are for people who have been through the treatment program, with requirements of having a job, participate in community service, with life skills classes taught to help them re-adjust into the community. Ms. King stated that drugs or alcohol are not permitted in the house and residents will be tested and if tested positive will be removed. Ms. King stated that the fundraiser being held is to raise funds to purchase a house and help with maintenance of the residence. Ms. King explained that Ashtabula County has a transitional house for women called Opal House, which has a waiting list; they are looking to put a transitional house for men in Geauga County. Ms. King noted that both Senators John Eklund and Capri Cafaro are in support of this project and are not only standing behind but also trying to assist with funding resources. Ms. King stated that she is not asking for funding from the Commissioners, but instead for their support and to pass along invitations and posters to spread the word about the fundraiser. Commissioner Rear wanted it clarified that this transitional house for men was not just for drug addiction, but also for other types of addictions including alcohol. Commissioner Samide inquired how they were going to financially support having this house, to which Ms. King explained that they are trying to raise funds to purchase a house or land and build a structure, but that each resident will be required to pay rent that will cover expenses but that funds will be needed to maintain the home. There was discussion about possible locations in the County and what the needs for that location would be based on the needs of the residents in the facility with a possible location of Middlefield.

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS – HOMEMAKER AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER THAT ENDED ON AUGUST 14, 2014

Director Jessica Boalt explained that they were asking to release the bid/ performance bonds from the previous Homemaker and Personal Care contracts as they ended on August 14th and are now under the new contracts.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for QualCare, LLC, d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care for the Homemaker and Personal Care Services for Geauga County residents age 60 and older for the period ending August 14, 2014 as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for Maple Grove Enterprises, d.b.a. First Light for the Homemaker and Personal Care Services for Geauga County residents age 60 and older for the period ending August 14, 2014 as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for Embassy Homecare, LLC for the Homemaker and Personal Care Services for Geauga County residents age 60 and older for the period ending August 14, 2014 as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for Family Tree Homecare Services, LLC for the Homemaker and Personal Care Services for Geauga County residents age 60 and older for the period ending August 14, 2014 as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to release the Bid/Performance Bond for University Hospital Homecare Services for the Homemaker and Personal Care Services for Geauga County residents age 60 and older for the period ending August 14, 2014 as all specifications have been met.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PROMOTE SANDY MCLEOD – FULL-TIME SENIOR CENTERS SUPERVISOR (#1003)

Ms. Boalt explained that this position was posted internally and received nine applications which out of those Ms. McLeod was fielded as the best candidate for this position. Ms. Boalt noted that she has a business background and about fifteen years of experience.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to promote Sandy McLeod to the position of Full-time Senior Centers Supervisor (#1003) to be effective August 25, 2014. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period her rate will increase to \$24.86 per hour.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – SITE COORDINATOR (#1004)

Ms. Boalt stated that would like to post for the open position of Site Coordinator to fill the current vacancy.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Site Coordinator (#1004) for a period of five days beginning August 25, 2014.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – CRAIG BEDNAREK - REFINANCE

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that Mr. Bednarek is an old down payment assistance client that wants to refinance his mortgage. Ms. Stusek stated that this will reduce the interest by 2% and he will see a savings of about \$250.00 a month.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Quicken Loans, Incorporated for Craig Bednarek, under Grant #B-C-03-026-1 and #B-C-03-026-2 for refinancing property located at 12053 Lakeside Drive, Newbury.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE – INFINITY PAVING COMPANY – FAIRGROUNDS SIDEWALK AND PARKING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis explained that due to a change in the scope of work they are asking for an increase to the contract and to extend the date of completion. Ms. Belconis stated that the Agricultural Society agreed to pay for any increase in overages above the grant amount of \$70,600.00. Ms. Belconis noted that there is a possibility of having extra funds from another project under the grant that could possibly be used to cover these overages, but it is not known for sure as of yet. It was noted that the original amount was \$20,170.00 but that the amount of increase was changed to \$21,143.00 for a new total contract amount of \$100,973.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1, increasing the contract with Infinity Paving Company for the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk and Parking Facilities Improvement Project under Grant #B-F-13-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$21,143.00 and extending the date of completion by forty-nine (49) days till September 30, 2014.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERTS ON RAVENNA ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that the easements relate to the improvements at culverts on Ravenna Road for guardrail elimination in advance of a resurfacing project next

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year. It was noted that the amounts will be paid to the homeowner for the rights to the easement.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chad and Melanie Gotliebowski (Parcel #06-120126) for improvements to culverts on Ravenna Road in Chardon Township in the amount of \$400.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Francis Family Revocable Trust (Parcel #06-015300) for improvements to culverts on Ravenna Road in Chardon Township in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Kenneth and Carol Pritt (Parcel #06-120983) for improvements to culverts on Ravenna Road in Chardon Township in the amount of \$250.00.

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

Construction Manager Pete Seliskar stated that the description was not correct when originally done and discovered the change with the current owner and have corrected it with this easement.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes (Corrective Description for Drainage Easement Recorded in Volume 938, Page 770 of the Geauga County Record of Deeds) between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Todd A. Suszynski and Holly A. Neff-Suszynski, Trustees of The Suszynski Family Trust (Parcel #06-120524) for improvements to culverts on Ravenna Road in Chardon Township in the amount of \$1.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF PETTIBONE ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this is a federal contract which they received \$384,000.00 to complete. Mr. Gorris stated that the contract was awarded to Ronyak Paving and this contract allows the project to begin. Mr. Gorris answered a question about completion by explaining that the project include a complete milling of the road and will begin in mid-September with completion this year adding that traffic would be maintained during the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Pettibone Road (CH 607, Sections A-D) in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$589,938.94.

<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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TRANSIT – RECLASSIFY MICHAEL WALSH – FULL-TIME DRIVER (#2210)

Interim Director Mike Kasper explained that this position was posted internally, noting that Mr. Walsh has a good safety and driving record and would like to put him in as a Full-time Driver. Mr. Kasper noted that there is no change in the hourly rate or probationary period.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the reclassification of Michael Walsh from Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to the position of Full-time Driver (#2210) to be effective August 18, 2014 with no change in pay or probationary period as he has been a Part-time Driver since April 29, 2013.

<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>

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCIPLINE OF TRANSIT EMPLOYEE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of an employee in the Transit department.

<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>

It was noted that the County Administrator David Lair and Interim Director Mike Kasper would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 10:49 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the hearing officer, Karen DeCola and to suspend without pay Ray Wernet, Part-time Driver in the Transit Department for forty-eight (48) hours, for violations of the Geauga County Personnel Policy for ORC 124.34 Neglect of Duty; and Transit Best Practices, Level One Preventable Accident. Time off is to be scheduled by the Director. And to further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation form per ORC 124.34 for the forty-eight (48) hours.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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

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

Mr. Lair joined the Board in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 11:05 a.m. with no action taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 13, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending July, 2014.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

- Tue., 8/19 County Home Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Pleasant Hill County Home*
- Mon., 8/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 8/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 8/28 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at the Great Geauga County Fair, 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair 4-H Stage*
- 8/28 – 9/1 The Great Geauga County Fair, Burton*
- Mon., 9/1 County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.*
- Tue., 9/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Tue., 9/9 Budget Hearing, Treasurer, 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/9 Investment Advisory Board, 9:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 9/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Wed., 9/10 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Exercise*
- Thu., 9/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

It was noted that there are two upcoming events on August 27th at 5:30 p.m. and on August 28th at 8:00 a.m. for Kent State with the new President and Dean.

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

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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