

Commissioners' Journal
June 26, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.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 6:33 p.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from June 26, 2014, Resolution #14-104, that included a Supplemental Appropriation for the Auditor's Dog and Kennel Fund in order to process payroll, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 16, 2014 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during Year 2014, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING ENVIROTHON TEAMS – CHARDON, KENSTON, LEDGEMONT AND WEST GEAUGA

Soil and Water Conservation District, Conservation Education Coordinator Katie Nainiger explained that the Envirothon is an environmental competition that was created for students to help gain an appreciation for the environment and help students foster a desire to choose a career that would be environmentally based. Ms. Nainiger explained that there is a regional practice in the fall, and an area competition in the spring called Area II which includes 17 counties competing together. Ms. Nainiger stated that for the last six years Chardon, Kenston, Ledgemont and West Geauga have competed, noting that Chardon has usually done very well and has moved onto the State competition that takes place in June. The area top four teams move on and compete and the winner then moves on to a North American competition. Ms. Nainiger stated that this year there was not a North American competition due to funding, but that Chardon did move onto the State competition and placed third and tied for first place in the oral presentation. Ms. Nainiger expressed her amazement of the knowledge and dedication that the kids have. Present at the meeting were Chardon Team Red, their Advisor Marilyn Rohr and West Geauga Advisor Mike Sustin. Advisor Marilyn Rohr stated that she was very proud her team, noting that they were wearing their state t-shirts. Ms. Rohr talked about many of the students that have gone through the Envirothon competitions and have gone on to environmental careers, noting that it really has made a difference in their lives and that they have gone on to make a difference for our country. Ms. Rohr thanked that Board for their support and the support from the RC & D. Ms. Nainiger noted that Adrian Achtermann, President was present from Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development, which supports the teams that move on to the State competition. Commissioner Rear inquired about how long Ms. Rohr had been doing this, to which Ms. Rohr noted that Helen Rose started and she took over when she retired and that it had been about twenty years now. Mr. Achtermann stated that the Envirothon is really an educational process, noting that the RC & D is a nine county organization that deals with educational and informational programming for citizens in Northeast Ohio. Commissioner Spidalieri noted that Mr. Sustin is also someone that deserves recognition for his dedication and leadership to the students at West Geauga.

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair stated the following Envirothon teams and the students representing them from each school:

Chardon Team Red: Erin Conway, Melanie Cohn, Madison Brady, Natalie Clark and Nicholas Schragal

Chardon Team Black: Chris Baldwin, Michael Ricci, Andrew Diehl, Alison Whitney and Jacob Krebs

Kenston Team A: Elizabeth Janko, Madeline Sand, Zachary Roshon, Joshua Sellers and Lauren Zucker

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Ledgemont Team: Megan Ritts, Steve Conklin, Marissa Eliason, Logan Leichtman and Emily Schafer

West Geauga Team Blue: Victoria Robertson, Katine Demarchi, Jackson Howard, Hillary Junglas and Jordyn Lees

West Geauga Team White: Katherine Kulp, Hailey Clapp, Max Garcia and Juliana Ruben

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-105 Recognizing the Chardon High School – Team Red at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-105

Date: June 26, 2014

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL - TEAM RED
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED consists of the following five members: Erin Conway, Melanie Cohn, Madison Brady, Natalie Clark and Nicholas Schragel; and

WHEREAS, Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED placed 1st and advanced to the Ohio Envirothon at Salt Fork State Park in Guernsey County and was held June 9-10, 2014 where they placed 3rd and tied for 1st place in oral presentations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED and their coach Marilyn Rohr on their accomplishment; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-106 Recognizing the Chardon High School – Team Black at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

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Resolution: 14-106

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL - TEAM BLACK
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Chardon High School Envirothon Team BLACK consists of the following five members: Chris Baldwin, Michael Ricci, Andrew Diehl, Alison Whitney and Jacob Krebs; and

WHEREAS, Chardon High School Envirothon Team BLACK placed Eighth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the Chardon High School Envirothon Team BLACK and their coach Marilyn Rohr on their accomplishment; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-107 Recognizing the Kenston High School – Team A at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-107

Date: June 26, 2014

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE KENSTON HIGH SCHOOL - TEAM A
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Kenston High School Envirothon Team A consists of the following five members: Elizabeth Janko, Madeline Sand, Zachary Roshon, Joshua Sellers, and Lauren Zucker; and

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WHEREAS, Kenston High School Envirothon Team A placed Twelfth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the Kenston High School Envirothon Team A and their coach Brian Turk on their accomplishment; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-108 Recognizing the Ledgemont High School Team at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEDGEMONT HIGH SCHOOL TEAM
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Ledgemont High School Envirothon Team consists of the following five members: Megan Ritts, Steve Conklin, Marissa Eliason, Logan Leichtman, and Emily Schafer; and

WHEREAS, Ledgemont High School Envirothon Team placed Thirty-seventh; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the Ledgemont High School Envirothon Team and their coach Katie Ritts on their accomplishment; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-109 Recognizing the West Geauga High School –Team Blue at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

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Resolution: 14-109
Date: June 26, 2014

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEST GEAUGA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BLUE
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 West Geauga High School Envirothon Team Blue consists of the following five members: Victoria Robertson, Katina Demarchi, Jackson Howard, Hilary Junglas, and Jordyn Lees; and

WHEREAS, West Geauga High School Envirothon Team Blue placed Thirty-first; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the West Geauga High School Envirothon Team Blue and their coach Mike Sustin on their accomplishment; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-110 Recognizing the West Geauga High School – Team White at the 2014 Northeast Ohio High School Area II Envirothon.

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEST GEAUGA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WHITE
AT THE 2014 NORTHEAST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL AREA II ENVIROTHON**

WHEREAS, the Area II Envirothon is an academic, outdoor environmental competition for high school students in North America. Geauga County was pleased to have four schools with six teams participating this year: Chardon High School (with two teams), Kenston High School (with one team), West Geauga High School (with two teams), and Ledgemont High School (with one team); and

WHEREAS, each team is tested on their knowledge of soils and land use, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current environmental issues. This years' theme was "Sustainable Agriculture / Locally Grown". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources. The Chardon High School Envirothon Team RED was one of forty-seven teams from seventeen counties in the Northeast Ohio Envirothon, which was hosted by Huron Soil and Water Conservation District and was held at Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League in Norwalk on April 30, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, the 2014 West Geauga High School Envirothon Team White consists of the following four members: Katherine Kulp, Hailey Clapp, Max Garcia, and Juliana Ruben; and

WHEREAS, West Geauga High School Envirothon Team White placed Forty-fourth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate the West Geauga High School Envirothon Team White and their coach Mike Sustin on their accomplishment; and

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

The Commissioners presented the resolution and posed for pictures with Chardon Team Red.

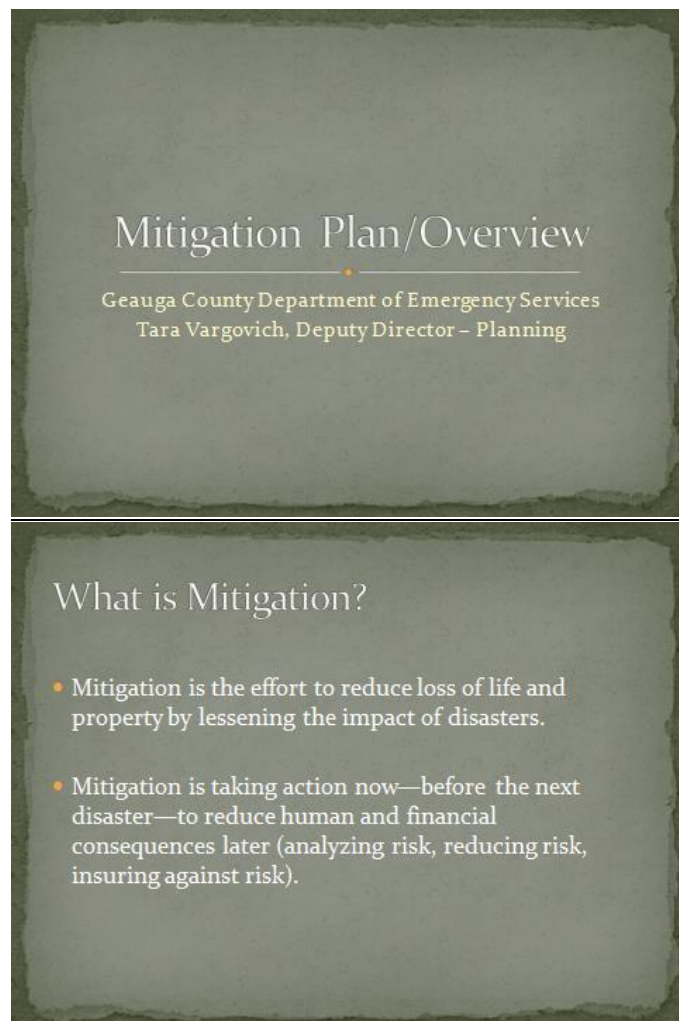
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT ALTERNATE - NOACA

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint David Lair as alternate for Mary E. Samide to the NOACA Governing Board for the remainder of 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>

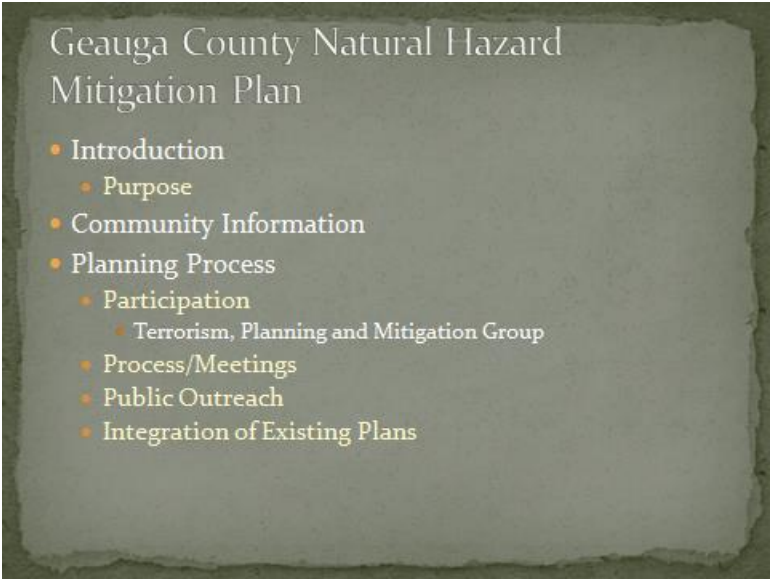
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – PUBLIC MEETING FOR COMMENT –
REVISION TO MITIGATION PLAN FOR GEAUGA COUNTY**

Ms. Blair noted that this public meeting was advertised as a public meeting to review the Mitigation Plan. Director Dale Wedge introduced Deputy Director – Planning Tara Vargovich.

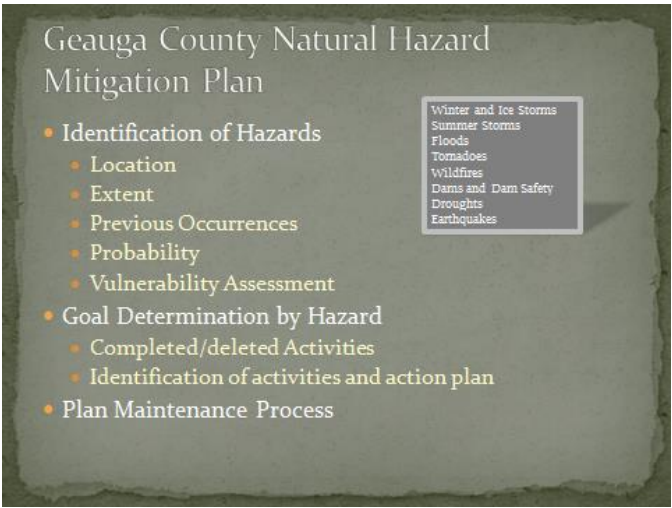


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Ms. Vargovich explained that the original plan was revised by removing sections that were no longer needed and added new requirements from FEMA and the State of Ohio regarding the mitigation process. Ms. Vargovich explained that the introduction included the purpose, and participation of the planning team, noting that this plan is specific to natural hazards in Geauga County, but that the planning team would also like to work on plans for non-natural hazards like pandemics. Ms. Vargovich explained that the Community Information includes different utilities, highways, routes and census data. Ms. Vargovich stated that the Planning Process is vital to this plan, explaining that participation is important and was required that we send letters to other EMA agencies and their directors to participate in our plan. The Terrorism, Planning and Mitigation Group are appointed by the Commissioners and were in attendance at a majority of the meetings. Letters were sent to various departments, including the Health and Building departments to participate in the planning process. Ms. Vargovich stated that the process and meetings will be explained farther, but that for Public Outreach notice was published asking for involvement by the public and that the plans were available at all the libraries within in the County for review, including any and all information related to the plan being available on the Emergency Management's website, including agenda and minutes from any meetings held. Ms. Vargovich noted that any time she gave a presentation she included the plan to try and reach the community. The Integration of existing plans explains how the information in the mitigation plan pertains to and can be incorporated into the emergency operations plan, the previous mitigation plan currently being reviewed, the State of Ohio mitigation plan and the flood plain regulations for Geauga County.



Ms. Vargovich stated that the planning team needed to identify the hazards that exist within Geauga County. Ms. Vargovich noted that for previous occurrences they researched various websites and through the Archives and Records Center from 2004 through 2012 to base actions for occurrences and the probability. Ms. Vargovich noted that for each hazard a goal had to be determined and a plan to mitigate against those developed. Previous action items have to be reviewed to determine what were relevant and if they had been completed. Ms. Vargovich stated that any remaining items needed to be reviewed and assigned a priority and add any additional action items that may need to be utilized in the future.

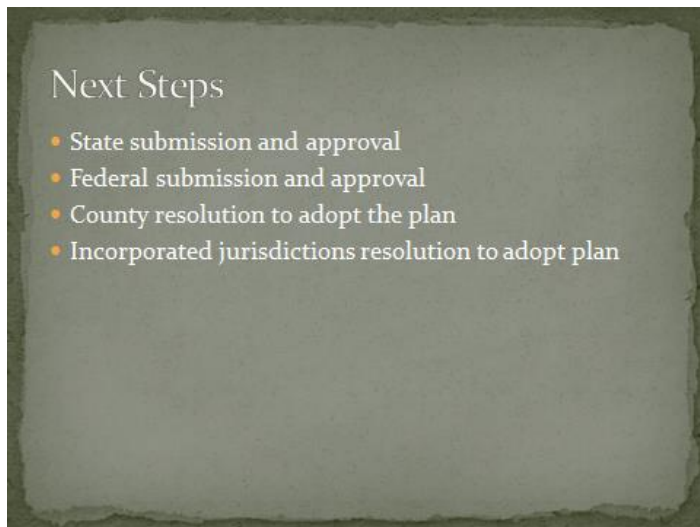


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Ms. Vargovich stated that the plan maintenance is a five year cycle so the plan team would like to hold an annual meeting regarding the mitigation and continue with public outreach for future items that may need to be reviewed and included.



Ms. Vargovich stated that they kicked off the process with a meeting with Dean Irvine from the State of Ohio, to discuss the importance of updating and revising the plan. Ms. Vargovich stated that they broke up the plan into sections in order to get the plan completed. Ms. Vargovich stated that she had sent the plan to the State for a review before final submission to which she had received some suggested language changes that need to be made. The final plan will be submitted to the State, then to FEMA for approval and then it will be returned for final approval and adoption by Geauga County, then approval and adoption by the incorporated jurisdictions.



Ms. Vargovich supplied copies of the presentation and an explanation of what Mitigation is and why they need to do the plan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 18, 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 May, 2014.*
- c) *The Revised Monthly Inventory Report, Revised Consolidated Investment Portfolio and the Revised Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of January, 2014, pursuant to ORC 135.35 (L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Mon., 6/30 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Mr. Spidalieri explained that he would be in Columbus for a panel regarding the opiate and heroin use.

Tue., 7/1 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

*Fri., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Tue., 7/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Tue., 7/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 7/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Fri., 7/11 NOACA, Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:02 P.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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