

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**February 23, 2016**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 23, 2016 at 9:00 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, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers for the General Fund for the Sheriff's Office for the purchase of two (2) additional vehicles and the Veterans Service Commission for grave markers and travel expenses; Supplemental appropriations for the CASA fund and the Engineer's Building Fund; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for 2016 funding for the Tax Map Department as well as the Storm Water Management fund; Travel requests for the Department of Job and Family Services and the Transit Department; a payment to Logos Communications for the annual CISCO Smartnet Maintenance contract for the ADP Board in the amount of \$95,064.07, and a payment to Integrity Appraisal for the 2017 revaluation project for the Auditor's Office totaling \$34,986.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-013 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 23, 2016.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE UNPAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE – MAGI DUNCAN – ADULT DAY SERVICES ASSISTANT**

*Senior Centers Supervisor Sandy McLeod explained that Ms. Duncan had been out due to a medical issue and has run out of sick and vacation time and needs some additional time off unpaid.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Magi Duncan, Adult Day Services Assistant, to be effective February 17, 2016 through March 24, 2016.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE MELISSA CARDINA – FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)**

*Ms. McLeod asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Cardina as a Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant, noting that she comes from the Cleveland Skating Club along with other programming experience and feel she will be a great fit at the department.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve hiring Melissa Cardina to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective March 7, 2016 at a rate of \$13.30 per hour with a one year probationary period.*

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

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**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE LORINA MAST – FULL-TIME RECREATION & EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)**

*Ms. McLeod asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Mast as a Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant, noting that she has a healthcare background and is very compassionate, and feels she will also be a great fit for the department.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve hiring Lorina Mast to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective February 29, 2016 at a rate of \$13.30 per hour with a one year probationary period.*

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

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained the following six projects, that include the Resurfacing of Clay Street from Burton Windsor to Mayfield Road, the Resurfacing of Gingerich Road from State Route 168 to Kinsman Road, the Resurfacing of Chardon Windsor Road, the Resurfacing of Hale Road and Butternut Roads from Claridon Road to Burton Windsor Road, the Replacement of the Cutts Road Bridge along with replacements of culverts, and the pavement markings for this year. It was noted that pavement markings would most likely be completed in July or August.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT OF CLAY STREET – (CH 37, SECTIONS A AND B) - HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to Board approve and execute Resolution #16-014 to Order the Improvement of Clay Street (CH 37, Sections A and B) in Huntsburg Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016*

*Resolution: #16-014*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS A & B OF CLAY STREET (CH 37) IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 13-227 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Sections A & B of Clay Street (CH 37) from Burton-Windsor Road (CH 14) to Mayfield Road (SR 322) in Huntsburg Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Clay Street; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Street, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2015 at which time bids shall be read aloud.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Huntsburg Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT OF GINGERICH ROAD (CH 34, SECTION A) – BURTON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-015 to Order the Improvement of Gingerich Road (CH 34, Section A) in Burton Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016*  
*Resolution: #16-015*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTION A OF GINGERICH ROAD (CH 34) IN BURTON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 15-159 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Gingerich Road (CH 34) from Tavern Road (SR 168) to Kinsman Road (SR 87) in Burton Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Gingerich Road are in the process of being secured; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Street, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2015 at which time bids shall be read aloud.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Burton Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT OF  
CHARDON-WINDSOR ROAD (CH 13, SECTIONS I AND J) – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP –  
EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-016 to Order the Improvement of Chardon-Windsor Road (CH 13, Sections I and J) in Huntsburg Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:10 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016  
Resolution: #16-016*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS I – J OF  
CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD (CH 13) IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 15-160 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Sections I-J of Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13) from Madison Road (SR 528) to Ashtabula County Line in Huntsburg Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Chardon Windsor Road; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Street, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:10 P.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2015 at which time bids shall be read aloud.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Huntsburg Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT OF HALE ROAD (CH 15, SECTION A) AND BUTTERNUT ROAD (CH 21, SECTIONS I AND J) – BURTON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-017 to Order the Improvement of Hale Road (CH 15, Section A) and Butternut Road (CH 21, Sections I and J) in Burton Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016*  
*Resolution: #16-017*

***RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTION A OF HALE ROAD (CH 15) AND SECTIONS I – J OF BUTTERNUT ROAD (CH 21) IN BURTON TOWNSHIP***

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 15-161 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Hale Road (CH 15) and Sections I-J of Butternut Road (CH 21) from Claridon-Troy Road (CH 3) to Burton-Windsor Road (CH 14) in Burton Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Hale Road and Butternut Road; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Street, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:15 P.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2015 at which time bids shall be read aloud.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Burton Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER RECONSTRUCTION OF CUTTS ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #72-0.49) IN HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-018 to Order the Reconstruction of the Cutts Road Bridge (Structure #72-0.49) in Hambden Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:20 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016  
Resolution: #16-018*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE  
(STRUCTURE #72-0.49) ON CUTTS ROAD (TR 72)  
IN HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 15-158 that the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over Cutts Creek on Cutts Road at mile marker 0.49 in Hambden Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative for the improvements to the bridge on Cutts Road are in the process of being secured; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the reconstruction of Structure #72-00.49 on Cutts Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:20 P.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2015 at which time bids shall be read aloud.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Hambden Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS OF  
VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS – EXECUTE TITLE  
SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-019 to Order the Improvement of Various Sections of County Roads by Applying Pavement Markings, Year 2016.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Specifications for the same.*

*Further this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:25 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 23, 2016  
Resolution: #16-019*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY  
ROADS BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2016**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution #15-157 that the public convenience and welfare require the application of polyester pavement markings on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, the no lands are needed relative to the application of polyester pavement markings on various county roads; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement to apply pavement markings to various county roads, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM and opened and read aloud at 2:25 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**PROBATE/ JUVENILE COURT – ADDITIONAL FY2016 RECLAIM GRANT AMENDMENT-  
PER DYS RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the additional FY2016 RECLAIM Grant Amendment, Attachment A, Page 2 to realign funds per DYS recommendations.*

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

**TRANSIT – UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE – MICHAEL KASPER**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that Mr. Kasper has requested some unpaid time off throughout the year, and will not have enough vacation time to cover.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve up to eighty (80) hours of unpaid personal leave of absence for Michael Kasper, during the period of March 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 per Section 6.12 of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.*

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Commissioner Claypool asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Rear's son Michael, as he passed away unexpectedly over the weekend.*

*Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair briefly explained what each of the Girl Scout Troop projects were that had been completed in order to achieve these awards.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARDS – CADETTE TROOP #71399  
AND MIRANDA KLANK OF TROOP #71401**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-020 Honoring Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71399 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 16-020  
Date: February 23, 2016*



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***RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71399 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Kenston Girl Scout Troop #71399; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71399 earned their Silver Award by choosing to help the shelter animals at Rescue Village. Cadette Scout Troop #71399 got permission to host a sock and t-shirt drive at the school and placed donations bags within the classrooms for a three week period. The items collected were upcycled into stuffed sock catnip toys for cats and braided t-shirt tug toys for dogs, which helped to keep discarded clothes out of landfills. Over 150 toys were made and donated. In addition, Cadette Scout Troop #71399 made and sold ornaments at Kenston High School, which raised an additional \$100.00 that was used to buy food and other supplies for Rescue Village. Cadette Scout Troop #71399 also baked dog treats and made thank you cards. Cadette Scout Troop #71399 award recipients are Halle Preneta, Taylor Anderson, Megan Standley, Jocie DeCaro, Elizabeth Cooper and Emily Krooglik with Amy Preneta as Leader; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71399 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-021 Honoring Girl Scout Cadette Miranda Klank, Troop #71401 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 16-021*

*Date: February 23, 2016*

***RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE MIRANDA KLANK, TROOP #71401 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

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*WHEREAS, the Silver award was earned by Miranda Klank, Kenston Girl Scout Troop #71401 member; and*

*WHEREAS, Miranda Klank of Cadette Scout Troop #71401 earned the Silver Award by putting together a lending Library for the Pediatric Surgery waiting area at University Hospital Ahuja Medical Center. Miranda Klank has a great love for books and wanted those children at Ahuja to have a distraction from the hospital setting. Books were acquired from various publishers during a conference called BookCon in New York City, which provided from National Geographic Kids, Penguin Books and other independent publishers. Miranda Klank provided a bookshelf and put together a binder that is used to check the books in and out of the Lending Library. Award recipient Miranda Klank of Cadette Scout Troop #71401 is led by Mary Kay Gebler; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Miranda Klank of Cadette Scout Troop #71401 for her service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARDS – JUNIOR TROOP #70843, TROOP #71146 AND TROOP #71376**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-022 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 16-022*

*Date: February 23, 2016*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70843 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth through sixth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 was inspired to earn their Bronze Award after completing the "Get Moving" Journey, so they focused on protecting the earth. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 collected junk mail for a month at home, in which they discovered that from nine families, it reached a height of eleven (11) feet, which equates to an average of fifteen (15) feet of junk mail per family per year. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 lead a junk mail campaign, by creating a video, a pledge and asked Kenston School families to participate, with twenty-five pledges being returned. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 volunteered at the Auburn Township Community clean-up by donating cookies to the event and collecting trash near Beartown Lake. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 award recipients are Regan Chamberlin, Audrey Cowan, Tess Hays, L.E. Healy, Jenny Kapcio, Ronja Markoff, Lydia Oleskiewicz, Tatum*

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*Schoaf, Nicole Sciuva, Rachel Williams, and Maddie Worsdall with Dana Oleskiewicz as Leader; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #70843 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-023 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #71146 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 16-023*

*Date: February 23, 2016*

***RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71146 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT***

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth through sixth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71146; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71146 earned their Bronze Award by holding a bake sale, garage sale, and lemonade stand to raise \$660.00, which was used to provide a full day of K9 First Aid Training by a Veterinarian from New York to seventy-five (75) officers from all over Ohio. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71146 award recipients are Hannah Anderson, Ariana Berkes, Francesca Burke, Alexis Damiano, Olivia Damiano, Rachel Ford, Payton Fetzner, Sarah Johnson, Madison Jones, Ava Nowak, Parker Peterson, Madeline Ramsey, and Emma Wilson with Michelle Berkes and Lisa Nowak as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71146 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-024 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #71376 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 16-024*

*Date: February 23, 2016*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71376 FOR ACHIEVING  
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth through sixth grade. In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71376; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71376 earned their Bronze Award by planning and initiating a project called "One School One Books" by collecting a list of books within the Kenston School District, creating class sets of the books collected and donating them to the Alfred A. Benesch School in the Cleveland Metro School District so that students can engage in shared literacy activities. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71376 award recipients are Meredith Hays, Madeline Jaroch, Lauren Jaroch, Grace Lupoli, Elena Lupoli, Sarah Jones, Sabrina Schultz, Charlotte Witmer-Rich, Emily Eichelberger, Lillie McCleery, Evie McCleery, and Elena Perrine with Carrie Lupoli and Dawn Jaroch as Leaders; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71376 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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 Rear</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.*

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

**DISCUSSION – CLEAN OHIO FUND**

*Local resident John Augustine from Parkman Township addressed the Board regarding the Clean Ohio Program, noting that it was a bill that was passed by the citizens in 2000 and done again in 2008 throughout the State of Ohio. A good part of the bill was to protect farmland and natural areas. Mr. Augustine stated that in many instances the law requires support of the local government, including the County in order for those funds to be used. Mr. Augustine stated that the Board has not supported the program in the past. Mr. Augustine encouraged the Board to support any items that may come up in the future, since the citizens in the State chose to support this program, and if those funds are not used here in Geauga, they will be used in other areas of the State.*

*Commissioner Claypool expressed that many things that voters approve are based upon a basic set of facts and are often times distorted, and often times the details in the program can be misleading.*

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*Mr. Augustine expressed that if there was opposition, it would not have passed again in 2008.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri noted that often the Commissioners get confused with the Park Board Commissioners. Mr. Spidalieri stated that there was one instance with the Cleveland Natural History Museum that he did not approve since the property was already being protected as non-disturb-able due to the Fen on the property. Mr. Spidalieri gave an example of the property owner receiving funds to live on the property until their passing, but they could no longer build and now have strict restrictions on the property. Mr. Augustine responded that it may have been the property, adding that the intent was that the property would have been acquired; an easement would have been placed on the property for further protection and then be transferred to the Geauga Park District. Mr. Lair expressed that the property is vacant, and while not a lot of tax is being collected, if it is transferred to a non-taxable entity, the tax payers will then pay taxes for property that has been taken off the tax rolls. Mr. Augustine expressed his opinion about the possibility of finding other ways besides property taxes to fund government. There was discussion about a property in Munson Township and that the majority of the taxes that are paid on that property are to the School District and the Township, noting that a vast majority of the property taxes are not coming to the county. It was noted that a housing development can be more costly to a community, because there is an increase of service needs. Mr. Spidalieri noted that this is something that can be debated on both sides, giving an example of a property in Munson that was transferred to a non-taxable entity and that taxes are now gone from the tax rolls, and so that is a loss of revenue to the county. Costs continue to rise, services continue to rise and salaries need to be increased to keep up with inflation. Mr. Spidalieri asked if Mr. Augustine knew who the biggest land owner was in Geauga County, to which Mr. Spidalieri stated it was the City of Akron, with the Geauga Park District second. There was discussion about the costs that come along with those properties, and that the taxpayers cover the cost of government services for those properties with no revenue being generated.*

*There was discussion regarding a farm in Parkman, the Erwin Farm, that is owned by the Park District, and that if it is owned by the Park then no property taxes are being paid on it. Discussion continued in regards to property owners being paid through the Clean Ohio Program for placing the property with an agriculture easement so that property can only be used for farming, along with conservation easements and, depending on the kind of easement, how the property owner either gets a tax credit or is paid up front for the easement. Property values are then reduced because the rights on the property are sold due to easements. The Board continued to have discussion with Mr. Augustine regarding taxes, easements, and the restrictions placed on properties by those easements, along with what a County can do and cannot do in regards to taxes, property and sales taxes versus income taxes. Mr. Spidalieri asked if it was right that tax dollars are paying for property that we as tax payers cannot access.*

**RECESSED**

*Commissioner Spidalieri moved to recess the meeting at 10:26 a.m. until the Public Viewing at 1:30 p.m. in Parkman Township for the proposed Vacation of the Public Right of Way upon a portion of an Un-named, Non-numbered Road in Parkman Township. The area proposed to be vacated extends from the easterly Right of Way of Norton Street (TR 476) to the westerly Right of Way of State Route 528.*

**PUBLIC VIEWING**

*The meeting was reconvened at 1:38 p.m. with Commissioner Claypool, Commissioner Spidalieri, County Administrator David Lair, Clerk Christine Blair, Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt, Gary Best, Richard Kristoff, and Jon Ferguson in attendance.*

*Mr. Haupt read the following Engineer's report:*

*Office of the Geauga County Engineer, Engineer's Report (ORC 5553.045) Un-named, Non-numbered Road in Parkman Township, February 23, 2016*

*An unnamed, non-numbered Township road was established twelve feet (12.0') in width, from the easterly Right-of-Way of Norton Street, Township Road Number 476, to the westerly Right-of-Way of State Route 528 in the year 1950. This unnamed, non-numbered Township road is first referred to as the Alley, shown on plat created by F.R. Zethmayer in 1950. This Alley is also referenced in Volume 41, Page 98 and 99 of the Geauga County Records Plats.*

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*On January 19, 2016, the Parkman Township Board of Trustees passed resolution number 16-42 requesting the Board of County Commissioners begin vacation proceedings for the unnamed, non-numbered road, known as the Alley.*

*On January 29, 2016 the Engineer's Office received an email from Mark Dolezal, treasurer of the Western Phoenix Masonic Lodge #42, located at 16196 Main Market Road, Permanent Parcel number 25-050400 occupying the third floor. Mr. Dolezal expressed the Lodge's concern with the issue of ingress and egress from the property to Norton Street after vacating the Alley.*

*On February 3, 2016, a telephone conference call took place with Township Trustee Jonathon Ferguson, Trustee, Parkman Township, David Lair, County Administrator, Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Christine Blair, Clerk, Geauga County Board of Commissioners, and Andrew Haupt, Deputy Senior Staff, Geauga County Engineer's Office.*

*Topics of discussion were as follows:*

- 1. The Board of Commissioners advised the Township that vacation proceedings would move forward unless the Township rescinded its resolution in the case that the private property owners could not come to terms over ingress and egress.*
- 2. The Engineer's Office advised the Township an easement for use as a turnaround at the end of Norton Street should be considered and gained while negotiating with the property owners.*

*The Office of the Geauga County Engineer has reviewed the situation and performed a field review and some survey work for the proposed vacation.*

*The unnamed, non-numbered road, known as the Alley, proposed to be vacated is not used to calculate distributions of auto registration funds by the State of Ohio.*

*No parcels will be landlocked if the road is vacated.*

*All public utilities retain easement rights within the right-of-way limits resulting for a road vacation per state law.*

*Based upon the above facts, the Office of the Geauga County Engineer believes the requested vacation would be for the public convenience and necessity.*

*The Geauga County Engineer's Office recommends that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners proceed with the vacation of the unnamed, non-numbered road, known as the Alley, from the easterly Right-of-Way of Norton Street, Township Road Number 476, to the westerly Right-of-Way of State Route 528, for a distance of approximately 219.12 feet.*

*Any land held in fee by the County and no longer needed for highway purposes should be disposed of in accordance with Ohio law.*

*Prepared by: Andrew W. Haupt, P.E., P.S.  
Deputy County Engineer*

*Mr. Haupt showed those in attendance a sketch map of the roadway and explained what would be vacated and the area being vacated in essence would be split and reverted back to the current property owners on either side. Mr. Best from the lodge stated that an agreement had been reached between them and Mr. Kristoff, which will be done through a recorded easement that will allow them to continue to have access for maintenance. Mr. Haupt inquired of Mr. Ferguson if the Township had any discussion on whether a turnaround was indeed needed, to which Mr. Ferguson noted that nothing had been discussed and they would continue to push the snow to the current vacated section of Norton Street and back out.*

*With no further discussion or questions, the viewing was closed at 1:46 p.m.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

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**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 2/23 The Commissioners will hold a Public Viewing at 1:30 p.m. for the Proposed Vacation of a Public Right of Way upon a portion of an Un-named, Non-numbered Road in Parkman Township*

*Thu., 2/25 The Commissioners regular session at 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled*

*Fri., 2/26 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Breakfast 8:30 a.m., Bass Lake Tavern*

*Tue., 3/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. regarding the Proposed Vacation of a Public Right of Way upon a portion of a Un-named, Non-numbered Road in Parkman Township*

*Wed., 3/2 NOC COG, 9:00 a.m. 470 Center Street Bldg. #8*

*Tue., 3/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Thu., 3/10 Leadership Geauga Youth Government Day*

*Fri., 3/11 NOACA Board of Directors 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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