

Commissioners' Journal
September 29, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 29, 2015 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 9:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from September 23, 2015, Resolution #15-137, a Contract for Great Lakes Growers, LLC for a local revolving loan agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Office of Community and Economic Development, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved December 30, 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 the Year 2015, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 22, 2015.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2015 funding for the Sheriff's 911 fund and the 800 Communications fund; One Then and Now certificate for the County Home; a Travel request for the Department of Job and Family Services, a payment to Great Lakes Growers for a local revolving loan distribution for the Office of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$250,000.00; and Payments totaling \$13,029.63 to Logos Communication for the Next Gen Firewall Software / Maintenance for the ADP Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-138 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 29, 2015.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Executive Director Deborah O'Connor introduced Ed Worso, the new Director of the Public Library that upon retirement, will be taking her place. Ms. O'Connor expressed that the Library Board of Trustees used an outside recruiting agency and that she had not been involved in the process and was pleasantly surprised when the Board chose Mr. Worso. Ms. O'Connor stated that she has known him for years and had lunch with him often to discuss ideas for the library. Ms. O'Connor expressed that Mr. Worso comes to Geauga from the Henderson Library in Ashtabula County, where in the last two years he has taken the library from 700 people using it to over 12,000. Ms. O'Connor expressed that the increases of patrons doesn't really cost them any more, they are simply using the services already available. Mr. Worso stated that he allowed the staff to do what they were really good at, utilizing members of the community and the talents of the staff. Mr. Worso briefly explained the different locations he has previously worked at, adding that his intention is to move to Geauga County in the spring. Ms. O'Connor re-invited the Board to attend the farewell and Chapman Award presentation being held tomorrow, expressing gratitude about the last thirty years she has spent in Geauga County, and that she was looking forward to retirement.

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ACCEPT PROPOSAL – SCHRAFF AND KING COMPANY, LPA
– 2016 LEGAL SERVICES

Director Jessica Boalt explained that they had advertised for proposals for the legal services programs, noting that two had been received. Ms. Boalt stated that Schraff and King was the lowest and best and would like to continue with their services.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the proposal from Schraff and King Company, LPA to provide legal services for the 2016 Legal Services Program to Geauga residents Age 60 and over.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – REGRADE
POSITION TO GRADE 10 - FOOD SERVICE COORDINATOR (#1009) - REGRADE KAREN
FUEGER – FOOD SERVICE COORDINATOR

Ms. Boalt explained that she has been continuing to review the job descriptions of the positions within the department, and the Food Service Coordinator did not reflect that this position supervises two staff members, so she revised the description to reflect the duties that the current employee in this position is doing, including the supervisor role, and would like to regrade this position to a Grade 10.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised job description for the position of Food Service Coordinator (#1009) to better reflect the duties of the job and further re-grade the position from Grade 6 to a Grade 10 to be effective September 28, 2015.

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

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to re-grade Ms. Fueger who currently is the Food Service Coordinator to the Grade 10, Step 1 rate.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the re-grade of Karen Fueger, Food Service Coordinator (#1009) from Grade 6, Step 8 to Grade 10, Step 1 at the rate of \$17.83 per hour to be effective September 28, 2015.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – XCELIGENT AGREEMENT

Director Anita Stocker explained that the Xceligent agreement is for software that shows commercial property for sale or lease in the county, but also gives access to tenant names and addresses. Ms. Stocker noted that this will give us an early start on those companies that are leasing as a way to help them stay here or expand without losing them to another location. Ms. Stocker stated that this is just for Geauga County property, and will be paid for out of funds from the administrative side of the revolving loan program. Ms. Stocker explained that this company takes the realtor listings, drives around the county, speak with tenants and includes additional information that they can obtain that may not be included in the realtor information. Ms. Stocker stated that it is only for one year and is renewable, so if we wish to continue we will have to come back and resign a new agreement next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Xceligent Agreement and Subscriber Agreement Special Conditions and Notes (Addendum) that will allow access to the Xceligent Geauga County property database to assist businesses in locating available commercial properties for lease or purchase, for a one year period in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE OF CHAGRIN ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this is the final change order for Chagrin Road that is a decrease of just over \$1,800.00.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chagrin Road (CH 9, Sections C-E) in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$1,808.32.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – EASTON LEASING, INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF HEATH ROAD BRIDGES

Mr. Gorris explained that this final change order for the Replacement of the Heath Road Bridges is an increase of about \$1,200.00 due to underlying concrete that was found during excavation that needed to be removed.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, increasing the Contract with Easton Leasing, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Heath Road Bridges (Structures #105-5.02 and #105-5.20) in Chester Township in the amount of \$1,187.71.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE OF OLD STATE ROAD

Mr. Gorris explained that this final change order for Old State Road is a decrease of about \$35,000.00 from the original bid.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road (CH 6, Sections B-H) in Middlefield and Parkman Townships in the amount of \$34,888.37.*

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – WRIGHT EXPRESS FLEET CARDS – PURCHASE FUEL

Executive Director Craig Swenson explained that they would like to create better efficiencies with their social services division. Mr. Swenson stated that the Wright Express cards will allow staff to fuel the county vehicles while out doing county business instead of using their own personal cards for payment, for which they cannot be reimbursed for any sales tax paid.

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Addendum to the Fuel Card Services Agreement between Wex Bank and the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Application for Wright Express Fleet Cards for the purpose of purchasing fuel.*

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

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – WALMART COMMUNITY ACCOUNT APPLICATION

Gina Schultz explained that the Walmart account will be used to purchase items for the families that they work with. Currently the social worker makes these purchases and has to submit for reimbursement and again cannot get sales tax reimbursed. This will be tracked more efficiently with prior approval still being needed for the purchase.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Walmart Community Account Application for the purpose of allowing the Social Services Division to purchase needed items for clients and children.

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

DISCUSSION ON ISSUE 3

Commissioner Claypool noted that Mr. Swenson along with Judge Stupica and Sheriff McClelland will be on a panel to discuss this issue at 6:30 p.m. on October 13th at the West Woods. There was discussion on issue 3 and the effects it will have on not only those that may choose to participate, in addition to the effects it may have on the workforce. Commissioner Spidalieri noted an experience he had at the zoo last year by people that were trying to get people to sign the petition to legalize the use of marijuana in Ohio. Mr. Spidalieri spoke about his recent experience in Alaska where it is legalized and the effects that they are seeing from this change. Mr. Swenson added that it is amazing to see the difference in opinion of what was taboo when he was younger versus what is taking place today. Commissioner Rear noted the changes that will have to be implemented if this issue passes, because people won't be able to function in their jobs. There was discussion about the synthetic versions that are killing people from the chemicals that are being used, and that if they don't die, the cost of care that will be paid for by other taxpayers.

MAINTENANCE – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE – JOE MUKICS

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve an unpaid medical leave for Joe Mukics, per policy it will allow him another six months if needed to return.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Joe Mukics, Senior Trades Mechanic effective September 25, 2015 through March 25, 2016 or upon return to work, pursuant to the Geauga County Personnel Policy Section 6, page 6.12.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – PLATFORM CEMENT, INCORPORATED – HAWKSMOOR WAY SANITARY SEWER REALIGNMENT

Director Gerard Morgan explained that the sewer line was put in on a hillside and has been sliding away, so this project will move it from the hillside and place it on the other side.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Platform Cement, Incorporated for the Hawksmoor Way Sanitary Sewer Realignment Project in the amount of \$99,700.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Morgan briefly discussed what was happening with Thompson Sewer project, noting that they are still chasing a small leak and until that is found they cannot do the final clean up and landscaping.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING 2015 CHAPMAN AWARD
WINNER – DEBORAH O'CONNOR

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-139 Honoring 2015 Chapman Award Winner, Deborah F. O'Connor.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Resolution: #15-139
Date: September 29, 2015*

**RESOLUTION HONORING DEBORAH F. O'CONNOR
AS THE 2015 CHAPMAN AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, Deborah F. O'Connor is the recipient of the prestigious Chapman Award, which is bestowed once a year by the Geauga County Library Foundation and is given to someone that best represents the values of bringing books and people together, along with promoting the interest of reading; and

WHEREAS, Deborah F. O'Connor moved to Geauga County with her husband Patrick and their two daughters, Kathleen and Meaghan in 1985 when she began her career as the Geauga County Public Library Assistant Director, then becoming the Director in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Deborah F. O'Connor presented the idea of creating a Library Foundation as a way to foster new programs and services, and in 1989 the Library Foundation became chartered and has since introduced and implemented numerous early literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, Deborah F. O'Connor has dedicated the last thirty years to providing, promoting and improving the level of excellence provided throughout the Geauga County public library systems. Deborah F. O'Connor's vision and leadership has made literacy, learning and the love of reading a priority in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Deborah F. O'Connor's passion and dedication to providing the best quality services, ensuring a wide variety of the most up to date materials are available in all formats, and by continuously working to improve the library system throughout Geauga County; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Deborah F. O'Connor for her dedication to the library, the community and congratulate her for being the recipient of the 2015 Chapman Award.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND 2015 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Changes include switching the Planning Commission with OSU Extension, moving the Dog Warden, County Engineer and the BOCC /Archives Departments.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the amended 2015 Budget Hearing schedule:

September	29th
8:30 a.m.	Treasurer
1:00 p.m.	Sheriff
1:45 p.m.	Planning Commission
2:15 p.m.	OSU Coop Extension
2:45 p.m.	Dog Warden

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October	6th	8th	15th	20th	22nd
1:00 p.m.	Com Dev	Recorder	Clerk of Courts	Auditor/ADP	Water Res
1:15 p.m.		Public Defend			
1:30 p.m.	Maintenance		Transit	Board of DD	
1:45 p.m.		Airport			
2:00 p.m.			DES		CP /Ct Tech
2:15 p.m.	JFS	Building		Muni Court	
2:30 p.m.			County Home		
2:45 p.m.		Aging		Engineer	
3:00 p.m.	Veterans		Coroner		Mental Health
3:15 p.m.				BOCC/Archives	
	Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Rear		Aye	
		Commissioner Spidalieri		Aye	
		Commissioner Claypool		Aye	

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – OCTOBER 13, 2015

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property for public purposes.

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

It was noted the Mr. Lair and R.L. Phillips would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned at 10:38 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the County Administrator to submit a sealed bid to Robert E. Mullet on behalf of the Board for purchase of the portion of parcel # 04-125600, located on the north side of Burton Windsor Road, in accordance with O.R.C. 1711.15.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from July 15, 2015.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 16, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 9/29 Budget Hearing 8:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/29 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 9/29 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

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- Tue., 10/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Thu., 10/8 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 10/8 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Great Geauga County Fair Board Annual meeting dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen, Middlefield*
- Fri., 10/9 NOACA, External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., and Planning and Programming 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 10/12 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Tue., 10/13 The Commissioners meeting has been cancelled.*
- Tue., 10/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 10/15 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Mon., 10/19 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 10/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 10/20 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 10/22 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 10/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m.*
- Tue., 10/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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