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April 18, 2017

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 18, 2017 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, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from April 12, 2017, Resolution #17-049 that included a Revenue Certification for Water Resources, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Prosecutor Victim Witness for VOCA Grant match; and a purchase order to Geauga Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for \$6,000.00, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved December 29, 2016 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 2017, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved April 13, 2017 by the County Administrator, that included for the County Home approving the hire of Andrew Munro to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective April 20, 2017 at the rate of \$11.58 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; for the Transit Department the approval of hiring Francis O'Malley to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective April 24, 2017 at the rate of \$13.97 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and that he concurred with Claridon Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License requested by VJ GITA, Incorporated located at 12797 Mayfield Road, Unit A and Gas Pumps, Chardon (C TRFO 9262799), authorized by Resolution #17-006 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 9, 2017 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2017.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Director Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriation of \$300,000.00 for the Building Improvement Fund; a purchase order for MT Business Technologies for the Building Department for a Ricoh Color Scanner in the amount of \$8,573.75; Travel requests for the Commissioners' Office and Department of Water Resources; a purchase order to Govconnection, Incorporated for Water Resources for computer systems in the amount of \$40,640.35; a purchase order to R & R Truck Sales for Water Resources for a 2018 Heavy Duty Dump Truck in the amount of \$105,023.00; a purchase order to Junction Auto Sales for Water Resources for a 2017 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck in the amount of \$30,376.50; a payment to Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for 2nd Quarter in the amount of \$191,923.25 and a payment to Junction Buick for the Prosecutor's Office for a vehicle in the amount of \$22,831.50.

There was a brief discussion regarding the copier being tested at the Building Department and the idea of possibly purchasing a machine that could be used by multiple departments instead.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-050 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 18, 2017.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES - REPLACE WILSON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that the Bridge on Wilson Mills Road between Hervie Road and Heath Road needs to be replaced, noting that the bridge was originally built in 1931, and one of the easements is on the inlet and two easements are on the outlet and the bridge will most likely be replaced next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Linda S. Quinn (Parcel #11-289700) for the Replacement of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0008-04.69) in Chester Township in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Thomas E. Garcia (Parcel #11-364600) for the Replacement of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0008-04.69) in Chester Township in the amount of \$398.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Michael J. and Sharon A. McIntire (Parcel #11-166600) for the Replacement of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0008-04.69) in Chester Township in the amount of \$357.00.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT – VIDEO CAMERA REPLACEMENT

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that this is the quarterly report for the video camera replacement subgrant that has not yet had any activity.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report for Grant #2011-JG-A02-V6468 for Video Camera Replacement for the period ending March 31, 2017.

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

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PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – REVISED APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARD – KIMBERLY LAURIE

It was noted that there had been some fraudulent activity on one of the Court's credit cards and a new account and card were issued and this will update the account information with the Auditor's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the revised Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards in regards to the Bank of America MasterCard for Kimberly Laurie due to the issuance of a new card with new account number.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT – GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO SENIORS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that the Board of Health comes to the Senior Center and provides education topics, does Blood Pressure and Weight Checks for the seniors and is only \$400.00 a month. Ms. Boalt noted that they do a great job and often bring up to three nurses on a visit.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Health Services Agreement with the Geauga County Board of Health to provide health care services to Adult Day Service clients and visiting seniors for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$400.00 per month.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING - LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS – HOME CARE SERVICES: ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING FOR GEAUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER

Ms. Boalt explained that at the last meeting the Board chose to table the request that had been made to advertise in the Plain Dealer for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program, but unfortunately the Plain Dealer had already printed the notice. Ms. Boalt stated that they wanted to get the advertisement in a paper that would reach Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Cuyahoga Counties because the main offices for some vendors are located in other counties. Ms. Boalt stated that she wants to make sure we are hitting the right locations to get the interest to make the best choices to provide services for our clients. Ms. Boalt stated that during the last contract period we had to terminate the contract with one of the providers due to non-compliance. Commissioner Claypool asked if this was the best way to find the best provider for these services. Ms. Boalt explained that we originally advertised locally, and feel that this would broaden the area. Ms. Boalt noted that after the ad ran last week she was contacted by three different agencies. Ms. Boalt stated that we do need to follow the bid process.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the placement of the legal notice for Bids for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over in the Plain Dealer appearing on April 12, 2017 and then again on April 19, 2017.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – DONALD J. AND ILEEN L. LINDEN

Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that this was a Revolving Loan Infrastructure Program client from 2006 that has paid off their portion of the program for the assistance they received for the installation of a septic system.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Donald J. and Ileen L. Linden for the installation of a septic system located at 16729 Savage Road, Chagrin Falls under the Geauga County Revolving Loan Infrastructure Program, as the mortgage in the original amount of \$14,175.00 has been satisfied.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Donald J. and Ileen L. Linden for the installation of a septic system located at 16729 Savage Road, Chagrin Falls under the Geauga County Revolving Loan Infrastructure Program, as the mortgage in the original amount of \$1,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS –
DANGELO / OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INCORPORATED – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND
LOAN - SAPPHIRE CREEK WINERY AND GARDENS**

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad explained that these are the legal binding documents for Dangelo / Ohio Valley for a loan through the Local Revolving Loan Fund for the construction of Sapphire Creek Winery and event center. Ms. Conrad noted that originally the funds came from the General Fund and currently what is being used are funds that had been loaned and repaid back into the fund.

A Video was played on the design and look of the Sapphire Creek Winery and Gardens that they will be constructing.

Ms. Conrad stated that she feels this is very much needed in the County. Commissioner Lennon asked about how many jobs that they feel will be created, to which Ms. Stusek stated that they are only required to create eight, but will do more. It was noted that the County will be seated 5th in the order of funding. Mr. Lennon expressed that this will create jobs but that he would prefer to see the funding go to projects that would create higher paying jobs, citing manufacturing as an example.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the legal binding documents for the Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan to Dangelo / Ohio Valley Group, Incorporated for the construction of Sapphire Creek Winery and Gardens, LLC located at 16965 Park Circle Drive, Bainbridge Township, in the amount of \$200,000.00 for twenty years (240 months) at 3% interest, including: Mortgage, Participation Agreement, Promissory Note, Corporate Guaranty of Ohio Valley Group, Incorporated, Corporate Guaranty of Sapphire Creek Winery and Gardens, LLC, Personal Guaranty of Andrew Dangelo and Personal Guaranty of Kathleen Dangelo.

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

TRANSIT – UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE – DAN MUEHLHAUSER, FULL-TIME DRIVER

Kate Weybrecht explained that Mr. Muehlhauser had planned a vacation for outside of the country and will be a few hours short of vacation time for the trip and is asking for up to five of unpaid time to cover those hours.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Dan Muehlhauser, Full-time Driver for up to five hours ending May 20, 2017.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

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

Ms. Weybrecht stated that they will be having 3 drivers retiring, 1 Full-time and 2 Part-time and would like to advertise to replace those drivers.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions of Part-time Driver (#2210-1). These positions will remain posted until filled.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS – FISCAL SPECIALIST

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that when the Department on Aging reviewed job descriptions through the Prosecutor's Office, it was noted that the fiscal positions should be not be exempt. Ms. Burhenne then had our positions reviewed and it was agreed upon with Ms. LaChapelle and two outside attorneys that we would update those positions to Non-Exempt.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised job descriptions for the positions of Fiscal Specialist (#1315) and (#1911) to be effective April 23, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE REVISED SICK LEAVE DONATION FORMS

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve the revised sick leave donation forms at the request of the State Auditor to the Auditor.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised Sick Leave Donation forms at the request of the Geauga County Auditor to be effective April 18, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SERVICES AGREEMENT – CLEVELAND CLINIC WELLNESS ENTERPRISE, LLC (LIFESTYLE EAP) PROGRAM

Human Resources Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that since the County began using this service there has been no increase in the cost. This program is a tool for supervisors in addition to the programs offered to employees that may be utilized rather than having the services put through our regular insurance plan. Mr. Claypool asked if they had looked into other agencies for the services, adding that it's good to periodically re-evaluate what is available.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Services Agreement between Geauga County and Cleveland Clinic Wellness Enterprise, LLC and Geauga County for the Lifestyle Employee Assistance Program (Lifestyle EAP) for the period May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 in the amount of \$26.00 per covered employee per year based on 589 Full-time employees.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT KATHLEEN HOSTUTLER AS VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AT CEBCO MEETING

Ms. Hostutler will represent the Board at the upcoming Board meeting at CEBCO.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to appoint Kathleen Hostutler as voting representative for Geauga County at the CEBCO Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, April 21, 2017.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

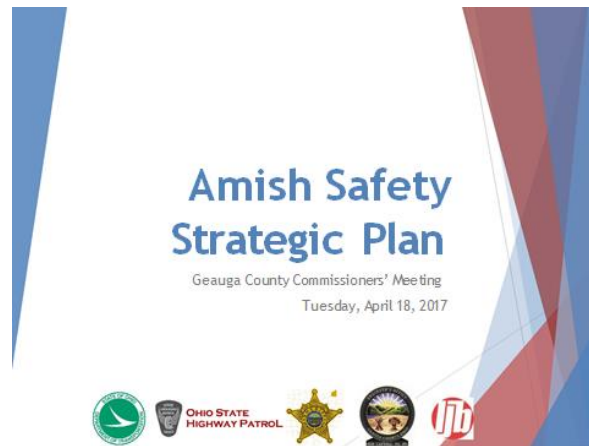
Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to discuss the employment of a public employee at the Department of Emergency Services.

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

The Board moved into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with Director Dale Wedge, Deputy Director Roger Peterson, Mr. Lair and Ms. Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:04 a.m. and due to timing waited to take any action until after the ODOT presentation.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – AMISH SAFETY AND BUGGY LANES

Commissioner Spidalieri thanked Brian Blayney and Myron Pakush from ODOT, and noted that Mayor Garlich from Village of Middlefield and a Middlefield Township Trustee that were in attendance for the survey that was completed on Amish Safety and Buggy Lanes.

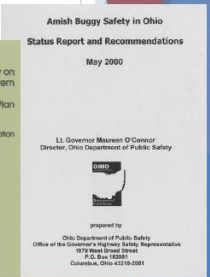
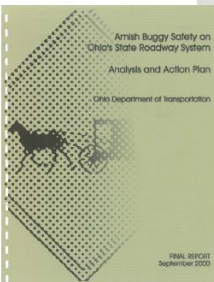


Brian Blayney presented the following information on the Amish Safety Strategic Plan based on the group of Stakeholder and the Survey done on buggy lanes.



Study Purpose

- ▶ Improve and Refine 2000 Statewide Planning Documents
 - Update data
 - Tailor recommendations to specific locations in Geauga County
 - Estimate
 - Prioritize
 - Identify funding



Mr. Blayney stated that they wanted to update the needs in Geauga County and be more area specific.

Study Area

- 6 Townships
- All State Routes (59 Miles)
- Major County Routes (45 Miles)



1. Approach

Collect Data on all Segments

- Crashes (All and Buggy)
- Traffic Counts (All and Buggy)
- School Locations
- Speed Limits
- Shoulder Widths
- Grades/Hills
- Residential Density

Create Countermeasure Toolbox

- Develop Comprehensive List of Feasible Improvements
- Identify Specific Factors that Drive Where to Implement Improvements
- Compare Data and Feedback on Each Segment to Prioritize

Roadway Segment											No. of Schools - 1/4 mile buffer	Rank
Newcomb Road - Nash Rd to Patch Rd											3	1
Newcomb Rd - Shedd Rd to Georgia Rd											3	2
Mumford Rd - Patch Rd to SR 168											2	3

Roadway Segment	Log Points	Length (miles)	Shoulder width	Crash Rate	Crash Count	Crash Rate Buggy	Speed Limit	Shoulder Width	Crash Rate Buggy	Crash Rate	Rank	Cost
SR 608 - Nansen Rd to North of B-W Rd	3.18 to 4.10	1.32	10'	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	1	\$ 2,244,000
SR 67 - SR 128 to Hayes Rd	18.20 to 19.34	1.54	10'	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	2	\$ 2,618,000
SR 608 - SR 128 to CR 124 Georgia Rd	0.00 to 1.24	1.24	10'	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	3	\$ 2,108,000

Note: SR 67 - Hayes Rd to Shedd Rd is under design for construction of full buggy lane in 2018

Mr. Blayney briefly talked about the timeline for the plan. It was noted that all total about 2200 surveys were distributed, that included part of Trumbull County.

Collect Feedback

- 1st Stakeholder Meeting
 - January 12, 2016
- Amish Survey
 - Sent March 2016 (2 Groups)
 - 1742 Distributed in Geauga County
 - 700 Returned (40%)
- 2nd Stakeholder Meeting
 - June 8, 2016
- Strategic Plan Issued
 - January 26, 2017

Prioritize Improvements

- After Toolbox Created, Set Priority
- Divide into Feasible Plan by Schedule:
 - Short Term (2017 - 2018)
 - Medium Term (2018 - 2022)
 - Long Term (2023 - 2030)
- Identify Funding Necessary to Implement
 - High-Level Conceptual Cost Estimates

2. Amish Survey Results

Top Roads for Improvement

Roads Mentioned Repeatedly in Surveys:

- State Route 608
- Old State Road
- State Route 87

Note: “608” and Old State Road were used interchangeably in a large number of survey responses.

Mr. Blayney noted that it was hard to distinguish what was State Route of 608 and County Road 6, Old State Road unless a specific intersection was noted on the survey.

Top Locations

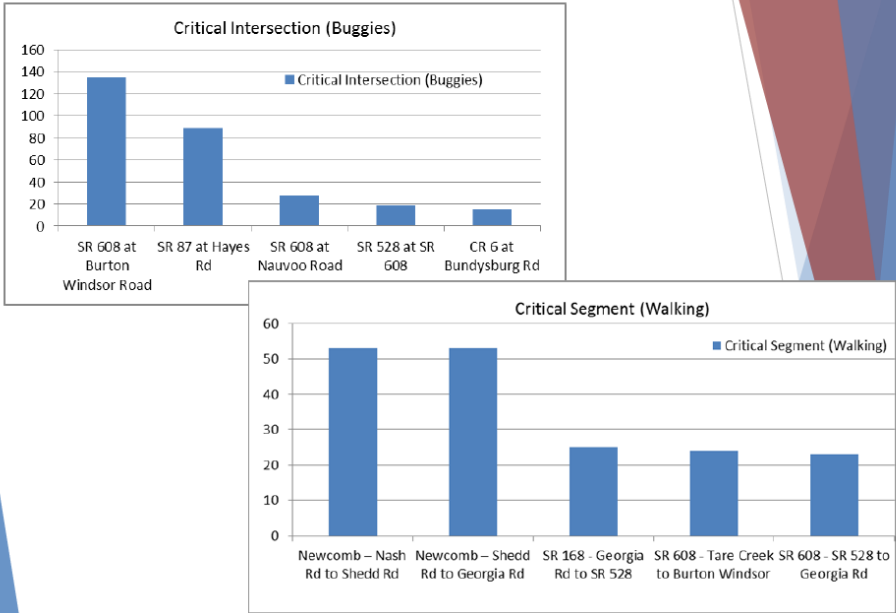


FIGURE 2: AMISH RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

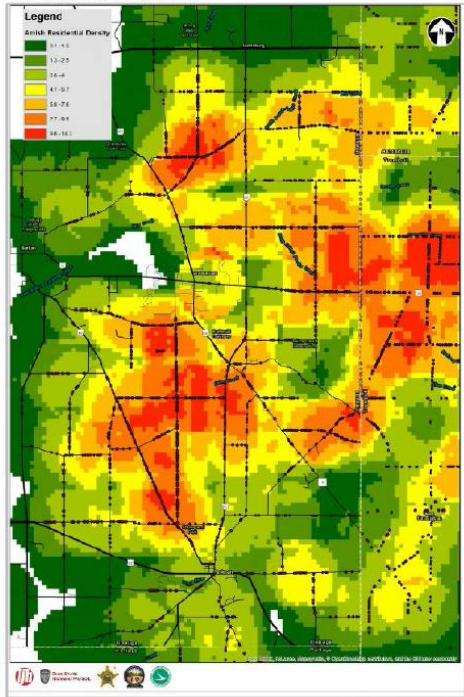
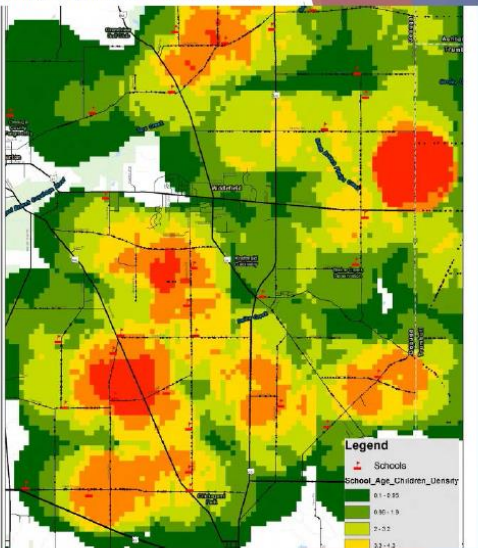
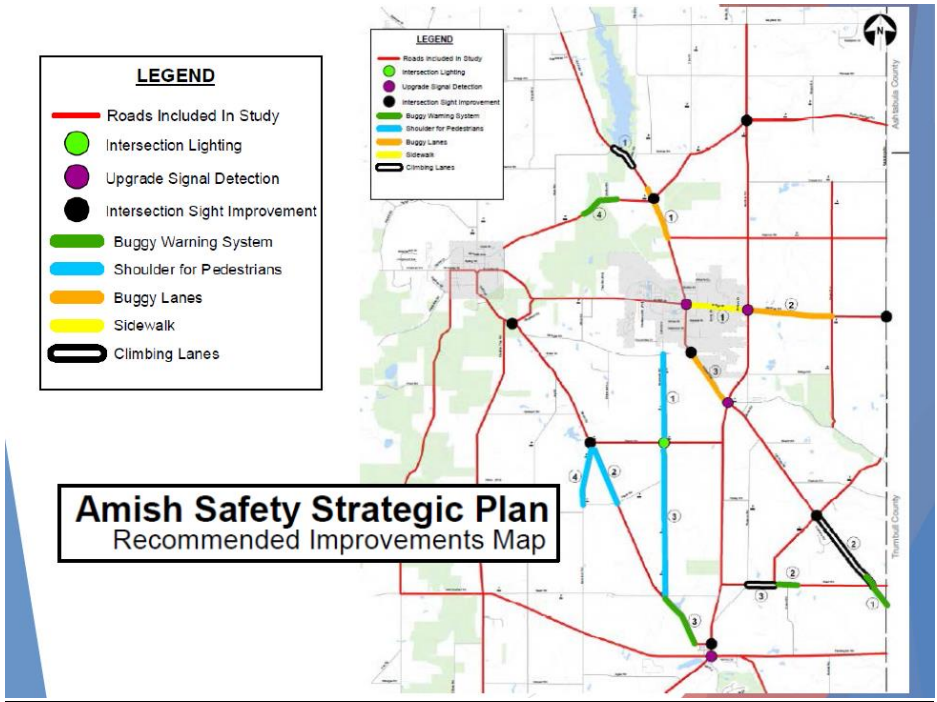


FIGURE 3: AMISH SCHOOL AGE KIDS – DENSITY MAP



Mr. Blayney stated that one of the questions was if they had school aged children, so these maps show the concentrations of those results. The map on the left is based on the mailing addresses used for the surveys, the map on the right side is based on the results.

3. Countermeasures



This map shows what the recommendations are and the potential upgrades that could be made. Discussion took place about the locations that need the most upgrades and about the buggy warning system.

Widening for Pedestrians

Shoulder Widening to 4'

Roadway Segment	Vehicular ADT	No. of schools- 1/4 mile buffer	Amish Survey (Walking)	Amish Survey (School Route)	Committed projects	Rank
Newcomb Road – Shedd Road to Georgia Rd						1
SR 168 -Patch Rd to Shedd Rd						2
Newcomb Road – Nash Road to Shedd Road						3
Mumford Rd - Patch Rd to SR 168	Not in Study Area/Added by Steering Committee					4
Other Potential Candidates						
SR 608 - Tare Creek/Buttons St to Burton Windsor						
Shedd Rd- SR 168 to SR 528						
CR 6/Old State Rd - SR 528 to Trumbull CL						

Add Sidewalks

Roadway Segment	Length (miles)	Vehicular ADT	No. of schools - 1/4 mile buffer	Amish Survey (Critical - Walking)	Shoulder Widths	Rank
SR 87 – SR 608 to SR 528*	1.1					1

Note: * Sidewalks exist. Sidewalk extension: North side - 0.38 mi, south side - 0.61 mi

Improve Intersections

Improve Sight Triangles

Intersection	Sight Distance Deficiency	No. of schools - 1/4 mile buffer	Amish Survey (Critical - Intersection)	Buggy Volume	Crash Rate (All)	Contributing Factor	Proposed Improvement
SR 608 at Burton Windsor Road						Signs, Embankment on the north side	Relocate signs, Regrade embankments
SR 87 at Bundysburg Road						Tall grass, signs/poles - NW, SE & SW quadrant	Clear Vegetation, relocate poles/signs
SR 168 at Gingerich Road						Tree lawn, north side	Clear Vegetation
SR 168 at Shedd Road						Intersection skew angle, trees- SE quadrant	Clear Vegetation
SR 528 at Burton Windsor Road						Embankment - NW quadrant, EB approach - skew angle	Regrade/Realign EB approach to reduce deflection through intersection.
CR 6 at Bundysburg Road						Tall grass, trees all 4 corners	Clear Vegetation
SR 528 at SR 168						Trees-SW quadrant	Clear Vegetation
SR 528 at US 422						Building-NW quadrant	Under design on PID 78343 for construction in 2018
SR 608 at Georgia Road						Tractors parked	Move outside ROW or further

Add Street Lighting

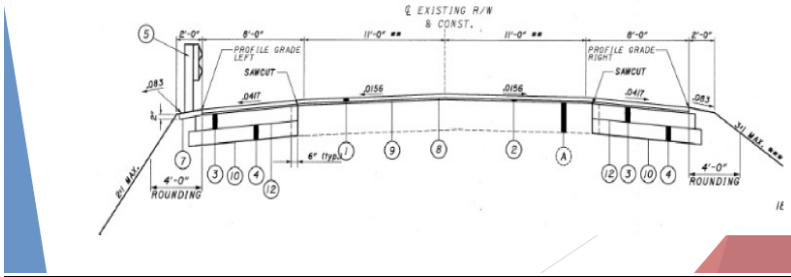
- Newcomb at Shedd

8' Wide Buggy Lanes

Roadway Segment	Log Points	Length (miles)	Shoulder Width	Vehicular ADT	Buggy Count	Crash Rate (Buggy)	Speed Limit	Amish Survey (Critical - Buggy)	Rank	Cost
SR 608 - Nauvoo Rd to North of B-W Rd.	3.18 to 4.50	1.32	●	●	●	●	●	●	1	\$ 2,244,000
SR 87 - SR 528 to Hayes Rd	18.20 to 19.74	1.54	●	●	●	●	●	●	2	\$ 2,618,000
SR 608 - SR 528 to CR 124/Gaorgia Rd	0.00 to 1.24	1.24	●	●	●	●	●	●	3	\$ 2,108,000

Note: SR 87 - Hayes Rd to Trumbull CL is under design for construction of full buggy lane in 2018

*Cost Does Not Include Design or R/W



There was discussion on the cost estimates and if they were correct, it was noted that what is shown does not include the cost for design or right of ways.

The buggy lane being put in on Kinsman Road from Hayes Road to the Trumbull County line is being paid for by ODOT with a combination of State and Federal Safety Funds.

4. Draft Implementation Plan and Funding

Mr. Blayney stated so now we have a plan, the question is how are we going to pay for all of it...

Funding

- State/Federal Funded Projects Must Follow the PDP (project development process)
- Also Must Coordinate Through NOACA
- Some Funding Sources Require a Local Match
- Types of Funding Available:
 - ODOT Safety Funding
 - Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI)
 - ODOT Safe Routes to School
 - Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
 - Animal Drawn Vehicle Funds
 - Local Funds

There was discussion on the list of funding options available, what was State and Federal Funds. Commissioner Claypool asked what the plan was to obtain the dollars that are sitting in the

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bank. Mr. Pakush stated that you can multiple funding sources on a project depending on the sponsor of the project. Mr. Pakush asked the County Commissioners and the County Engineer for a commitment of local dollars for a match. Mr. Pakush stated that the application looks a lot better when you can show local resources. It was noted that OPWC is the next best funding for local resources, that ODOT cannot get OPWC funding.

Funding

- Donation of Property
 - Reduces Cost/Time of Acquisition
 - Improves Feasibility of Widening
 - Agencies Can't Solicit Donations, but Willing Donations Could Be Coordinated by Others
 - Transfers Must Follow Conveyance Requirements

Mr. Blayney stated that ODOT's process for obtaining property is the biggest challenge for buggy lanes, that the process is cumbersome and has requirements and a process that must be followed. Mr. Pakush stated that acquiring property could be a significant increase in the project. There is a lot more to the actual cost other than construction. Mr. Pakush noted that if the requirements are not followed the State or Federal Government could ask for their funding back. Mr. Claypool asked what the next step in the process was going to be, there was discussion about another meeting to come back with more specific details and costs. Mr. Pakush stated that they would develop a task list to work through to get the project completed.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – INTERSECTION OF MAYFIELD ROAD AND AUBURN ROAD – TURN LANES

Mr. Blayney presented some information on the intersection of Mayfield Road and Auburn Road regarding the request for turn lanes. The Commissioners had sent a letter to ODOT requesting a review of the intersection and Mr. Blayney noted that it was one that had already been being looked at and was moving up in the ranks for improvements quickly.

Purpose

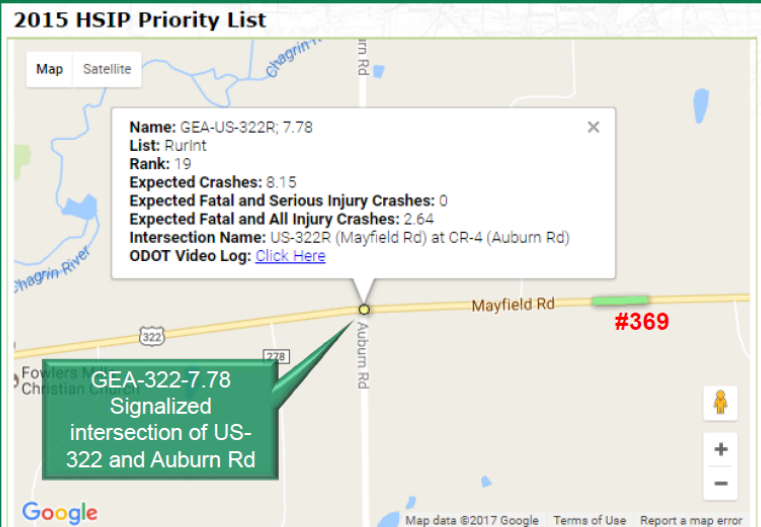
- Mitigate left turn, angle and rear-end crashes, as well as excessive side-street queuing at the 2 lane rural intersection of US 322 and Auburn Rd

Rankings on ODOT Rural Intersection HSIP Lists:

- 2015: Rank 19
- 2014: Rank 170
- 2013: Rank 111
- 2012: Rank 154



Area Map, 2015 SA Rankings



Existing Conditions

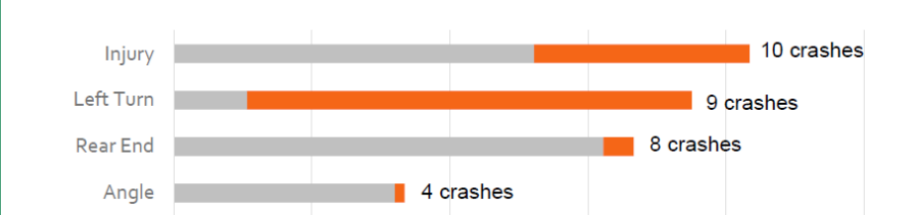
- Significant heavy vehicle travel on both US 322 and Auburn Road, approximately 5%-6%
- Challenging 4.64% grade on US 322 through the intersection with Auburn



Crash Summary

- 24 total crashes (2013-2015)
 - 8 in 2013, 10 in 2014, 6 in 2015
 - 10 injury crashes (42% vs 26% average)
 - 9 left-turn crashes (37% vs 6% average)
 - 8 rear-end crashes (34% vs 32% average)

FIGURE 8: CRASH HISTORY PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO STATEWIDE AVERAGES



Operational Problems

Poor Signal Head Placement

PHOTO 7: SIGNAL HEAD AND STOP BAR PLACEMENT ON SOUTHBOUND APPROACH



Negative Offset for Opposing Left Turns



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Countermeasures

- Construct exclusive left-turn lanes on all approaches
- Rebuild traffic signal, far side head placement
- Crashes mitigated with left turn lanes:
 - left turning crashes (sight lines restricted)
 - rear end crashes (increase capacity)
 - sideswipe passing (to avoid a stopped vehicle in the left-through lane)



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Proposed Improvement Plan



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Summary

- Proposed Addition of Left-Turn Lanes
 - Aligns left turners head-to-head, outside of through travel lanes
 - Reduces potential for rear-end crashes by reducing queuing
- Improves traffic flow through critical intersection of two major routes in Geauga County



Mr. Blayney stated that it is a pretty normal project to add left turn lanes. Commissioner Lennon inquired about the houses on the corners. There was discussion about whether or not they would need to look at purchasing properties. Mr. Blayney asked whether or not the County would contribute funding to the project. Mr. Blayney stated that he would like to present the project in this round of funding, adding that as a starting point for the project, the number would be \$1.5 million, and between the Board and ODOT they would have to come up with 10% and split that \$150,000.00, so the county share would be \$75,000.00, noting that he would like to see the County's portion be all in the construction phase of the project. Mr. Pakush stated that they would send the Board a letter that outlines the request for the project in regards to funding for the application. The more non ODOT funds, the higher the project scores in Columbus.

Mr. Blayney asked for a letter of support in regards to the application for Buggy Lanes as well, that includes funding on the project. It was noted the Board was in full support of the projects, but until they see better numbers it's hard to agree to a dollar amount.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board chose to take the following actions following the executive session:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept the resignation of A C McMillion, Deputy Director Planning to be effective May 12, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised title and job description for the position of Deputy Director (#1711), Grade 13E to be effective April 18, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised title and job description for the position of Planner (#1712), Grade 13E to be effective April 18, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Claypool	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approved the revised organizational chart to include the positions of Deputy Director (#1711) and Planner (#1712) to be effective April 18, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise for the position of Deputy Director (#1711). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise for the position of Planner (#1712). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE AT PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Spidalieri stated that during the Planning Commission meeting that morning it was approved for the Commissioners to advertise for the position of Planner I. Mr. Spidalieri added that it will be an internal posting. Mr. Claypool noted that they still needed to tweak the job description. Ms. Burhenne inquired about who the employee would be working for. There was discussion about creating the position, the job description finalized and adding it to the organizational chart, and then advertising the position.

Ms. Burhenne asked for clarification of what action the Planning Commission took, to which it was noted that they gave the Board of Commissioners permission to approve hiring for the position of Planner I and that position would be an employee of the Commissioner's office. Mr. Lair noted that an agreement would have to be completed. It was noted that Ms. Baptie is leaving and there is a time constraint on finding someone to train with her before she leaves. They decided to start with an Internal posting to see if someone within the County was interested and if not, then they would open it up to the outside.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Lair noted that at the beginning of the meeting the financial he had approved included a transfer for \$6,000.00 that could be used for either an outside firm or an intern to provide resources and guidance for the CIC in regards to legal processes or activities they could be engaged in. Mr. Lair asked for a direction from the Board on who they would like to consider. Mr. Claypool stated that he had interviewed the gentleman that they were considering as the intern, and that he had also spoken with two law firms and he prefers the firm that has attorneys that have dealt with CIC's and can get the Board an answer quickly. Mr. Spidalieri and Mr. Lennon both agreed that a firm would bring them a more efficient outcome. Mr. Claypool suggested that the intern might be a good idea to use for a study on the Planning Commission. Mr. Lennon suggested contacting CCAO to see if they have any ideas on who works with CIC's. Mr. Lair was going to contact Ms. Stocker and discuss ways to move forward.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 29, 2017 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 March 2017.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Tue., 4/18 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Tue., 4/18 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Portage County offices

Tue., 4/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 5/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 5/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Tue., 5/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 5/12 NOACA, Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., and Executive 11:30 a.m.

Mon., 5/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services

Thu., 5/18 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 47th Annual Salute to Business and Industry, 5:30 p.m., St. Denis Party Center

Fri., 5/19 NOACA, Advisory Councils – Transit 8:00 a.m., Bicycle 10:30 a.m., and Safety 1:00 p.m.

Tue., 5/23 Investment Advisory Committee, 8:45 a.m., Chambers

Tue., 5/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

*Mon., 5/29 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Thu., 6/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Walter M. Claypool

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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