

Commissioners' Journal
March 31, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 31, 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 9:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 24, 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 a Revenue Certification for the County Engineer's Road and Bridge Levy fund for reimbursements expected from Thompson Township; Supplemental Appropriations for the Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Fee and the Family First Council funds; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2015 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development and the local match for the Prosecutor's Victims Witness VOCA grant; Travel requests for the Department of Emergency Services, the Juvenile Court and the Public Defender's Office; a Contract for Hershberger Roofing and Siding for the replacement of roof shingles at the Ravenwood Center entrance and re-roofing of the 223 Main Street office building in the amount of \$19,000.00; a payment to Ravenwood Center for the 2nd Quarter 2015 funding for the Youth Center in the amount of \$104,105.01; and a payment to the Geauga County Airport Authority for reimbursement request #5 for the FAA pass through grant #3-39-0054-1714 in the amount of \$22,823.56.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-035 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 31, 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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2015 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Executive Director Craig Swenson and Program Specialist Gina Schultz explained that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and are asking the Board to recognize that with a resolution. Ms. Schultz stated that tomorrow the 1st is the Kick-off reception that will include a brief overview of the last year, and a foster parent will talk about her experience. Ms. Schultz stated that Junction Auto allowed them again this year to display the pinwheels on the hill at the northeast corner of the intersection of State Routes 44 and 322, along with donating \$50.00 for every car sold during the month of April to use towards prevention services for families, along with sponsoring the 6th annual 5K run to be held on April 25th. Ms. Schultz added that April 8th is "Wear Blue to Work Day" as a way to support child abuse prevention. Mr. Swenson noted that there are 502 pinwheels on the hill, which represents the number of cases that were screened and investigations made. Mr. Swenson added that they have fifty-four kids in custody and fifteen in out of the home non-custody placements. Mr. Swenson stated that he was very impressed in the short period of time he has been there by how hard the staff works to get placements with the families as fast as they can. Mr. Swenson noted that the 5 year, Children's Services levy will be placed on the ballot in the fall and should remain as a renewal.

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-036 Recognizing April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

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Resolution: 15-036

Date: March 31, 2015

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2015 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, We know that our children are our future and that it will someday fall to them to shape our community, our nation and the world for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment in which families can nurture, love and parent their children; and

WHEREAS, Children who are loved and nurtured grow to love and nurture others and to provide the love and care bestowed upon them to their children, their family and their community; and

WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some children in our county endure abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to and stop abuse and neglect where it exists, we must also be diligent in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Job and Family Services, in its role as the public children's services agency of Geauga County, will be sponsoring the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign during the month of April which is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF RAPIDS ROAD – BURTON AND TROY TOWNSHIPS

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris stating that he was asking the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Rapids Road, noting that it covered the section from State Route 422 to the Burton Village line.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Rapids Road (CH 1, Sections D-F) in Burton and Troy Townships in the amount of \$887,314.60 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ED RLF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Belconis explained that this was the second half of 2014 semi-annual report for the Revolving Loan Fund, noting that the numbers match with the Auditor and State Auditor and the State Report.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the ED RLF Semi-Annual Report for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – PLANT OPERATOR II (#2313)

Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan explained that an employee, Mr. Peck had recently obtained his Plant Operator II treatment plant license and a standard provision in the union contract is that employees can be put into one position above the current position that they are doing, and if the current Operator II were to leave then he would be able to fill that position.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Plant Operator II (#2313) for a period of ten days in accordance with the union contract.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT AND CERTIFICATION #2 – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Morgan explained that this disbursement is for payments on the Thompson Township Sewer project. Mr. Morgan stated that the treatment plant is 75% complete and the sewer line is about 50% complete. It was noted that ODOT changed the rules on the permit that had been issued regarding the ability to work during the snow, that if trucks were on the roadways that they could not be working in the right of way, which pushed the sewer line portion back. Everyone will be given six to nine months to get tied in and they expect that to be mid-June at this point.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #2 for the Thompson Township Sewer Project in the amount of \$183,680.90.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – K. JONES LLC D.B.A. LIBERTY FABRICATING AND STEEL

Mr. Morgan stated that this service contract with Liberty Fabricating and Steel for welding Services with the majority being needed at the McFarland plant, noting that these are put into place so that if they are needed work can begin right away.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with K. Jones LLC d.b.a. Liberty Fabricating and Steel to perform welding services for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

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Discussion took place regarding the amount of work put into processing their annual service contracts that are in not to exceed amounts that are minimal, and that they need to try and have the contracts done for multiple years. Mr. Morgan stated that he agreed, but that the contractors themselves are pushing back on multiple years, noting that last year they had done a multiple year contract for lawn maintenance and had issues with the contractor and had to end the contract and go back out again this year. County Administrator David Lair noted that per the O.R.C. there are provisions that you can delegate to the Administrator but cautioned that the public may express concern that the Board is reviewing these items. Mr. Morgan expressed the idea of putting out to the contractors that they are moving to a new procedure that will be to move to a two year contract.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – FIORE'S GROUP LLC

Mr. Morgan explained that this service contract for lawn maintenance at the locations, noting that last year they had a problem and this was the next lowest proposal submitted last year.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore's Group LLC to perform lawn maintenance at the Northern and Southern locations for the department for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$15,150.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT KATHY HOSTUTLER – VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AT CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Lair stated that Ms. Hostutler will be attending the CEBCO Annual meeting and CEBCO asks each member county to send a representative for voting purposes.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Kathy Hostutler as voting representative for Geauga County at the CEBCO Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – MAS PIONEER LLC D.B.A. PIONEER WATERLAND, CAMP STORE AND OFFICE BUILDING – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to concur with Montville Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by MAS Pioneer LLC d.b.a. Pioneer Waterland, Camp Store and Office Building located at 10661 Kile Road, Chardon (C NEW 5626330).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING LAURENCE TAHER KING AND MICHAEL J. GARLAK FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-037 Honoring Laurence Taher King for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 15-037
Date: March 31, 2015

**A RESOLUTION HONORING LAURENCE TAHER KING FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

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WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Taher King is a member of Boy Scout Troop #91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Taher King provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Taher King's Eagle Scout project consisted of planning, designing and building a picnic area at the new Munson Town Hall, that included two large picnic tables and a grill.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Laurence Taher King for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-038 Honoring Michael J. Garlak for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 15-038

Date: March 31, 2015

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL J. GARLAK FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

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WHEREAS, Michael J. Garlak is a member of Boy Scout Troop #91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garlak provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garlak's Eagle Scout project consisted of building and staining two large wooden benches and a table for the new Munson Town Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Michael J. Garlak for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION – HONORING DENNIS A. WHALEY

Mr. Lair explained that Mr. Whaley has made a lifetime of volunteering for a variety of things, including as an Auxiliary member for the Sheriff's Office and was advised that he has some serious medical conditions and that a gathering will be held on Saturday April 4th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds for those that want a chance to see him and show their support for him.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to Honoring Dennis A. Whaley for his dedication and service to Geauga County.

<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. Claypool read the following resolution:

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Resolution: 15-039

Date: March 31, 2015

**A RESOLUTION HONORING DENNIS A. WHALEY FOR HIS
DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Whaley is truly a volunteer, which by definition is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise, to undertake a task or offers to do something; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Whaley has done just that, by offering a greater part of his life as a volunteer, spending time with the Kenston High School Marching Band, as a member of the Bainbridge Fire Department and the Chagrin Falls Fire Department, along with the countless hours that he has dedicated to Geauga County through the Geauga County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Whaley has volunteered his time through the Sheriff's Office Auxiliary at the Geauga County Fair, at parades and festivals, fireworks, Memorial Day services, motorcycle runs, search and rescues, which are just a few of the many places you could find him giving of his time; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Whaley and his family honor his son Joshua's life and memory annually by continuing his desire for neatness of the outdoors through the adopt-a-highway program, where the family cleans the roadway along State Route 422 in Bainbridge Township around Joshua's birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis A. Whaley is a kind, passionate individual, who selflessly gives himself to his community and the residents of Geauga County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Dennis A. Whaley for his many hours of volunteering, his dedication and years of service to Geauga County and its residents;

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

Mr. Lair explained that back in October Ms. Boalt came before the Board and presented equipment leases for kiosks at the senior center and it was stated that University Hospitals was included and that University Hospitals had recently sent a letter asking that it be clarified that they were not involved with HChoices for the kiosks.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to clarify that University Hospitals are not connected or involved with the equipment lease agreements with HChoices, LLC for wellness station kiosks located at the senior centers, it was incorrectly stated during the October 21, 2014 meeting that University Hospitals had contacted the Department on Aging.

<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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee in the Transit Department.

<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>

It was noted that Mr. Lair, Director Mike Kasper, Jack Jackson, Linda Burhenne and Karen DeCola who acted as the hearing officer would be joining the Board in Executive Session. The Board returned from executive session at 10:03 a.m. and as result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the hearing officer, Karen DeCola, and to suspend without pay Tim Kempfer, Full-time Transit Driver in the Transit Department for twenty-four (24) hours, three work days for violation of Transit Policy Manual, Page 9 Best Practices Preventable Accidents, Level three, hit pedestrian.

And further, approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation form per O.R.C. 124.34 for the twenty-four hours.

<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>

SCHEDULE WORK SESSION – NOC COG

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair explained that the Director of NOC COG had contacted her wanting to schedule a work session to discuss the upcoming implementation and changes of the WIOA program. There was a brief discussion on when the work session needed to be scheduled and a time that worked best for them and they agreed on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at a tentative time of 11:00 a.m. following their regular meeting. Commissioner Rear explained that he had been given information at the NOC COG meeting he had attended on Monday, and Mr. Claypool stated that he had also attended that meeting. Discussion took place regarding the

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possibility of including Lake County, and that Portage County was exploring leaving the current area, and that the agency, CGI that is currently handling the program for Geauga is not going to continue to do that and that a new agency would have to be chosen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 18, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 3/31 State Auditor's Pre-Engagement Meeting regarding the 2014 Audit*
- Wed., 4/1 Child Abuse Prevention month Kick-Off, 11:30 a.m. at JFS*
- Tue., 4/7 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Wed., 4/8 Geauga County Township Association Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. Ledgemont School Cafeteria*
- Fri., 4/10 NOACA, External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., and Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 4/14 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that includes a presentation by Destination Geauga (Gauga Tourism)*
- Tue., 4/14 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 4/15 County Budget Summit, 8:30 a.m. Building #8 meeting room*
- Mon., 4/20 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Mon., 4/20 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health*
- Tue., 4/21 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Thu., 4/23 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m.*
- 4/23 – 4/26 Maple Festival, Chardon Square*
- Tue., 4/28 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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