

Commissioners' Journal
August 27, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Operations Room at the Department of Emergency Services located at 12518 Merritt Road 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.

DISCUSSION WITH VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice President of the Veterans Service Commission John Riha opened the discussion regarding the 2016 budget by talking about the request for a stand-alone facility for the Geauga County Veterans. Mr. Riha expressed that the issues with the 470 Center Street, Building #8 and #5 include the location, as we are in the Northwest portion of the County which produces a burden to Veterans seeking assistance that are in a financial crisis, and the offices are not ADA compliant, noting that office staff have in some cases done interviews in the Veterans' vehicles because they could not get into the building. Mr. Riha expressed that only having access through other departments has created issues during lunch times, privacy and in case of fire could encounter other issues. Mr. Riha stated that in March 2014 the Veterans Service Commission came before the Board and discussed the issues and were of the understanding at that time that the Commissioners understood the need to relocate and be given adequate space. The process was started and they started speaking with architects and were close to finalizing the plans and then it suddenly came to a halt. Mr. Riha stated that due to new Commissioners being appointed additional time was needed, and since then they have inquired on several occasions when we would be moving forward. Mr. Riha stated that we were told that Building #5 would be coming available and that the county does not have funds to build a new office for the Veterans. Mr. Riha noted that during the Budget Summit in April the Commissioners stated that they are no longer putting \$1.5 million into the debt retirement noted that the Veterans Service makes up only 2% of the General Fund expenses. Mr. Riha stated that their office expenses are consistent and they have never requested more than what was needed and often return funds back. Mr. Riha expressed that per O.R.C. 5901.11 the maximum millage allowed for the past five years would have allotted \$9,092,165.00, while the Veterans Service Commission's total expenses for the period were \$1,897,731.96. Mr. Riha stated that they have kept the budget within the suggested guidelines and even reduced travel expenses, by working with the Transit Department and the Department on Aging. It was explained that a budget is required to be submitted to the Commissioners for review and the Commissioners shall appropriate funds to the Commission. At this time the Veterans Service Commission is requesting the Board allot the .5 mill dollar amount allowed per the O.R.C. to build a stand-alone facility suitable to house the Veterans Service Commission.

Commissioner Rear expressed that he was not sure where to start the conversation, expressing that they are all in agreement that the current location they are housed in is not adequate, and as Veteran himself he is not happy with it. Mr. Rear stated that while the O.R.C. is fact, he questioned whether that .5 mill is to be provided for bricks and mortar but rather for care and benefits for Veterans. Mr. Riha stated that everyone has their own understanding of what something says when it is read, but that what they have now doesn't work and the Veterans Service Commission came to the Board to correct the situation and at that time the Commissioners were on board. Mr. Riha stated that the money is allotted there and he didn't understand why we can't move forward today. Mr. Rear stated that the reality today is that other areas of the budget and demands from other departments have grown. Director of Veterans Service Commission Michelle Pemberton expressed that they understand the budget constraints but wanted to know why something couldn't be centralized so that Veterans can reach them, adding that they aren't doing their jobs if the Veterans can't get to them. Commissioner Claypool expressed that he wasn't a Commissioner at the time that this came before the Board initially, noting that he is a Veteran himself and that he currently has two children serving in the military. Mr. Claypool stated that the current location in Building #8 is not good and needs to change, but as a Veteran and a taxpayer in this County, personally he would like to see those funds go to serve the Veterans needs and not be used to build a building. Mr. Claypool stated that we have great facilities at 470 that could work very nicely for the

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situation if you would contemplate that, including a sign that could be specifically for the Veterans. If you have a good location it doesn't prevent you from getting out and doing the things you need to do, to which Ms. Pemberton interjected that 470 is not a good location, that it is not centralized within the county; as to the cost, their millage is \$1.5 million, to which they have never requested anything more. Mr. Claypool noted that the millage is set aside for taking care of Veterans, not going into brick and mortar. Ms. Pemberton stated that the money that is generated by the property taxes goes into the General Fund and that the Board chooses where it goes, Mr. Grendell and everyone else that gets to dip into that, but the Board cannot build a building to house and take care of our Veterans in Geauga County. Mr. Claypool stated that we do need to make some change, but there are a lot of Veterans in this county, and from his perspective the money spent is better utilized to help Veterans, rather than spending it on a facility. Mr. Claypool stated that in regards to the millage the State and the ORC set and control how that money is to be allocated, to which County Administrator David Lair noted that ORC 5901.11 reads for the probable amount necessary for the aid and financial assistance of persons entitled to such aid and assistance and for the operation of the Veterans Service office, not the construction of one. Mr. Riha stated that the Board is sitting there saying it's easy to say we can make something work, but for those of us on the other side of the table dealing with Veterans, it is not so easy noting that two Veterans sitting at McDonalds didn't know there was a Veterans Service Commission. Mr. Riha stated that if the building was on the hill where everyone agreed it to be by JFS and the Department on Aging, and by the Veterans monument, it would be a pride for our Veterans, and it boggles his mind that Veterans on the Board of Commissioners are pushing back on this.

Commissioner Spidalieri stated that he is disturbed and expressed that he is not in favor of the Board not moving forward, adding that he supported the idea then and still supports the idea now, that his position has not changed. Mr. Spidalieri stated that if the Board promised something we need to deliver, adding that they need a building. Paul Newman asked the question, how are we going to finance it. Mr. Rear stated that the Board agreed to look into doing something, that we were going to try and do this, no commitment was ever made, noting that the county doesn't have the money. Mr. Newman inquired about spreading it out over several years, about \$250,000.00 a year and in four or five years we have enough to build it. Mr. Rear stated that you are not using the funds that you could use for services. There was discussion regarding how the ORC reads, and again noting that it states facility operation, not construction.

County Auditor Frank Gliha stated that we need to do something in order to build this building and two things have to happen. The Board of Commissioners need to approve establishing a fund for Construction for the Veterans and then the State can approve it. Mr. Gliha expressed that something has to happen, and that the Board needs to create this fund and then start putting money into this fund when the Veterans have it and put into that fund so we can build something. Mr. Gliha stated that once the fund is approved funds can start being put into that fund. Mr. Rear inquired of Ms. Delaney, Budget and Finance Manager if this was feasible and if there were any red flags? Ms. Delaney stated that it would need to be reasonable and if unused, appropriated funds could be moved, but asked the question about what they would do in the meantime. There was discussion about ideas that were being tossed around but never an approved plan to move forward, adding that there is no one sitting there at the table that doesn't believe we don't need to move forward and improve things for Veterans. Mr. Claypool stated that we can provide facility and resources, but a building doesn't take care of Veterans, that it is your job to figure out a way to take care of Veterans, and we can assist you in that. Ms. Pemberton brought up the County Engineer's building, to which Mr. Claypool stated that it will save the county money. Ms. Pemberton expressed the many changes that have taken place in the last year, but that they would like to work closer to the other agencies in the county that the Veterans are utilizing every day. Mr. Claypool expressed that we need to take care of the immediate situation, inquiring about an agreement or plan, understanding the reality of the benefits of a standalone building, because he wants to make sure it's the right thing for the citizens of the county. Ms. Pemberton presented a drawing to the Board. There was discussion about the ideas that been talked about with combining other agencies into one building, and then prices started escalating in the county with other office holders.

Mr. Lair brought up the Budget Summit that was held back in April that talked about the reality of the General Fund, and that the funding in that fund is flat, but an option could be to levy a property tax to build this building. Mr. Lair expressed that no one wants to do that, but that you start putting funds away and start talking interim solutions. Mr. Lair stated that people think

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that there is money hidden away somewhere, but the General Fund has its limits. Mr. Newman added as long as the Board agrees to provide more each year than they need in order to put those funds away they should be able to eventually build the building. Mr. Claypool expressed that immediately we need to get a new space that is decent and look at a financial basis to develop a business plan, and look at the overall plan to make sure the building satisfies what is really needed.

Mr. Gliha asked the Board to approve the establishment of the fund and have the State Auditor get the fund set up, then commit to a serious meeting about building something in the future. Mr. Gliha added that Veterans want to donate funds but they currently cannot take them, but if a fund is set up they can put that money into this fund. Mr. Rear made a motion to establish the fund, Mr. Spidalieri seconded. Discussion continued regarding the establishment of this fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the County Auditor to establish a new fund for construction for the Veterans Service Commission.

<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>

Charles "Skip" Boehnlein expressed that one concern is with the 470 Center Street parking lot and not being able to get out, along with the amount of parking spots available. Lee Koroshes, member of the Burton Legion, expressed concern over what Veterans have to do to get back to the Veterans Service Commission. The Board agreed and are trying to come up with a solution that can be done quickly. Russ Miller inquired about the difference in the budget, to which Mr. Lair stated that the opinion from the Prosecutor's Office states that the millage is an up to amount for services, not for construction. Gerald Farrow, Secretary of the Veterans Service Commission stated that we have got to the point of setting up a fund, however the primary goal is location and today it is not available by the senior center, but if that space became available by Ravenwood that it could be an option, that they want to be in that area. Mr. Claypool asked them to explain to him the importance of being in that location.

Mr. Rear stated that they had been discussing this for about an hour, and that the creation of a fund has been started and the second issue is the more immediate one, asking what the Board can provide that is better than where they are now, expressing that he himself was in Vietnam and spent a year in a hole at an artillery base. Mr. Rear asked the Veterans Service Commission for a commitment that when they are trying to come up with a solution that it is in the realm of what the Commissioners can currently do, if revamping building #5 going to be satisfactory for you? Ms. Pemberton expressed that they would like to stay in building #8 but move into the area where the Building Department is currently located because they know we are there, but move towards a different solution. Judy Beaumier from Burton stated that she is the wife and mother of a Veteran and it's because of Veterans that you are able to have an open meeting of discussion, and asked the Board that the Veterans can get the respect that they need and thanked them for their time.

There was a brief discussion regarding the empty sign in front of the building in the complex.

MAINTENANCE – AGREEMENT – GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DEHAVEN, INCORPORATED – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PARKING LOT REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION

Director Glen Vernick explained that this agreement is for the architect for the parking lot at the Department of Job and Family Services that will expand the lot and be a full depth repair. There was discussion regarding 20 additional spaces being put in and that the area from Ravenwood Drive to the garage door will be concrete.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and DeHaven, Incorporated for Engineering Services to Geauga County for the Job and Family Services Parking Lot Rehabilitation and Expansion for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$34,430.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DAVID LAIR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT – ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Mr. Vernick explained that they were going out for new rates for electric service, adding that they have narrowed it down to three suppliers and those contracts have been approved by the Prosecutor and the day the refresh is done the contract will need to be executed, and the hope that it is one of the three. Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve Mr. Lair to be there to execute on behalf of the county.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize County Administrator David Lair to execute the Agreement with the Illuminating Company for a three year period the same day the refresh pricing becomes available.

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – TEMPORARY SENIOR TRADES MECHANIC (#1905)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve the advertise of a temporary senior trades mechanic while one of the current employees is out on medical leave.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Temporary Senior Trades Mechanic (#1905). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PORTMAN ELECTRIC

Mr. Vernick explained that they need to replace the generator at the airport that is used by Medivac hangar and the two trailers for the pilots. There was discussion about the upgrade and that it does include two 200 transfer switches, and will be a 35 KVA unit. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if they would also control the landing lights on the runway.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Portman Electric to provide and install a replacement Generator for the Geauga County Airport for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$24,150.00.

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

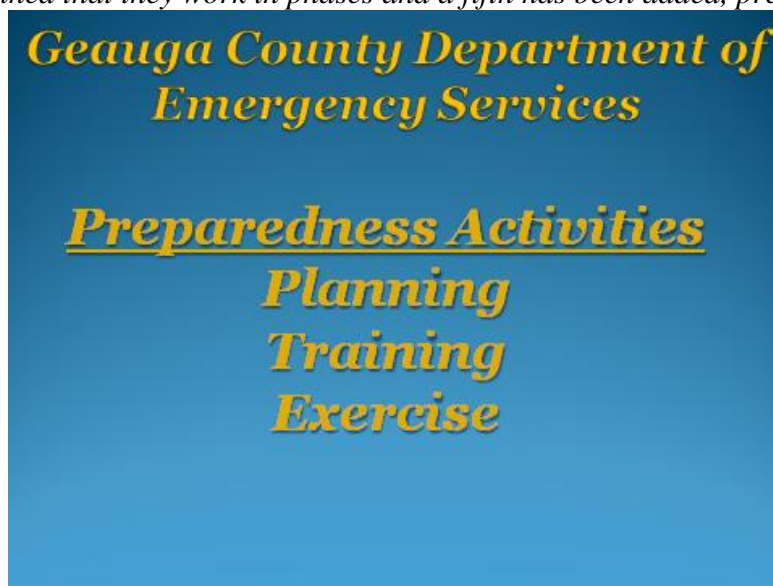
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING FOR GEAUGA COUNTY

Director Dale Wedge explained that the Department of Emergency Services building was built in 1985, 6,400 square feet in size and costing \$500,000.00 but costing the taxpayers no money, as it was paid for by First Energy. Mr. Wedge explained that the area of the building we are in now was a garage, and in 1994 they negotiated with First Energy on the radio system and the first phase of the 800 MHZ system was also paid for by them. Mr. Wedge briefly explained that the original radio bands and the tower sites were built to allow responders to talk to each other. This garage was renovated and the dispatch center was here until the new safety center was built. Following that the room was renovated again and became the operations center as it is today. Mr. Wedge added that both renovations were paid for by First Energy. Mr. Wedge expressed that he could not remember a time that the officials work so well together as they do now. Mr. Wedge explained that while the operations facility does not get used often for emergencies, it is used weekly for training, and the amateur radio group uses it.

Deputy Director of Preparedness, Ken Folsom gave the following presentation:

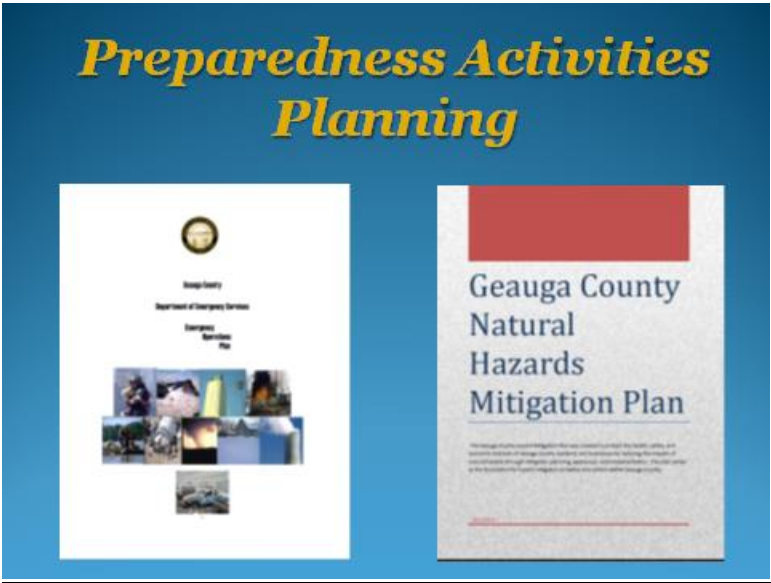


Mr. Folsom explained that they work in phases and a fifth has been added, prevention.

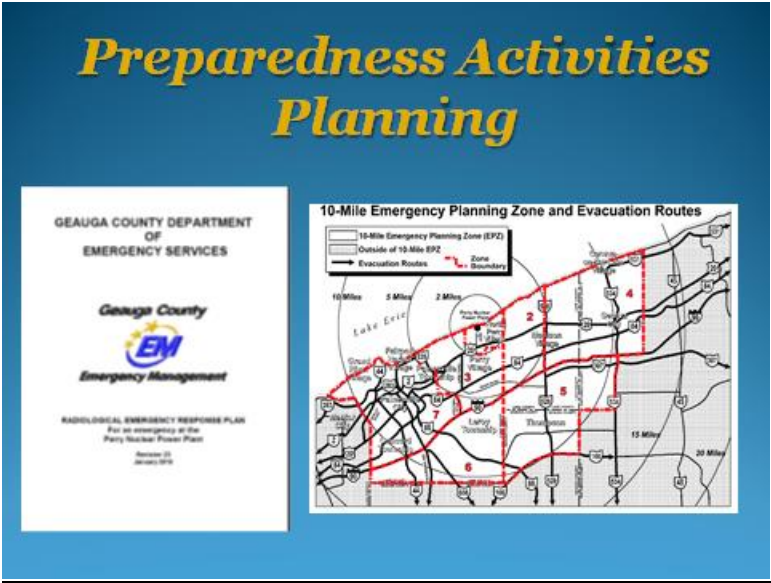


Mr. Folsom explained that they keep all the plans up to date and do training and exercises to make sure everyone can respond adequately in the event of emergency, that includes nursing homes, the fair, a terrorist attack, an active shooter, noting that he is “Mr. Disaster”, looking at what might happen and plan how they respond, so nothing gets missed.

***Geauga County Department of
Emergency Services
Preparedness Activities
Planning
Includes the Development
of Plans and Standard
Operating Guidelines for the
County's response to
disasters***



Mr. Folsom noted that they have separate preparedness plans for natural hazards but also the Perry Nuclear Power plant.



Geauga County Department of Emergency Services

Preparedness Activates Training

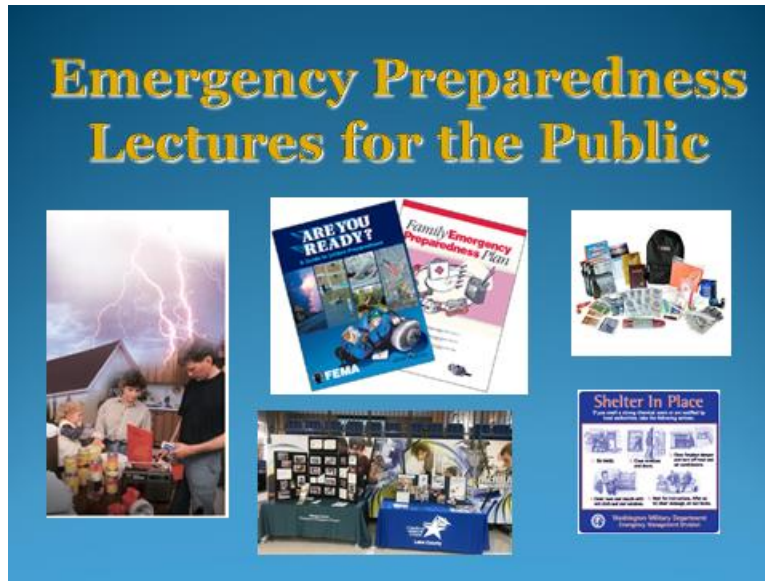
Mr. Folsom explained his certifications that he holds and the types of training he can provide to the departments within the county.



Mr. Folsom noted that the tanker in the picture is from a roll over at State Routes 44 and 87, that happened in 2006 that spilled 10,000 gallons of gasoline during fair time.



Mr. Folsom explained briefly the importance of incident command training and first responders, noting that it is a business management practice.



Mr. Folsom noted that lectures are done regularly and that one presentation that was made last year was videoed by G TV and played four or five times.



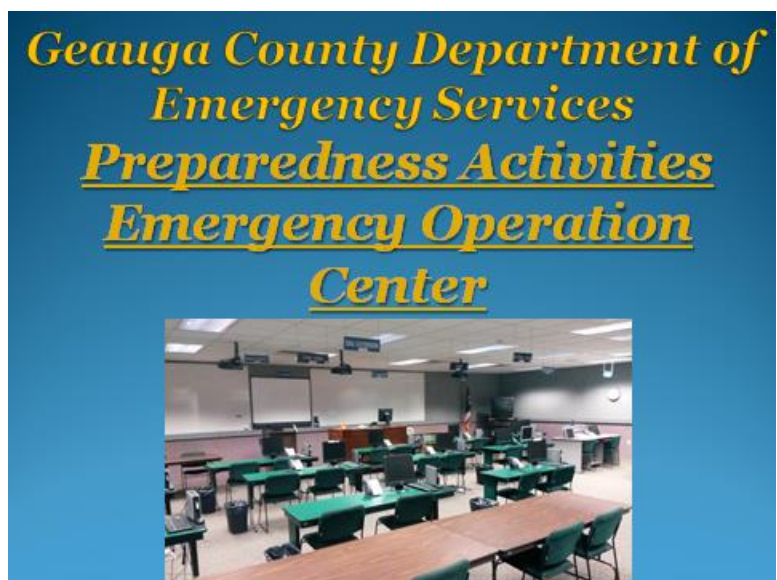
Mr. Folsom explained that Roger Peterson handles all the training for response for fire departments, nursing homes, hospital, law enforcement, bus drivers, and transit.



Mr. Folsom stated that a few townships have CERT Teams, while others are trying to get them started because it is an all-volunteer team.



Mr. Folsom explained that Geauga County has an animal response team, noting that they did Veterinary response presentations that included training over 100 people for vet services.



Mr. Folsom explained that part of preparedness is keeping the operations center up to date, including keeping the software up to date.

**Geauga County Department of
Emergency Services**

Preparedness Activities
Exercises

**Exercises conducted to test
and evaluate Response
Plans**

Mr. Folsom briefly went over the types of exercises and drills that are done annually within the county.



**Geauga County Department of
Emergency Services**

Response Activities

Support the local response
Coordinate the County,
State & Federal response to
support the local response

Mr. Folsom talked about the great relationship with the fire departments, law enforcement along with state and local agencies within the county, and how not all other counties are like that.

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Mr. Folsom explained some of the hazardous materials incidents that they respond to on a regular basis. Mr. Claypool asked about how many spills they respond to, to which Mr. Folsom stated at least 3 a month that can range from 150 gallons to 10 thousand gallons. They briefly discussed fuel oil tanks that are stored outside, and that Mr. Rear had a spill and they responded to it. The owner pays for the cost of the cleanup. Mr. Wedge talked about the procedure during a major incident that the department compiles and submits one bill so that the agencies involved don't submit them individually, making it much easier to summarize the costs involved. Mr. Folsom noted that they do an Amish safety day and do much better about calling right away if they have a spill. Mr. Folsom stated that they do containment and confinement and then a cleanup company is called to do the rest.

State and Federal Disaster Declarations History for Geauga County

Presidential Disaster Declarations

- **March 1964 Heavy Rains & Flooding**
- **June 1989 Severe Storms & Flooding**
- **August 2003 Power Outage**
- **June 2004 Severe Storms & Flooding**
- **September 2005 Hurricane Katrina**
- **August 2006 Severe Storms & Flooding**
- **April 2008 Snow Emergency**

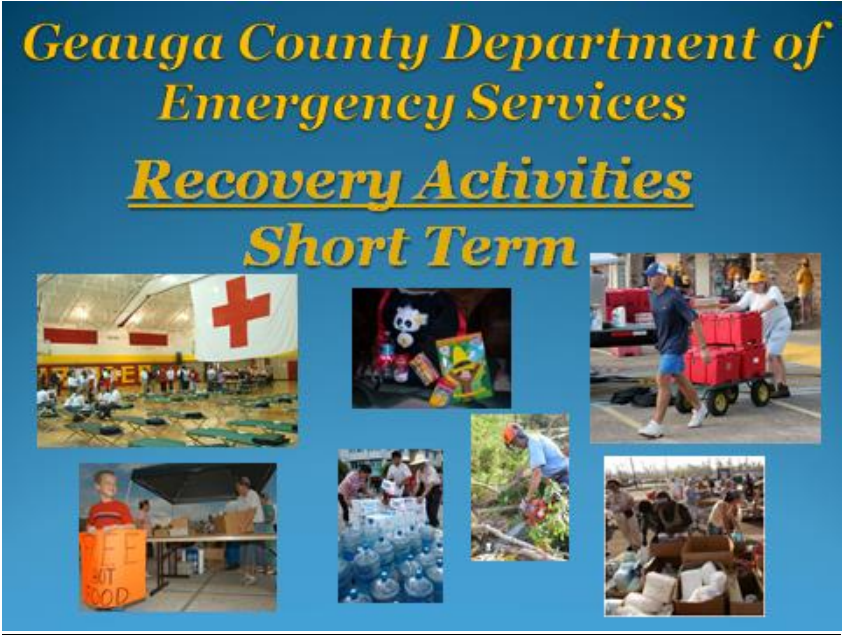
State Disaster Declarations

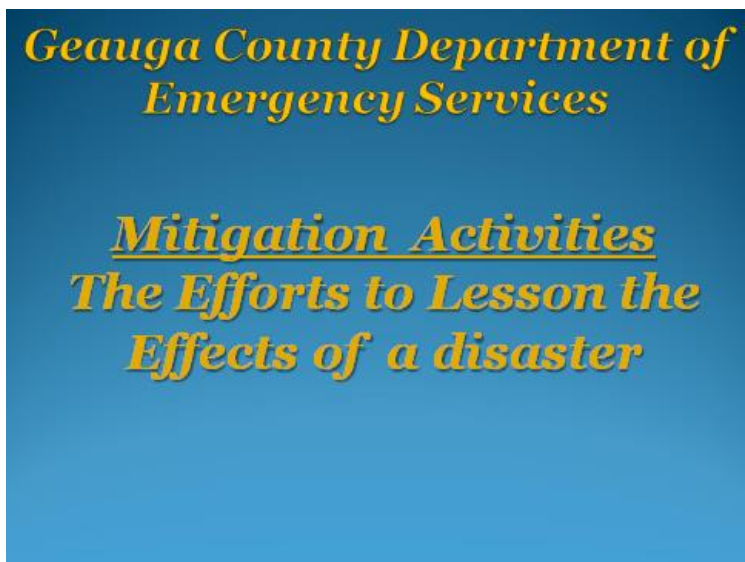
- **May/June 2004 Severe Storms & Flooding**
- **July 2006 Severe Storms & Flooding**
- **June 2012 Severe Storms, Flooding & High Winds**

Mr. Folsom stated that these have been Presidential and State Declarations. Mr. Wedge briefly talked about the blizzards of 77 and 78 and that during the Carter period several bills were not paid during that time for purchases that were made. Mr. Wedge stated that since that time they have systems in place to eliminate that from happening again.



Mr. Folsom explained that “short term” could be shelter, immediate water needs, foods whether it be in summer or winter. “Long term” is making sure that the people are taken care of that nothing falls through the cracks. The agencies work together to coordinate on services so that no one can “work the system” and to eliminate duplication of services.





DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN
Deputy Director of Planning, Roger Peterson expressed appreciation for Geauga County. Mr. Peterson explained that this plan is a Federal requirement and that the County needs to have a current plan in order to receive funds from FEMA. This plan was started about 1 ½ years ago and finished up and submitted just prior to him starting with the county.

Geauga County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Review for adoption

Why Prepare Hazard Mitigation Plans?

- **Mitigate** (Verb) *to make (something) less severe, harmful, or painful*
- For every dollar spent on mitigation, four dollars are saved in money not spent on response and recovery
- This plan fulfills the requirements set forth by the Mitigation Act of 2000



Benefits from Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Reduced loss of life, damage to property, essential services, critical facilities, and economic disruption
- Reduced short-term and long-term recovery and reconstruction costs
- Eligibility for pre-disaster and post-disaster grant funding
- A roadmap for coordinating hazard mitigation planning efforts
- A more disaster resistant community

Hazard Mitigation Plan vs Emergency Operation Plan

Hazard Mitigation Plan:

A pre-disaster plan written to demonstrate how a jurisdiction will lower its risk and exposure to disasters

Emergency Operation Plan (EOP):

A response plan written to demonstrate how a jurisdiction will respond to an emergency or a disaster

Step 1: The Planning Process

- **Updating public involvement in the planning process:**
 - City of Chardon, DES, LEPC, Burton Township, Geauga County Health District, MASCO Cabinetry, Munson Township Fire Department, Chardon Police Department, Geauga County Sherriff's Department, Chester Township Police Department, Hambden Township Fire Department, Village of South Russell, Chardon Fire Department, Russell Township Fire Department, Geauga County Building Department, Geauga County Department of Water Resources, Troy Township, Huntsburg Township

Step 1: The Planning Process

- **Review and incorporate existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information**
 - Meeting 1: Plan Review Meeting
 - Geauga County Mitigation Plan (2005)
 - Geauga County Emergency Operations Plan (2013)
 - Ohio Enhanced Mitigation Plan (2012)
 - Geauga County and Local Floodplain Regulations (2009)

Step 2: Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

- Meeting 2: Hazards meeting
 - During the second mitigation meeting, participants were given updated sections that included the executive summary, plan introduction and community information and the mitigation planning process sections for review.

Step 2: Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

Meeting 3: Actions Meeting

- During the third meeting the group determined the overall prioritization of the hazards. The hazards were then prioritized as follows:
 - Winter Storms and Ice Storms
 - Severe Storms – High Wind, Lightning, and Hail
 - Floods (Flash/100-year)
 - Tornadoes
 - Wildfires
 - Dams/Dam Safety
 - Droughts
 - Earthquakes

Step 2: Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

Meeting 4: Wrap up Meeting

- The draft plan was sent to participants three weeks prior to the “Wrap up Meeting”.
- The remaining steps in the mitigation planning process were reviewed, which included setting a date for a public meeting.

Step 2: Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

Meeting 5: Public Review Meeting

- Public input was necessary to gauge the opinion of the community and build support for the Mitigation Plan. A public meeting was held on June 26, 2014

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

1. Winter Storms and Ice Storms
2. Severe Storms – High Wind, Lightning, and Hail
3. Floods (Flash/100-year)
4. Tornadoes
5. Wildfires
6. Dams/Dam Safety
7. Droughts
8. Earthquakes

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Winter Storms and Ice Storms
 - In Geauga County, there were 62 recorded snow and ice storm events recorded on the NCDC website from 2004 to 2012. Of these 62 events, 1 was recorded having caused no property damage. The total property damage reported was over \$14 million, with no crop damage.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Severe Storms – High Wind, Lightning, and Hail
 - In Geauga County, there were 77 recorded severe storm events recorded on the NCDC website from 2004 to 2012. Of these 77 events, 21 were recorded having caused no property damage. The total property damage reported was over \$5 million, with no crop damage.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Floods (Flash/100-year)
 - Presidential Declaration (DR-1656) Declared **July 28, 2006** was a result of a 100-year storm
 - Ledgemont High School sustained \$52,000 worth of damages.
 - No way in or out of Thompson Township
 - \$1.2 million dollars of damage in Thompson Township
 - Geauga county received \$440,666.82 in public assistance funds.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Floods (Flash/100-year)
 - Countywide Flooding **August 30, 2005**
Gauga County estimated property damage at \$75,000
 - Countywide Flooding **January 1, 2005**
Gauga County estimated property damage at \$250,000

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Tornadoes
 - **August 24, 2011** Chesterland caused approximately \$300,000 in damages
 - **May 28, 1995** Middlefield caused approximately \$500,000 damages
 - **July 12, 1992** Geauga County \$50,000 in damages.
 - The probability of a tornado event occurring in the county in any given year is estimated at an approximate 18% chance.

TornadoHistoryProject.com

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Wildfires
 - The State Fire Marshal has reported a total of 95 wildfires in Geauga County since 2005
 - The economic losses a community could suffer from a major wildfire could be high depending on where the fire takes place within the County. However, due to the infrequency of the fires within the County the overall impact on the economy is low.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Dams/Dam Safety
 - According to ODNR, Geauga County has 123 dams within its boundaries. The number of dams and their classifications are as follows:
 - Class I – 8
 - Class II - 11
 - Class III - 13
 - Class IV - 24
 - Abandoned dams - 7
 - Unclassified dams - 2
 - Exempt dams - 58

Mr. Peterson noted that page 40 of the plan lists the location of all the dams in the county.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Dams/Dam Safety
 - There are no documented dam failures in Geauga County
 - There is a less than 1 percent chance in any given year of a dam failure occurring in the County
 - Geauga County has 8 dams that if there was a failure there would probably be a loss of life. There are 11 dams within the boundaries of Geauga County that if a failure occurred there would be potential health hazard, flooding and water damage to homes, businesses, and state and interstate highways.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Droughts
 - 1999 Geauga County experienced a major drought causing over \$2 million in crop damages.
 - There is a less than 1 percent chance in any given year of drought conditions occurring in the County. However, Geauga County is largely agricultural and suffers varying amounts of crop damage during severe heat and dry conditions that may not be categorized as a drought.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Earthquakes
 - June 30, 2003 a seismic event occurred near Painesville, Ohio. The event measured 3.4 on the Richter scale, (considered minor). Due to Geauga County's involvement with the Perry Nuclear Power Plant an Unusual Event was reported.
 - There have been 8 earthquakes have been reported in the last 71 years. There is a 11.27% chance that an earthquake will occur in Geauga County in any given year.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards

- Earthquakes – **Potential Damage**
 - Loss estimates were calculated by HAZUS MH based on a 5.4 magnitude earthquake, with the City of Chardon as the epicenter.
 - HAZUS MH estimates that about 3,273 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. There are an estimated 147 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair.
 - Loss estimates of \$17,000,000

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards GOALS

- Winter and Ice Storms
 - Overall Goal:
 - To educate the County's citizens to increase awareness of the dangers associated with winter storms
 - To reduce property damage caused by severe weather and to expedite the clean-up process through coordination and equipment acquisition.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards GOALS

- Severe Storms
 - Overall Goal:
 - To educate the County's citizens to increase awareness of the dangers associated with heat and severe storms that occur in the warmer months
 - To provide adequate shelters where citizens can seek safety from severe weather
 - To improve the warning system and radio communications throughout the County
 - To expedite the clean-up process through coordination and equipment acquisition.

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**Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy &
Identified Natural Hazards
GOALS**

- Floods
 - Overall Goal:
 - To save lives and property and reduce damage
 - To establish administrative controls for construction
 - To educate citizens on flood insurance
 - To increase citizens' awareness of the hazards associated with flooding

**Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy &
Identified Natural Hazards
GOALS**

- Tornadoes
 - Overall Goal: To reduce the risk of injury and fatalities during an event
 - Providing shelters and permanent structures where citizens can seek safety
 - Reduce potential damage through preplanning
 - To increase citizen awareness of the hazards of tornadoes.

**Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy &
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GOALS**

- Wildfires
 - Overall Goal:
 - To educate the County's citizens and to increase the awareness of wildfire causes in an effort to lessen the risks of wildfire to communities across Geauga County.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards GOALS

- Dams and Dam Safety
 - Overall Goal:
 - To re-evaluate the number and classification of dams in the county
 - To evaluate administrative controls for regulating and maintaining new and existing dams
 - To develop better coordination and communication efforts between the State and Geauga County.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards GOALS

- Droughts
 - Overall Goal:
 - To install more equipment to aid in supplying water during a drought event
 - To establish administrative controls to limit potential property damage
 - To provide for potential alternate water supply through preplanning
 - To educate the general public of the hazards associated with drought and extreme temperatures.

Step 3: The Mitigation Strategy & Identified Natural Hazards GOALS

- Earthquakes
 - Overall Goal: To increase awareness of the hazards of an earthquake event
 - To maintain operations of critical facilities and emergency services
 - To establish administrative controls that address earthquakes during construction

Step 4: Submission and Adoption

- Committee approves the updated plan
- Updated plan is submitted to the Ohio EMA for initial review

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- Ohio EMA forwards the updated plan to FEMA Region V for review and tentative approval
- FEMA considers the plan to “meet FEMA requirements” and sends a formal letter to Ohio EMA. Participating jurisdiction then formally adopts the plan.
- Two copies of the adopted plan are sent to Ohio EMA who then forwards one copy to FEMA

Step 5: Plan Maintenance Process

- Plans should be monitored and evaluated according to the process outlined in the plan
- Plans must be updated every 5 years or the jurisdiction becomes ineligible for a number of FEMA grants
- Include steps for incorporating the plan into capital improvement plans, land use plans, development codes, etc.
- Public and other agencies invited to participate in the plan maintenance process

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**In Conclusion,
Where are we in the process?**

- Public notice was placed in the Geauga Maple Leaf on June 19th for the final public meeting on June 26, 2014
- The plan was submitted for Federal review March 9, 2015
- Geauga County was notified on May 12, 2015 that the plan met the Federal Requirements
- County Commissioners and each incorporated jurisdiction now need to pass a resolution to adopt plan
- Townships have the option to adopt plan

Where are we in the process?

- Copy of adoption resolution then sent to FEMA & OHIO EMA
- Plan is valid for 5 years, will require revisions prior to expiration date.

There was a brief discussion regarding what this qualifies the county for in terms of funding, to which it was noted that it would only be used if an incident occurs and something is brought up that would need to be submitted. Mr. Claypool stated that they did a lot of work and did a great job. Mr. Wedge noted that former Deputy Director of Planning, Tara Vargovich had done a lot of work on the plan.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-121 Adopting the Updated Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, FY2015.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 15-121

Date: August 27, 2015

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED GEAUGA COUNTY
NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, FY2015**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services desires to be compliant with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K0 (Public Law 106-390), said DMA2K Act requires that a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan meeting program criteria be developed in order that the participating Geauga County communities and townships will be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation program funds; and

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved local mitigation plans are a requirement in order for communities to be eligible for most federal mitigation grant

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programs. These plans must be updated, approved by FEMA, and adopted locally every five years to maintain eligibility for mitigation project grant funding for the purpose to significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update was prepared and submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for review and/or comments; recommendations by the state have been met and the Mitigation Plan Updated submitted to FEMA, which has advised the county that said plan meets the required criterial in 44 CFR 201.6 for a local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and approved the plan, pending adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services Director has requested the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan including updates and accept said document for County Mitigation Activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Geauga County Commissioners shall provide for the monitoring, evaluation and updating of the plan within a five year cycle and shall be responsible for the execution and provisions of the Plan through the Director of the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopt the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Updated FY2015, as attached and incorporated herein; and accepted as the County working document for Mitigation activities for areas unincorporated within Geauga County, Ohio; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, adoption of said plan by this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the Board, and its adoption by the respective legislative bodies of the other Political Subdivisions (City and Villages) of Geauga County, Ohio

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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the termination of a public employee at the County Home.

<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 of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne and Director Karen DeCola would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 8:48 p.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the termination of Dawn Clipston, Senior Attendant, as a probationary removal. The termination is effective immediately due to unsatisfactory performance during her probationary period per the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 2.18 Employment Separation.

<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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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 8/28 The Commissioners' will hold a Special Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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

Thu., 9/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair, Junior Fair Stage. (Note Start Time and Location of Meeting)

Thu., 9/3 – Mon. 9/7 Great Geauga County Fair, Burton

*Mon., 9/7 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.***

*Tue., 9/8 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tue., 9/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

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

Mon. 9/14 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 9/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the Ohio Department of Transportation Program CY2016 Operating and Capital Grant Proposals

Wed., 9/16 Department on Aging Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Notre Dame Education Center Auditorium

Fri., 9/18 NOACA – Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m. Cleveland

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Commissioner Rear moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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