

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**February 4, 2014**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 4, 2014 at 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 28, 2014.*

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

*Commissioner Rear abstains due to his absence from the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations to distribute the carryover balance in the General Fund and for 2014 supplemental funding for the Heroin Initiative in the amount of \$441,320.24; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for 2014 funding for tax map funding for the Auditor's and Engineer's office as well as Storm Water funding for the Engineer's office; A payment to the Geauga County Agricultural Society for the distribution of the 2013 gas well revenue proceeds in the amount of \$4,194.40; A payment to the Geauga County Airport Authority for reimbursement #3 of the pass-through grant funding for the Improve Airport Drainage project in the amount of \$8,860.64; and a payment to Logos Communication for the annual Cisco SmartNet maintenance contract in the amount of \$83,640.38 for the ADP department, and a payment to Portage-Gauga Juvenile Detention Center for the first quarter 2014 in the amount of \$113,170.00*

*In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri, Ms. Delaney explained that the Heroin Initiative Supplemental Appropriation included \$34,020 additional for the Family Life Intervention Program (FLIP) over and above the \$109,000 funded for this purpose in the Permanent Appropriation approved in December, \$19,859 to Municipal Court for a Pretrial Release Officer, \$161,060 to the Prosecutor for a Full-time Felony Drug Prosecutor and a Part-Time Criminal Investigator, and \$226,381 to the Sheriff for three deputy investigators.*

*Mr. Spidalieri said he wanted to go over this for the benefit of Commissioner Rear who hadn't been on the board at the time, and he explained that this initiative was put into place in late 2013, with Ms. Delaney adding that at the time supplemental funding was approved for the remainder of 2013, these amounts had not been included in the Tax Budget for 2014. Mr. Rear replied that he had spoken to various stakeholders in this initiative, and in his mind with a new program like this you start at zero, and we're approaching six months that the program has been in place so that if the various departments involved could fill the board in on progress to date, understanding that they are busy already, it would be helpful for him, adding that he is in favor of this program but would like to know where we are with it. Commissioner Samide stated that we are only a few months in to it, so maybe it would make sense to get an update once the programs have been in place for a year. Mr. Rear replied that he hoped they would have a good idea of the programs that are being put into place, but they probably wouldn't, as of yet have a lot of results to share.*

*Mr. Spidalieri said it would be good to discuss this at budget hearings later this year, Mr. Rear adding that six months into the program, we can start to see where it is, and in the next six months we'll have a better idea and at a year out, we should begin to see some results and see what programs have to be modified or adjusted. Ms. Delaney said that each department had provided ideas as to what a good measurement would be of program effectiveness. Mr. Rear stated that he had no preconceived idea of what is needed, and he understands that in some*

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*cases the actions being taken as part of this program are confidential issues that need to be kept confidential.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-017 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 4, 2014.*

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

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE**  
*Executive Director of Mental Health and Recovery Services Jim Adams stated once again that this levy request is a renewal of an existing levy. He added that he had just seen the final 2013 financial reports for his agency for the drug and alcohol side, with revenues down by over \$300,000 as compared to 2012, largely due to a 40 percent cut in state and federal funding. He concluded by saying that doing a renewal is a tough stretch, but it is the right thing to do at this time. Mr. Adams stated that this action was just the legal language that allows the board to assess property taxes to generate revenue for the purpose as stated, adding that this levy has been in place since 1989, and fortunately, Geauga County residents have been supportive of this levy over the years every time it has come up for renewal.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regards to the renewal of an existing .70 Mill Mental Health Program Levy.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-015 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the County's Community Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service District at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 015**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:

Ralph Spidalieri	Blake A. Rear	Mary E. Samide
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The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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Commissioner Samide moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services f.k.a. Geauga Community Board of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding seven tenths (.70) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amount to seven cents (\$0.07) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of seven tenths (.70) of one mill.

Section 2. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2014 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 3. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.221 and .25 to the electors of Geauga County at the primary election to be held on May 6, 2014.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the primary election to be held on May 6, 2014 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of elections on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.

Commissioner Rear seconded the motion.

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

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**THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE - OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)**  
**SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT – 2013-WF-**  
**VA2-8214**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland stated he was here to bring 3 things before the commissioners today; the first is to request that the board authorize the President of the board to execute the agreement for the STOP Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) program, adding that this pays a deputy's salary, and in this case it is Deputy Robin Taylor who does special investigations into crimes against woman such as domestic violence and has specialized training, and as a female is able to better relate to victims. The Sheriff then reviewed the funding components and timeframe as contained in the motion to be read.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA #2013-WF-VA2-8214) in the amount of \$59,996.13, \$44,997.10 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services with a local match of \$14,999.03 (\$13,144.39 from the Geauga County General Fund and \$1,854.64 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund) for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.*

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

**THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE - OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT**  
**AWARD AGREEMENT – TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT – 2013-JG-A02-6468**

*Sheriff McClelland stated the second item was a technology grant noting that he is working closely with Maintenance Director Glen Vernick to replace worn out components of the jail surveillance system, such as cameras and video recording equipment, which this grant will help fund.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement (JAG Grant # 2013-JG-A02-6468) for technology improvement, for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$15,969.90, \$11,977.43 will come from the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and the match of \$3,992.47 will come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.*

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

**THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE –EXECUTE EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND**  
**CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT - 2013**

*Sheriff McClelland explained we have to file a report outlining how we have spent money from the Law Enforcement Trust fund, which is comprised of monies and assets from seized property as a result of a criminal action that can be distributed to law enforcement agencies that participated in the investigation leading to a conviction and seizure of property from those convicted in the crime. There are a number of restrictions pertaining to how this money can be spent. He noted that report being submitted shows that they had received \$63,779 in property from seizures last year, while having spent \$116,155, including balances from previous years. This money can be used to “buy” narcotics as part of investigations, upgrade equipment, training, and for the purchase of weapons, ballistic vests, and electronic surveillance equipment.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Affidavit for 2013.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ROMANO IANIRO CONTRACTING, INCORPORATED

*Deputy Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that these actions were for additional service contracts to be put into place, getting contractors onboard and getting paperwork such as insurance and bonds in place. If they need actual work, they still get multiple quotes, but having contracts in place for vendors we may use saves time on the front end.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Romano Ianiro Contracting, Incorporated, to perform excavating services as needed at various locations within the county for Year 2014 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – VINECOURT LANDSCAPING & GAS LINE SERVICES, INCORPORATED

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Vinecourt Landscaping & Gas Line Services, Incorporated to perform excavating and landscaping services as needed at various locations within the county for Year 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA DOOR SALES & SERVICES, INCORPORATED

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Geauga Door Sales & Services, Incorporated, to perform door repair services as needed at various locations within the county for Year 2014 in the amount of \$2,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – THOMA TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Thoma Technologies, Incorporated, to perform repairs and calibrations to flow meters and electronic equipment as needed for Year 2014 in the amount of \$2,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated, to perform emergency rehabilitation and improvements as needed at various county waste water treatment plants for Year 2014 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AIRVAC, INCORPORATED

*Deputy Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that this last contract is for work that will be performed at three sites. With employee turnover this will also be a training session on vacuum systems for the newer employees to understand these systems while the required maintenance is being performed. In response to a question from Commissioner Rear as to the location of AirVac, Mr. Morgan replied that it is located in a small town in Indiana, and the cost for the five-day training program at their location would probably be the same or more than we are paying to have the actual needed onsite work performed at our locations with our employees receiving their needed training on our systems here, rather than having to travel to the AirVac training site.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Airvac, Incorporated, to perform a 5-day on-site system tune-up and evaluation at Parkman, Bellwood and Brayton Trails for Year 2014 in the amount of \$4,950.00.*

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

*In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri as to whether these contracts could be done on a two year term to save everyone time, Mr. Morgan replied that they would still be getting quotes each year, but they could consider doing a two year contract in some cases. Mr. Spidalieri said that he would support two year contracts to relieve some of the time involved in having to work on all new contracts each year. Mr. Morgan stated that they are currently tying their annual contract actions to actual purchase orders established for the year, but they will look at the possibility of doing two-year contracts where that can be done. He added that typically, the department only uses 50-60 percent of the overall blanket purchase order amounts placed; often internal staff can do this work but it depends on what else is going on. Commissioner Rear commented that the only question he might have is that we need to have some sort of exit clause if the contractor is doing inferior work. Mr. Morgan responded that right now there is no obligation to actually use a vendor with whom a contract is executed and a purchase order put in place. He used as an example Vinecourt Landscaping, which had a \$5,000 contract last year that was never used, and added that we would make sure that we always have an out in any contract like this.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AMERICA SAVES WEEK  
*County Administrator David Lair explained that America Saves is a program that has been supported for a number of years by the Geauga County OSU Extension with Terri Worthington, OSU Extension Family & Consumer Science Educator providing financial literacy training as part of her role, and United Way, as a means of supporting financial awareness of Geauga county residents, to help them save money and help strengthen the local economy.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution 14-018 Recognizing America Saves Week from February 24, 2014 through March 1, 2014.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 14-018*  
*Date: February 4, 2014*

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICA SAVES WEEK,  
FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 1, 2014**

*WHEREAS, personal and household savings are fundamental to Geauga County's financial stability and vitality; and*

*WHEREAS, adequate emergency savings, retirement funds, and safe debt-income ratios are critical components of personal financial security; and*

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*WHEREAS, America Saves is a national social marketing campaign to persuade, encourage, and motivate Americans to take financial action in building wealth through saving money and reducing debt; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County is a partner in the America Saves campaign and is committed to helping its citizens take immediate financial action to Build Wealth, Not Debt; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of February 24 – March 1, 2014 as Geauga County Saves Week, and further calls upon its citizens to increase savings, increase retirement fund contributions, and start or increase a household emergency fund during Geauga County Saves Week, and pledge to sustain that action during the following year.*

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

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Wed. 2/5 NOC COG, 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Health Meeting Room, Building #8 has been cancelled.*

*Thu., 2/6 **There will be no session as a result of the new meeting schedule.***

*Tue., 2/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session during which will hold two (2) Public Hearings, first at 10:20 a.m. to review the plans and specifications for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bainbridge Road (CH11) in Bainbridge and Auburn Townships and the second at 10:25 a.m. to review the plans and specifications for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Pettibone Road (CH 607) in Bainbridge Township.*

*Tue., 2/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Thu., 2/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 2/14 Government Team of Leadership Geauga Class of 2014 Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Reserve House located at St. Mary's in Chardon*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:35 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Deborah Ashburn, Temporary Acting Commissioners' Clerk*

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