

Commissioners' Journal
December 30, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 30, 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental De-Appropriations for various funds for year-end compliance and a Cash transfer from the General Fund for a portion of 2014 funding for the 800 Communications Permanent Improvement fund and for the Engineer's Office addition project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-187 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 30, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – SENIOR HEALTH OUTREACH SERVICES AGREEMENT – UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS GEAUGA MEDICAL CENTER

Director Jessica Boalt explained that over the past year they had done a senior health outreach program where they went to each senior once a month and held educational programs and health screenings with the seniors. Ms. Boalt stated that this year that in addition to those programs that they also include resources. Commissioner Rear inquired about how well this is measured and received, to which Ms. Boalt added that they had begun tracking this last year and that about 30% of the seniors that attend the center attend the outreach programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Senior Health Outreach Services Agreement with University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center to provide senior residents programs of health care outreach and education at the five senior center locations on a monthly basis for Geauga County residents Ages 60 and over for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00.

<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 ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS GEAUGA MEDICAL CENTER – SENIOR ASSESSMENTS FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER

Ms. Boalt stated that they support the senior assessment program, explaining that when an issue occurs with a senior, or an unexplained change, they are referred to the assessment program. Ms. Boalt explained that the \$460.00 fee is for coordination of for all the professionals to be together to perform the assessment of physical and occupational therapy, psychiatry, social services and a physician, which allows the senior to attend one appointment rather than scheduling six different appointments.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center to provide Senior Assessments for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$460.00 per Senior Assessment with the amount not to exceed 85 Assessments.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PAIGE FOOD SERVICES, INCORPORATED – ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF MEALS

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to execute the Contract with Paige Food Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program for the next two years. Ms. Boalt noted that a test panel was held and that they are willing to work with delivery times.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Contract Agreement with Paige Food Services, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Meals for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$4.19 - \$4.43 per meal for Group A and \$5.50 per meal for Group B for the Year 2015 with an increase for 2016 based on 2015 prices and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for Food Away from home. These Meal Groups include home delivered and congregate meal programs, emergency shelf stable, box lunches, and renal and diabetic therapeutic weekday and weekend meals.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – SCHRAFF AND KING CO., LPA

Ms. Boalt explained the legal services agreement with Schraff and King, noting that Patricia Schraff is an elder law Attorney, and that they have provided 522 hours of service through the third quarter and have seen over 240 seniors. Ms. Boalt explained that while there is a waiting list, that is due to a max cap being placed on what is spent in a year. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired what is spent in total, to which Ms. Boalt stated \$92,000.00 last year and that at the end of the third quarter we have spent \$64,000.00, Ms. Boalt explained that when the Good Deeds program kicked off there was a lot of hours used, but since then that has started to dwindle, and we will be under what was spent last year. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about whether obtaining an Attorney through the Prosecutor's Office that could be used as a full-time level to handle this type of situation was an option. Ms. Boalt stated that multiple Attorneys come to the Senior Center at a time with five total that are used, and that they all handle Elder Law. There was discussion about bringing it before the Advisory Board for discussion. Ms. Boalt stated that they had two complaints this year regarding this program, one was because a senior didn't get the issue they wanted and the other was because they didn't like the wardrobe of the Attorney, but nothing in regards to the service. Ms. Boalt noted that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging handles the RFP for the services and covers the first \$24.58 of each hour of the first 655 hours. The Board discussed that it would be something to look into further and have a discussion with the Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Boalt expressed that she would like to continue with their services because the seniors need services and that there is already a waiting list for next year and that a possible option with the Prosecutor's Office is something to look into further as another option.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Legal Services Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Department on Aging and Schraff & King Co., LPA for legal services that include advice, counsel and representation of clients for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$100.42 per hour for up to six hundred fifty-five hours (655) and \$125.00 per hour beyond that up to a maximum of seven hundred seventy-five (775) total hours.

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

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**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TWO (2) SATISFACTIONS
OF MORTGAGE – COLE M. PRUSA – DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND
REHABILITATION / LEAD REMEDIATION ASSISTANCE**

Director Anita Stocker explained that this is an old client from 2000 that had a mortgage and a note and since they are looking to refinance we asked them to pay off the loan.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Cole M. Prusa for down payment assistance for property located at 15581 Valleyview Drive, Newbury under Grant #B-C-03-026-1, as the mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 has been satisfied.

<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 a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Cole M. Prusa for rehabilitation / lead remediation assistance for property located at 15581 Valleyview Drive, Newbury under Grant #B-C-03-026-2, as the mortgage in the amount of \$7,530.00 has been satisfied.

<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>

**COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SHANNI BURICH – PART-TIME ATTENDANT
(#1504-1)**

County Administrator David Lair noted that Ms. Burich was still in her probationary period and has decided to move on to another position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Shanni Burich, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective December 29, 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>

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT
AWARD AGREEMENT – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)**

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this is the next step for the Grants that are for their investigator that handles Violence Against Women, typically domestic violence but can include other violent crimes against women. Sheriff McClelland stated that Deputy Taylor is the only investigator dedicated to crimes against women, that this grant has been done for a number of years and includes a local match, which a portion is paid through the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, noting that this fund is from seizure money from the "bad guys".

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 Subgrant Award Agreement for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant #2014-WF-VA2-8214 for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$66,254.57 (\$49,690.93 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, \$16,563.64 Local Match, with \$13,144.39 from the County General Fund and \$3,419.25 from the Sheriff's 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>

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 Subgrant Award Agreement for the STOP Violence Against

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Women Act (VAWA) Grant #2012-WF-VA2-8214B for the period January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$13,690.81 (\$10,268.11 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, \$3,422.70 Local Match, with \$2,435.51 from the County General Fund and \$987.19 from the Sheriff's 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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1
– INCREASE CONTRACT – GPD GROUP – RUSSELL PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT UPGRADES**

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerald Morgan explained that this is for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant and that they are working on doing upgrades to the EQ tank, noting issues of flooding in the past. Mr. Morgan explained that when it floods it backs up the filter and affects the backwash pumps, and during the process of working on upgrades to fix this issue it has been discovered that holes have developed in the metal tanks underneath in the clear well. Mr. Morgan stated that this is allowing ground water into the tank which is causing us to pump out ground water. Mr. Morgan stated that they are going to move ahead and do the upgrades to the EQ tank and relocate the filter building to a higher elevation and filters, with disc filters which are above ground. This puts the building above the 100 year flood plan and that everything in the building is up off the floor which raises it even higher. Mr. Morgan stated that this action is to increase the contract with GPD Group, to include the additional engineering work.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the service Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with GPD Group for additional engineering for a new building, new filters, and blower relocation to a new building for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades in the amount of \$122,750.00.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE AND ADOPT REVISIONS TO POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR APPLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GEauga COUNTY MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX – EXECUTE STATEMENT OF POLICY

County Engineer Joe Cattell and Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that they have revised the policy and guidance for the distribution of municipal road funds, explaining that there is a permissive tax on license tags that goes to municipalities which is put into a fund that the County Engineer is in charge of and they release back to those municipalities. Mr. Cattell stated that this is a clearer process of what is available, how and what it can be used on and how they can obtain those funds. Mr. Spidalieri clarified that the County Engineer still makes sure what it can be used on is approved and what is available. There was a discussion about whether funds from those funds could be used on Newcomb Road, to which it was noted that it can only be used within the City and the Village. Mr. Cattell noted that Ohio Public Works Funds are a great avenue to obtain funds for that, noting that those funds have been used to do the improvements to the ditches and drainage already. Mr. Cattell noted that the fund continues to grow, adding that the fund is in the Treasury but is specified for a specific purpose. Mr. Cattell added that it is an odd thing in the ORC but we try to make it as clear as possible and that the Prosecutor has reviewed and approved the revisions.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and adopt the Revisions to the Policy and Guidance for the Application and Distribution of the Geauga County Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax and execute the Statement of Policy.

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED DEDICATION OF THE
EXISTING UNDEDICATED EXTENSION OF STILLWATER DRIVE (TR 152) IN RUSSELL
TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to waive the reading of the legal notice.

<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>

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:35 a.m. and Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that following this hearing the intent was to move forward with the Resolutions to Proceed and Order, but as of yesterday the plat does not have all the required signatures. Mr. Haupt stated that he had spoken with Mr. Kling, who would provide the remaining signature, and who is ready to move forward, that it is just a bank procedure. Mr. Haupt stated that today the Resolution to Proceed could move forward and that the Engineer's Report could be read, and then once the plat is ready it will be brought back before the Board. Mr. Cattell added that this is expected to happen, and that they had been in contact with the Prosecutor's Office in regards to moving forward.

Mr. Haupt read the following Engineer's Report:

Stillwater Drive, 60 feet wide, from the centerline of Kinsman Road (State Route 87) to its existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus, a total distance of 1214.27 feet along the existing centerline, was dedicated by Plat known as "Frank W. Stanton's Riverdale Estates" recorded in Volume 3, Page 21 of the Geauga County Record of Plat

There exists an undedicated extension of said Stillwater Drive, TR 152, from its existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus approximately 270 feet west of said cul-de-sac.

The township has been maintaining this 270 foot undedicated portion of Stillwater Drive for several years.

The undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive is of similar age and construction as the existing dedicated Stillwater Drive.

On August 20th 2014, the Russell Township Board of Trustees petitioned the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to dedicate an existing undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive, TR 152, from its existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus approximately 270 feet west of said cul-de-sac.

Upon dedication of the 270 foot undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive, TR 152, a highway easement 60' wide, with a 75' radius cul-de-sac will be created over parcels, 26-018250, 26-142700, 26-213905, 26-199700, 26-199600, 26-199500, and 26-034000.

Those whose properties that share a common border with the dedicated highway easement are subject to any easements provided by statute, and such rights as other property owners may have in the road as a necessary means of access to their property.

The abutting property owners are identified as follows:

- 1. PPN# 26-018250; Michael & Staci Kling,; and*
- 2. PPN# 26-213905; Michael & Staci Kling,; and*
- 3. PPN# 26-213905; Roy E. & Eugene M. Podojil,; and*
- 4. PPN# 26-199700; Allen L. & Karen S. Zack,; and*
- 5. PPN# 26-199600; Allen L. & Karen S. Zack,; and*
- 6. PPN# 26-199500; George L. & Silvia R Vild Trustees,; and*
- 7. PPN# 26-034000; Robert Edward & Donna Mae Lubecky Trustees.*

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All public utilities retain easement rights within the dedicated right-of-way limits resulting from a road dedication per state law.

All abutting property owners were notified and notice of the hearing was published in accordance of Ohio law.

There were no concerns or objections.

Based on the above facts, the Office of the Geauga County Engineer believes the dedication requested would be for the public convenience and necessity.

Report prepared by County Engineer Joe Cattell and Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt

Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:41 a.m.

OTHER – WOODHILL DRIVE

Mr. Cattell stated that he had received a letter that is requesting the Engineer attend a Township meeting regarding the discussion of Woodhill Drive regarding that road being placed on unmaintained status. Mr. Cattell stated that his understanding was that the Trustees asked that the Board of Commissioners not to take any further action and that the Trustees rescinded their initial request.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH DEDICATION – STILLWATER DRIVE (TR 152) RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair stated that a Resolution to Proceed was prepared if the Board wished to proceed.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-190 to Proceed with the Dedication of an Existing Undedicated Extension of Stillwater Drive (TR 152) in Russell Township.
Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 30, 2014

Resolution: #14-190

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH
THE DEDICATION OF AN EXISTING UNDEDICATED EXTENSION OF
STILLWATER DRIVE, TR 152**

Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board") initiated dedication proceedings by adopting Resolution #14-174 that it would be for the public convenience and welfare to consider the dedication of an existing undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive, approximately 270 feet in length beyond the existing tee type cul-de-sac terminus of Stillwater Drive, dedicated by Plat known as "Frank W. Stanton's Riverdale Estates" recorded in Volume 3, Page 21 of the Geauga County Record of Plats; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public viewing on December 23, 2014 and a public hearing on December 30, 2014, related to the dedication of an existing undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive, and gathered input from the affected persons and Russell Township officials and heard testimony for the dedication.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 5553 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby orders the dedication of an existing undedicated extension of Stillwater Drive, located in Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio, to proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plat be prepared depicting the final disposition of the dedicated highway easement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abutting landowners retain title of the lands over which the highway easement will be dedicated.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Russell Township Board of Trustees, the Geauga County Engineer, and the Geauga County Recorder.

<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>

Commissioner Rear inquired about the plat, to which Ms. Blair confirmed with the Engineer's Office to which Mr. Haupt and Mr. Cattell agreed, that a Resolution to Order and Dedication Plat would be the final steps needed to finish the process.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING JACOB H. HAMBLÉN –
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-188 Honoring Jacob H. Hamblen for Achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-188
Date: December 30, 2014

A RESOLUTION HONORING JACOB H. HAMBLÉN 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

WHEREAS, Jacob H. Hamblen 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, Jacob H. Hamblen provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Jacob H. Hamblen's Eagle Scout project consisted of the building, painting and installation of four (4) large bat boxes at the Scenic Overlook Park on Mayfield Road in Munson Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Jacob H. Hamblen 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER MARY E. SAMIDE

Mr. Spidalieri read the following Resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 14-189

Date: December 30, 2014

**RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, MARY E. SAMIDE FOR HER DEDICATION
AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Mary E. Boomer grew up in Mayfield Heights, and, following her marriage to Frank Samide moved to Chardon, Ohio, before eventually moving Munson Township where they raised their three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Samide, while raising her family began her work toward a degree at Kent State University during the 1980s, earning a Bachelor's Degree, Summa Cum Laude; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Samide thereafter embarked on a business career, founding SOS, Inc., a successful computer consulting business, assisting many local businesses as well as Fortune 500 companies, with their technology needs; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Samide was encouraged in the early 1990s to run for political office, winning a seat as a Munson Township Trustee, where she served for over nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Samide, following her primary victory in the 2004 County Commissioner's race was appointed to the seat of retiring Commissioner Bill Repke, and subsequently winning the seat in November, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Samide has served with distinction as a Geauga County Commissioner for the past ten years, helping to maintain and improve the financial position of the county through conservative fiscal management and working with her fellow commissioners to pay down debt, including the retirement of the debt from the Safety Center in less than nine years after that facility opened; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and thank Mary E. Samide for her dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County during the time she served as a Geauga County Commissioner.

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

Congratulations!

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #14-189 Honoring Commissioner Mary E. Samide for her dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County.

<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>

Commissioner Samide read the following:

It has been almost 11 years since I took the oath of office as your Geauga County Commissioner. Today is my last meeting and December 31, 2014 will be my final day. During these years, I have served with seven men, starting with Neil Hofstetter and Bill Young, followed by Craig Albert, Tracy Jemison, Walter Claypool, Ralph Spidalieri, and finally Blake Rear. These years saw dramatic changes in the operation of Geauga County.

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Those changes included fiber optic connections from 470 Center Street to the Auditor's office in Chardon, connecting to the Sheriff's office in Munson Township while duplicating all of our data servers for fail safe disaster recovery. Additionally, all computer workstations were updated during this period. We also built a new safety center promising the Geauga County people that we would pay off this 14.7 million dollar center in less than 10 years. We accomplished this and much more.

During the first 8 years, the commissioners worked together as a team to make the work environment a supportive one. We kept everyone working during the lean years of the 2008 financial crash, and managed to keep health insurance premiums low and covered all of our employees with the maximum life insurance by ORC law to protect them. Working with our unions, we managed to work out successful contracts, and in some cases several unions disbanded. The commissioners financial initiative to support the Fair Board, the Historical Society, and Tourism has helped these organizations grow which has put Geauga on the national level for the best organizations in their class.

Working with NOACA, our County Engineers Bob Philips, and now Joe Cattell with the county commissioners have managed to pull in over 30 million dollars that went to the paving and reconstruction of our roads and bridges. To date, after driving with ODOT through the 5 county areas in October, I am happy to report that Geauga has the best maintained roads. These successes come about through constant cooperation in the region. Additionally, the planning commission under the direction of David Dietrich, has successfully built a mitigation bank, has worked to help all of our townships with their land use plans, and ultimately protected the zoning of every township through the expertise of the commission. And we cannot forget to mention the fine work done by our building department under the direction of Mike Mihalsin, and the excellent work done by our Water Resources department, for many years under the direction of Gus Saikaly, and now Doug Bowen. And of course, Director Anita Stocker has been so instrumental in bringing about community and economic development in Geauga.

It is important to mention the work done by the Soil & Water Conservation district under the Direction of Carmella Shale upholding the federal mandated clean water act and the Phase II storm water regulations in conjunction with the Engineers department. It goes beyond saying how well our department of Aging, with Sally Bell, and now Jessica Boalt has helped the seniors of Geauga County, working also with our finally tuned Transit Department under the direction of Mike Kasper.

There are many others in Geauga who have done a great job that I would like to thank including former Auditor, Tracy Jemison, now Frank Gliha, Jim Adams, Mental Health, Don Rice Metzenbaum Director, Treasurer, Chris Hitchcock, Health Director Bob Weisdack, Sheriff Dan McClelland, EMS Director, Dale Wedge, Dog Warden Matt Granito, JFS Director Tim Taylor, now Craig Swenson, former Prosecutor David Joyce, now Jim Flaiz, Public Defender, Bob Umholtz, Coroner, Bob Coleman, Recorder, Sharon Gingerich, Clerk of Courts Denise Kaminski, County Home Director Karen DeCola, and certainly all our elected Judges, Judge Fury, Burt, Stupica, Grendell, and the late Chip Henry.

I cannot forget Patty Fulop with the Airport Authority who has done so much to further our Airport.

Finally, I cannot thank enough, those who have worked directly with me in the commissioner's office which includes former Maintenance Director, George Davis, now Glen Vernick, Christy Blair, Kathy Hostutler, Heidi Delaney, Colleen Lockhart, Linda Burhenne, Katie Schaab, Debbie Ashburn, Claudine Kozenko, Sherri Davis, Diane Arp, and our prosecutor Laura LaChapelle. But most of all a great big thanks goes to David Lair, our County Administrator who shoulders all the slings and arrows of the commissioner's policy. David, you have done an exemplary job for us and wherever I go I will always remember you. Ultimately, a huge thanks to my husband Frank and my family for being there for me throughout my term.

Gauga County is the jewel of Ohio and we should all be proud. In fact, while you all have heard this many times, I repeat it again : Forbes magazine rated Geauga County as the 4th best place in the nation to raise a family, and Geauga County has been rated the healthiest in the state of Ohio. These are not small things.

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In closing, I believe the poet William Wordsworth wrote in remembering the past said it best-- as I take a slight literary license:

*“Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass,
Of glory in the flower,
I will grieve not, but rather find
Strength in what I have left behind”*

As I leave I thank all those I have mentioned in making my time as commissioner successful. It is not one person that makes the county work, but the cooperation of many. Thank you Geauga County for the honor you have bestowed on me! Thank you.

The Board posed for a few pictures. Mr. Spidalieri stated that they wish you the best of luck, health and the start of a new beginning. Congratulations.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE FINANCIALS – LACK OF QUORUM – SESSION IS CANCELLED – NEED APPROVAL – YEAR 2015

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to authorize the County Administrator the authority to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2015, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.3, and which duties shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the commissioners.

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 17, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

*Thu., 1/1 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

Tues., 1/6 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

Thu., 1/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

Fri – Sun 1/9 – 1/11 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Annual Fair Managers Conference in Columbus, Ohio

Mon., 1/12 The Commissioners' will hold the Annual Organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:57 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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