

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 3, 2015**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

*It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*The President of the Board, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 24, 2015.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 26, 2015.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Auditor's Computer Equipment Improvement fund for funding for the south network core switch upgrade to be received from the General Fund; an Appropriation transfer for additional appropriations for the Juvenile/Probate Court; an Appropriation transfer for the Department of Emergency Services to move appropriations to a newly created line item for utilities; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Computer Improvement fund for the south network core switch upgrade in the amount of \$32,000.00; Travel requests for the Department of Emergency Services, Job and Family Services, and the Public Defender's Office; a payment to Lakeland Management Systems, Incorporated for payment #6 for the County Engineer's new office building project in the amount of \$207,644.00; payment to Woolpert, Incorporated for the Auditor's portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Pictometry project fee totaling #35,460.16; a payment to Bergren Associates, Incorporated for the purchase of (16) Mission alarm systems and service agreements for the Department of Water Resources sewer plants in the amount of \$34,089.60; and payment #7 to EnviroCom Construction for contracts A and B for the Thompson Wastewater Treatment Plant project for the Department of Water Resources totaling \$544,284.45.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-026 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 3, 2015.*

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

*\*Commissioner Rear stated that he was voting no on all the line items pertaining to any Appropriations transfers for the Juvenile /Probate Court, adding that he was not in favor of those transfers.*

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPOINT DENVER SALLEE – AGING ADVISORY BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the appointment for Walter M. Claypool of Denver Sallee to the Department on Aging Advisory Board for the term February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AGREEMENT – CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE – AWARD BID TO MILLER BUILDERS LLC – CONSTRUCT SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that before them today was the agreement for the funding of the salt structure and to award the bid. Mr. Cattell stated that the bid chosen was an alternate bid submitted that came in about \$80,000.00 under the estimate, adding that it was an excellent suggestion and will enable the structure to hold an additional 1,000 tons of salt.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Engineer and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners regarding the construction and maintenance of a salt storage structure at the County Engineer's Highway Maintenance Facility.

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

Commissioner Claypool noted that the agreement is for repayment of a portion of the cost of the structure, noting that it was a great deal for the county. Mr. Cattell stated that the Engineer's office will be driving down to have the contract signed in order to have it before the Board at the meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rear inquired about the time frame for the construction, to which Mr. Cattell explained that his employees will prep the site and that the tentative start time for the foundation is on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that there is a 120 day lag on the trusses and top, so there will be a delay in the process as they wait for the fabric to arrive. Mr. Cattell stated that this will allow him to work on the summer bid from the State. There was a brief discussion about the warranty on the structure, to which it was noted that there is a fifteen year warranty on the top and fifty years on the frame. The specifications that were put out in the bid included an allowance for the snow load in this area. Mr. Rear inquired about what is budgeted for salt and how long it was expected before they would have a reserve of salt, to which it was noted that it would take about three to four years to build that reserve, and that due to salt prices, they have used about \$200,000.00 more than what had been budgeted this year. There was discussion about assisting the Townships and how they hope to work with them with purchases this year for the next winter season. Mr. Cattell thanked the Board for the assistance.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Miller Builders LLC for the Construction of a Salt Storage Structure to be located at 12665 Merritt Road, Chardon in the amount of \$485,780.00 as the alternate bid submitted represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – VOCA AND SVAA GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE – 2015-VOCA-12385741

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this grant will allow three deputies to attend the Ohio Attorney General's training in May that is earmarked for victims' advocates with additional specialized investigation training. Sheriff McClelland added that the training will end up being at no cost because this grant will be covered by the Attorney General. Sheriff McClelland noted that Robin Taylor and Jeff Powers would be two of three to attend the training.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the VOCA and SVAA Grant Award and Acceptance Form (Grant #2015-VOCA-12385741) for reimbursement of training expenses for three (3) Deputies to attend the Attorney General training conference in May, in the amount of \$1,374.98, for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Director Doug Bowen explained that this is a service contract that is put into place as standby use for excavating and landscaping services as needed.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Vinecourt Landscaping and Gas Line Service, Incorporated to perform excavating and landscaping services as needed at various locations within the Department of Water Resources for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – FOREST RIDGE LANDING SUBDIVISION – ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER LINE AND RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CAMINO CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Bowen stated that they were asking to approve the sanitary sewer line and to release the performance bond as the line is complete and the developer would like to get started with building.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and accept the Sanitary Sewer Line including all appurtenances for the Forest Ridge Landing Subdivision, as the sewer line has been constructed, tested and all required documentation and payments from the developer have been received.

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

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the release of the Performance Bond for Camino Construction for the construction of the sanitary sewer line in Forest Ridge Landing Subdivision, as the sewer line has been accepted for ownership, operation and maintenance.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CERTIFIED LIST OF GOVERNING BODY – USDA ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Mr. Bowen stated that this is done annually that states the current governing body and will be able to used with any USDA projects.

Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certified List of Governing Body for the USDA Annual Reporting Requirements.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADOPT UPDATED CONDUCT-EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that under the section of the county employee evaluation procedures covering employee dependability, there was a change made to clarify that absence under FMLA leave or illness with a doctors excuse cannot be used as a factor when rating dependability for an employee.

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and adopt the updated Conduct-Employee Performance Evaluation form in the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual to be effective March 3, 2015.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-027 Honoring Andrew John Stanonis for Achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 15-027*

*Date: March 3, 2015*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ANDREW JOHN STANONIS 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, Andrew John Stanonis is a member of Boy Scout Troop 0101, Auburn Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Andrew John Stanonis provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Andrew John Stanonis's Eagle Scout project consisted of installing a flagpole at the Auburn Community Park, which he enhanced with the placement of concrete benches and a garden.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Andrew John Stanonis for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

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

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-028 Honoring Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand for Achieving Eagle Scout the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 15-028*

*Date: March 3, 2015*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JONATHON THOMAS-OLEN WIEGAND 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, Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand is a member of Boy Scout Troop 0101, Auburn Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand's Eagle Scout project consisted of the creation and design of a USA Flag mailbox for residents to drop-off flags that need to be disposed of, which is located at the Auburn Township Administration Building. In addition Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand held a flag retirement ceremony.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Jonathon Thomas-Olen Wiegand for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT ALTERNATE FOR RALPH SPIDALIERI – NOACA  
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

*Commissioner Spidalieri explained that he wanted to address his NOACA alternate position, adding that he had no issues with Kim Laurie, adding that he feels she is dedicated to what the mission is in Geauga County, but also understands the importance of having the County Engineer on the Board. Mr. Spidalieri stated that while he does not agree with alternate areas that NOACA is involved in, he feels that Geauga County needs to fund a way to work with NOACA to accomplish the goals for Geauga County until an alternative option is found. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he would like to meet with some of the people from other Counties in NOACA to try and establish some security for Geauga County. Mr. Spidalieri stated we have responsibility to the voters and residents of this county, adding that they want a County Engineer on that Board. There was a brief discussion about a request that was sent to NOACA for having the Engineer in a rotation, to which it was noted that it was not accepted by NOACA.*

*Mr. Rear stated that he had attended the meetings on Friday, and the request from Geauga County was discussed to add the Engineer and that he was the only vote, with the in favor of this change argument being that if they allow the addition of the County Engineer then they would*

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*have to proportionately increase the seats across the other counties. Mr. Rear also noted that the Transportation Committee had previously had 34 members; it was taken down to 11, and then they tried to increase it back to 25, and it ended up with a modification to add three people for a total of 14 with a vote to be taken at the Board of Directors meeting.*

*Mr. Claypool asked for the information for the committees to be shared with the other members on the Board, since each of them sits on different committees. It was asked for Mr. Spidalieri to clarify that he was setting Mr. Cattell as the alternate for the remainder of 2015 but noting that if Mr. Cattell was unable to attend, Ms. Laurie would be set as his second alternate. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he had received many phone calls, and feels that people voiced concern over having someone as an alternate who lives in Geauga County, however he added that it should be about the person and not where they live, and that others voiced concern over Ms. Samide as an alternate, adding that the voters twice voted to remove her as a Commissioner. Mr. Claypool stated that NOACA's bylaws allow the President of the Board to choose all the committee members to sit for the Counties, adding because he has been outspoken that he is only on 1 committee and 1 subcommittee. Mr. Claypool stated that NOACA wants to raise the gas tax, by changing the State Constitution, and the citizens of the County should reach out to the Legislators and voice their concern over this change. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he wanted to make it clear, that he wanted Joe Cattell as his alternate and that if he unable to attend that Kim Laurie would be his second alternate to attend.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Rear to appoint Joe Cattell as alternate for Ralph Spidalieri on the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Boards and Committees for the remainder of 2015, with Kim Laurie designated as the second alternate.*

<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>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *Gauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from January 21, 2015 and February 10, 2015.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

- Fri., 3/6 NOACA Legislative Meet and Greet, 11:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Tue., 3/10 Tax Incentive Review Council, 8:00 a.m. Community Development*
- Tue., 3/10 Community Reinvestment Housing Council, 8:30 a.m. Community Development*
- Tue., 3/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include a Business Resource Network (BRN) Update presented by Brenda Vogley and Denise Tomazic*
- Tue., 3/10 Josh Prest, Representative from Senator Rob Portman will hold an office hour at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers*
- Tue., 3/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 3/12 Youth Leadership Government Day*
- Fri., 3/13 NOACA, Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Mon., 3/16 Family First Council, 2:00 pm. Job and Family Services*

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*Tue., 3/17 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*  
*Fri., 3/20 NOACA Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality  
12:00 p.m. Cleveland*

*Tue., 3/24 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*

*Tue., 3/24 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Thu., 3/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m.*

*Mon., 3/30 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 3/31 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD***

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the  
meeting at 9:58 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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