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January 20, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 20, 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 9:00 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 January 8, 2015.

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

**Commissioner Rear abstained because he left during the meeting due to a family emergency.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations for the Water Resources Thompson Wastewater Treatment Plant Project fund and the Sheriff's Rotary fund for task force vehicle replacements; Travel requests for the Office of Community and Economic Development, Engineer's Office, Job and Family Services, and the Department of Water Resources; a payment to New World Systems Corporation for the annual software maintenance agreement in the amount of \$107,743.00; a payment to Ravenwood Center for the 1st Quarter 2015 funding for the Youth Center in the amount of \$104,105.01; a payment to Building Technicians for pay request #2 for the Board of Developmental Disabilities roof replacement project in the amount of \$216,528.00, and a payment to McPhillips Plumbing and Heating for the HVAC relocation project for the Board of Developmental Disabilities Admin building roof replacement project in the amount of \$24,240.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-005 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 20, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – FRANK PERTZ

Director Jessica Boalt explained that Mr. Pertz started this morning and would like to include him on the use of the gas credit cards.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form (Personnel Policy 7.11 form – ORC 301.27 to include Frank Pertz on the BP, Giant Eagle Fleet Services, and Western Reserve Farm Cooperative cards with a per month amount of \$2,000.00.

<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>

AGING ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Boalt explained that she had met with Mr. Claypool and that they have gone over the by-laws for the advisory board, noting that the board has a membership appointment committee and appoints their own members. The advisory board has no financial control and that any money that is spent is brought before the Commissioners for approval. Ms. Boalt stated that each of the

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Commissioners has a seat and have the option of appointing someone to sit on their behalf. It was clarified that the board is as such, an advisory board, that they do not have any governing abilities, they cannot set policy, programs or anything dealing with pay, and that the board is selected by committee. Ms. Boalt stated that the membership is between 15 – 17, stating that it is no less than 11 and no greater than 25, due to having trouble reaching a quorum to hold a meeting. Ms. Boalt noted that they must be a resident or work in Geauga County and that 60% of the membership must be age 60 and over. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – APPOINT MARTIN MILLER

Commissioner Claypool stated that he had spoken with Mr. Miller and that he was ok with moving forward to appoint him to the Board. Commissioner Spidalieri added that he had also spoken with Mr. Miller over the weekend.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Martin Miller to the Developmental Disabilities Board to fill the unexpired term of Erwin Kuhns through December 31, 2016.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING #1 – 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Director Anita Stocker explained that anytime they apply for this grant they are required to hold two public hearings, the first is for any available programs that the County may apply for, and then the second is for any specific program that we would want to apply.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #1 for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) available programs to be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on January 22, 2015 and on the county website.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS – ZESTIVE, INCORPORATED – REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN – WORKING CAPITAL

Ms. Stocker explained that they were asking to execute the legal binding documents for Zestive, Incorporated, which is the new division of D'Marie. Ms. Stocker stated that the loan is \$45,000.00 and is for working capital for three years at five percent. Ms. Stocker stated that they are working out of the Knowles Industrial building and hope to eventually purchase a building. There was a brief discussion regarding D'Marie selling gourmet gift baskets and that Zestive will be more of a direct sales operation, for in home sales that will supply D'Marie the products for the baskets.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the legal binding documents for the Revolving Loan Fund (LRLF) loan to Zestive, Incorporated for working capital at 16758 West Park Circle Drive, Bainbridge Township, in the amount of \$45,000.00 for three (3) years (36 months) at 5.0% interest, including: Loan Servicing Letter, Participation Agreement, Mortgage, Promissory Note, Guaranty of Zestive, Incorporated and Guaranty of D'Marie, Incorporated.

<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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Mr. Claypool expressed that he had held a conversation with Ms. Stocker regarding grants coming into Geauga County, the strings, and how they may bring in other consequences. Mr. Claypool stated that because we have Ms. Stocker she filters the impacts of grants before applying and accepting them.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – 2014 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

County Engineer Joe Cattell and Construction Manager Pete Seliskar explained that there have been a few adjustments from the previous year. Mr. Seliskar stated that most of the roads were measured back in the 1950's and when there is a discrepancy they re-measure them. Mr. Seliskar stated that the roads were started on the wrong end; Aquilla Village was never taken out of Aquilla Road and that it ends up being a 6/10 deduction from last year. Mr. Cattell stated that generally it's the Townships that are adjusted when a subdivision road is added. Commissioner Rear inquired how it is measured, to which it was stated that they use a DMI instrument and that it is driven mileage, not a horizontal measurement.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation 2014 County Highway System Mileage Certification for 235.674 miles.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLD STATE ROAD, CHAGRIN ROAD AND RAVENNA ROAD – EXECUTE TITLE SHEETS

Mr. Cattell stated that this is the next step in the process, that hearings were held to discuss the plans for resurfacing. Mr. Cattell added that traffic will be maintained. Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar added that the final bid dates will be set and provided at a later time, once it has been approved through the ODOT process.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-006 to Order the Improvement of Old State Road (CH 6 Sections B-H) in Middlefield and Parkman Townships.

This resolution further requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the specifications for the same.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 20, 2015

Resolution: #15-006

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS B - H
OF OLD STATE ROAD (CH 6) IN MIDDLEFIELD AND PARKMAN TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 11-148 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Old State Road from Nash Road (SR 88) to Madison Road (SR 528) in Middlefield and Parkman Townships by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges, culverts, and guardrail as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvement of Sections B – H of Old State Road; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvement of Old State Road is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

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WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Middlefield and Parkman Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 #15-007 to Order the Improvement of Chagrin Road (CH 9 Sections C-E) in Bainbridge Township.

This resolution further requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the specifications for the same.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 20, 2015

Resolution: #15-007

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS C - E
OF CHAGRIN ROAD (CH 9) IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 11-147 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Chagrin Road from Catsden Road (TR 189) to Chilicothe Road (SR 306) in Bainbridge Township by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges, culverts, and guardrail as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvement of Sections C –E of Chagrin Road; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvement of Chagrin Road is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 #15-008 to Order the Improvement of Ravenna Road (CH 601 Sections A-D) in Chardon Township.

This resolution further requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet for the specifications for the same.

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Date: January 20, 2015

Resolution: #15-008

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS A -D
OF RAVENNA ROAD (CH 601) IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 11-143 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Ravenna Road from Chardon City line to Lake County line in Chardon Township by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges, culverts, and guardrail as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvement of Sections A – D of Ravenna Road; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvement of Ravenna Road is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chardon Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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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TRANSIT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND CLAIM FOR TRANSIT BUSES

Mr. Lair explained that this is the quarterly application for refund of Ohio motor fuel tax. It was explained that the fuel is purchased in bulk and delivered to Transit, the vendor is paid the tax and then we apply for refund on that tax.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$2,486.43.

<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 – DISTRIBUTION OF BALANCE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND TO WOMENSAFE

Mr. Lair stated that WomenSafe applies every year for the balance in the domestic violence fund, adding that by law the funds have to be distributed to an agency that assist with people in this situation.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to request the County Auditor to distribute the balance in the Domestic Violence Fund (2070) to WomenSafe, the local agency designated by the Commissioners to receive such monies. This allocation is to be paid pursuant to Section 3113.34 of the O.R.C. for the 2014 year, in the amount of \$14,699.00.

<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>

LIQUOR LICENSE – PARADISE PUB AND EATERY LLC – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to concur with Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Paradise Pub and Eatery LLC located at 10655 Kinsman Road, Newbury (C TRFO 6695472).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2015

It was noted that the President and Alternate are those chosen to vote.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-009 to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of Voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2015.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 20, 2015
Resolution: #15-009

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2015

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

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WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Walter M. Claypool, President is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ralph Spidalieri, Vice President is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Geauga County.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board Appointments

Mr. Claypool stated that each of the Board had a copy of a document put together by the Clerk regarding the Board Appointments that need to be made. That document shows a list of the members on those Boards and what is being asked. The Aging Advisory Board and the Board of Developmental Disabilities have been discussed and handled. It was noted that the following boards still need appointments – Planning Commission, Law Library, Family Services Planning Committee, Fair Housing, NOC COG Area 19 WIB, and the Western Reserve RC & D. Mr. Claypool stated that the Planning Commission should be the priority. Brief discussion took place on how reviewing the resumes and applications and scheduling interviews or phone calls with these individuals should be handled. It was noted that Boards that are of greater importance should have actual interviews while some with just individual phone conversations could be done. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about how notices regarding these vacant positions being available is handled, to which it was noted that the Planning Commission had placed an ad. Commissioner Rear stated that if it is our responsibility to appoint these people then we need to put an advertisement out. Mr. Claypool asked Mr. Lair to find out what had been done for public notice on these positions and put together an advertisement from our office and next meeting we come up with a plan to push this forward. There was discussion about the timeline for some of these boards and the positions that became vacant at the end of the year and when those boards meet and the immediate need to have those positions filled. Mr. Claypool asked Mr. Lair to put together a timeline for the appointments.

Postage Cost – Communication Plan

Mr. Spidalieri stated that he had been looking at postage costs and expressed a concern about reaching the residents, with the idea of putting together a newsletter and sending that out by working with another department when other notices are sent out, as a way to consolidate and maximize on the postage. Mr. Lair added that you would need to find an agency that has the widest distribution, giving examples of the agencies that send items only reaching a certain group of residents, using the dog warden and dog tags as an example of only reaching those that own dogs. Ideas were brought up about doing it as an insert in the newspaper, but that again being a limited number. Mr. Spidalieri stated that it wouldn't be done monthly due to cost, but with a saturation rate of \$0.17 for 35,000 households it would cost around \$6,000.00 a mailing but it would be a way to reach the uninformed residents that really don't know what is going on. Mr. Claypool stated that one of the things being worked on is utilizing the Commissioner's webpage more, with access to the page to keep it more up to date adding that the more it is utilized and you direct people to it then they will know to get into the habit of checking it for information. There was discussion on the need for obtaining an email address for distribution, and that while we don't want to send things daily because people don't have the time and will get overwhelmed. It was brought up about the idea of creating a Facebook page if it is legal and that the office needs to move forward more electronically if possible. Mr. Claypool stated that this is a great way to start about a communication plan with ways to reach the people in the County. Mr. Rear expressed that those people that are informed now are the same people who will stay informed, but that there are a lot of people who will stay uninformed and that don't have a care to know unless it's something that happens to them and then they ask, why they

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weren't informed. There was discussion about people that are unable to attend due to work, but that now there are more people attending the actual meetings, and with the video link they are able to go to the website and view the meeting. It was suggested to set up a work session to lay out a plan and discuss all the options and limitations in order to move forward. Mr. Rear expressed that the original concern was regarding postage costs and that if you are going to send out notifications or newsletters that unless it's a direct mail item that it could be considered 'junk mail' and it won't be read. Mr. Lair suggested having a conversation with the Townships. Local resident Esther Lasko expressed that the County has a good website and uses it often, but Facebook is not something that she uses or will ever use, and that if you direct people to the website and include the information you are talking about, people will go back there. Mr. Claypool expressed that we need to try things and if something will work or not, adding that a younger age group use Facebook.

NOACA

Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to place a resolution on the table to have the three Commissioners and the County Engineer to the NOACA Board, with a minimum standard being the three Commissioners and the County Engineer regardless of population. Geauga County is at a disadvantage and will be outvoted because Cleveland has 21 votes. Mr. Claypool expressed that Geauga County should not have to give up the vote of a Commissioner to the County Engineer who is the most important person that should be there when it comes to the roads. Mr. Rear expressed that things were voted about this topic over a year ago, and that he would agree to vote for this and in asking NOACA to do this, but that he wants the Resolution read. Mr. Claypool expressed that in addition to the resolution we need to reach out to our State Representative and Senators who have influence with ODOT and the District Manager from ODOT who agrees with Geauga County, along with support of at least one Commissioner from Medina County that are in support of the resolution. Mr. Claypool expressed that it's more important to gain a vote then to give up a vote to the Engineer. Mr. Rear expressed that Mr. Claypool has had a contentious relationship with this group since the beginning and was given the go ahead as long as we get the money for the County and the roads. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he does not see a point in sending this, adding that each of us get to choose our alternate and that each of us want representation by our person and it is unfortunate that the County Engineer is not there. Mr. Spidalieri stated that we belong to get the funding for our roads, Geauga County is the minority and at the end of the day all this is, is lip service that NOACA is set in their ways and way of doing things. Mr. Claypool stated that we are at a disadvantage, and expressed that NOACA claims to be about roads and bridges and that the strategic plan is to be discussed at their meeting on Friday and if you look at that plan, it is about more than roads and bridges. Mr. Spidalieri stated that if last year the President of the Board sat on our Board and could not get this through, asked what do you think has changed that will get this through this year. Mr. Claypool stated that the Board member referenced rubberstamped what NOACA wanted to do and feels that there is a change in feeling with the current Board. Discussion took place regarding what you need to have in terms of relationships in order to be put in as President of the Board. Mr. Claypool stated that he is persistent and never gives up and will go down fighting, because he will not give up. Audience members expressed that it is good to initiate a conversation about how NOACA is structured and run it like a democracy based upon population, and that it is not the best way to do it, it needs to be run like a republic. Mr. Rear asked that audience member to identify herself so that those watching know who she is and her interest in the Geauga County issue. That audience member stated that she was Kim Laurie and that she is Ralph Spidalieri's Alternate for NOACA and that she is a resident of Willoughby. Another local resident of Geauga County Elsie Tarsey stated that she echos what Ms. Laurie stated, expressing that she feels that Geauga County has no real power on NOACA, and that the County should be equally represented and if not then we should be with another MPO. Mr. Rear added that the challenge given to Mr. Claypool was to find an alternative way to get our funding and we will get out of NOACA, or it will have to go to the voters to pay taxes to cover the millions of dollars to fix our roads and bridges. Mr. Claypool expressed that there is no guarantee of funding coming out of NOACA, that those funds are being spent on wasted projects and then they complain that there are no funds and then there is less to go around. Mr. Rear stated that he had spoken with Ms. Gallucci at NOACA last week and she questioned him on whether or not Geauga County wanted to leave and if we did that they would let us go.

Mr. Claypool read the following resolution:

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #15-010

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners understands the importance of federal aid transportation funding to help fund the Highway and Transit departments for the County; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the controlling Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for federal aid funding available to Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County is a member of NOACA and has representatives to help make regional transportation funding decisions within the framework of NOACA; and

WHEREAS, it is noted that each of the other four counties in the NOACA MPO is represented on the NOACA Governing Board by all three elected County Commissioners and the elected County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, while recognizing the existing population basis for apportionment of members amongst the NOACA region but contending that membership of each county should in all cases include the full executive branch as well as the elected official directly responsible for construction and maintenance of county roads and oversight of construction of township roads, it is the position of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that each NOACA member county is entitled to a minimum representation of at least the three County Commissioners and the County Engineer; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that NOACA amend its Code of Regulations 4.2 to reflect a revised board total of 45, increasing the Geauga County membership as specified in section 4.2 (e) to the minimum level of four, namely the three county commissioners and the county engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners shall hereafter transmit a certified copy of this resolution to NOACA.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-010 requesting NOACA amend its Code of Regulations to reflect a revised board total of 45, increasing the Geauga County membership to a minimum level of four, naming the three County Commissioners and the County Engineer.

<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>

When the resolution was read it was noted that there was a mistake and that Mr. Claypool's name was wrong. Corrected resolutions were printed and the Board then executed them.

Chagrin River Watershed Partners Membership

Mr. Claypool stated that the Geauga County has been a member and asked whether we want to continue to pay our dues membership and continue to belong. Mr. Rear stated that he didn't know what they actually do for Geauga County but one way to find out is to not pay the membership. Mr. Claypool added that he disagreed with a project that they completed in Chesterland to move water. It was agreed to obtain the exact cost of the dues and offer and opportunity for anyone to give feedback regarding the organization and then decide whether they want to continue to belong.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 7, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- b) *The Annual Statement of Unpaid Fees for the calendar year 2013 filed by the Sheriff's Office of an accurate account of all fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances and prerequisites that have remained unpaid for more than one year pursuant to ORC 325.31.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 1/22 Geauga County Township Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parkman Congregational Church

Fri., 1/23 NOACA, Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Cleveland

Mon., 1/26 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m., Job and Family Services

Tues., 1/27 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Thu., 1/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., 1/30 NOACA – Subcommittee meetings, Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Cleveland

HISTORICAL VIEW – RESIDENT/ VETERAN

Local resident Robert Lasko is a Veteran from both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, presented the Board with the following that Mr. Claypool read part of the document as follows:

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communists Rules for Revolution". Nearly 50 years later, the Reds are still following the rules. As you read the first, stop after each item and think about the present day situation where you live – and all around our nation.

- Corrupt the young: get them away from religion.*
- Get control of all means of publicity*
- Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance*
- By encouraging government extravagances, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent*
- Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless*

Mr. Claypool expressed that Government sometimes use bad means in order to accomplish their ends. Mr. Lasko stated that he is a historian of World War II Veterans and their stories. Mr. Lasko stated that he has "ears of 75" and remembers Pearl Harbor and has been a 'sponge' of all the stories of World War II Veterans, Prisoners of War and such and while there is a meeting tomorrow evening regarding a questionnaire being given to students and it brought back a story related by a former German Hitler Youth Group person that lives in this County, that the Nazis passed out a questionnaire to the schools: Does your mother bake? What do you like Kugen, Candy? What meat do you like to eat - Pork? Pheasant? Does your father hunt? What game does he like to shoot? What kind of gun does he use to shoot the game? Where does he keep the gun, in a safe place? Who in your family speaks against our beloved Fuhrer, who is this person? And it went on and within the next two days, the houses were raided by the secret police, the fathers were hauled away and the guns were taken, the children cried why did this happen, they betrayed their family through one of these questionnaires and that this is what he sees when he read the one going to the schools and without parents knowing what is in there, it's communist and Nazism at its worst, and its right here knocking on our doors and we need to stop it.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.*

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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