

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 18, 2014**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

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

*The President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 13, 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Intensive Supervision Probation fund for additional funding to be received for the Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Program; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2014 funding for the County Home; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court and the Department of Job and Family Services; and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Bed Tax disbursements to the City of Chardon, Burton Village, Russell Township and the Geauga Tourism Council.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-045 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 18, 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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

*Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis stated this was the final performance report for the B-F-12 Grant. Ms. Belconis explained that this is required for the State showing what funds were spent and where. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that the projects included the County Home renovations, Maple Leaf generators, and the Huntsburg Gymnasium, noting that the Chardon demolition had been eliminated.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Final Performance Report for Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1 for the period September 1, 2012 through February 28, 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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that this was to award the contract bid for the pavement markings, noting that every year we do striping on roughly half of the roads. Mr. Cattell noted that the estimate for the project was \$185,000.00 and the lowest bid came in over \$162,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to award the Bid to Oglesby Construction, Incorporated for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads, Geauga County, Year 2014 in the amount of*

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*\$162,279.75 as they 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 Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Rear	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – KARVO PAVING COMPANY – ASPHALT RESURFACE MUMFORD ROAD

*Mr. Cattell stated that this is the south end from Patch Road south, with an estimate of \$700,000.00 and came in at just over \$612,000.00. Mr. Cattell added that the asphalt prices appear to be aggressive again this year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to award the Bid to Karvo Paving Company for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Mumford Road (CH 24, Sections E – H) in Troy Township in the amount of \$612,833.00 as they 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 Samide	Abstain
	Commissioner Rear	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – ECLIPSE COMPANY, LLC – IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION OF MUNN ROAD AND TAYLOR MAY ROAD

*Mr. Cattell explained that over the years there have been several severe accidents and this project will be improving the sight distance and some additional improvements that should help. Mr. Cattell noted that the estimate was \$200,000.00 and the lowest bid came in at \$216,000.00 which gives the impression that reconstruction projects will have higher numbers than what was expected.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to award the Bid to Eclipse Company, LLC for the Improvement of the Intersection of Munn Road (CH 32) and Taylor May Road (TR 186) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$216,028.91 as they 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 Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Rear	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

*There was a brief discussion on the cost of asphalt prices being similar to last years in relation to the cost of fuel. Commissioner Rear inquired about the length of Mumford Road which Mr. Cattell stated that it was 3.37 miles that includes both sides and the shoulder.*

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AMENDMENT TO PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN

*Executive Director Tim Taylor explained that it is not always that our philosophy and principals that drive what we do with children's services align with economic needs and strategies, but this situation allows for them to be aligned and they would therefore like to amend the Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan to use Federal funds to provide services to families in hopes to keep children in the home with support, or if need be, to provide support to a relative rather than placement in foster care. Gina Schultz expressed that Job and Family Services wants to serve families the best way we can by keeping families together. Ms. Schultz stated that while we have best practices to follow often the budget becomes a concern. Ms. Schultz explained that some of the items that they would like to include with this amendment include counseling services by helping cover co-pays or if the insurance doesn't cover the service, along with kinship family placement which has more success rates, but often there are obstacles that come up that we can assist with to help with the transition. Mr. Taylor stated that currently these services can be provided with Levy funds but they can also use Federal TANF funds which would allow the levy dollars to stretch farther and keep smaller amounts on the tax bills. Mr. Taylor explained this plan is one of the few tools that Geauga has that can help people keep or get jobs, along with helping keep children in their homes. This plan is income based plan and has limits on who*

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*can be served and how much can be used. Mr. Taylor noted that the Family Services Planning Committee reviewed this last November and made a recommendation. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the amount of funds received to which Mr. Taylor explained that the TANF allocation is just short of a million dollars, about \$960,000.00 for the year of which this is used primarily through family assistance and income maintenance but can also be used on the child welfare side. There was a discussion about whether or not the funding could be used to assist with tuition for a private school, citing the example of a child having trouble at a public school and the family wanting to place the child in a private school, which it was noted that it would have to have special circumstances. Mr. Spidalieri explained that he had several parents approach him about assistance and if that is not the case what other options might be available. Mr. Taylor explained that it can be looked at, noting several programs that are available to help prevent problems that face children as they age. Mr. Taylor expressed that there are often options available, such as Incredible Years, Help Me Grow, and the DECCA program that can be critical to give families and parents resources and support.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Family Services Planning Committee and amend the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan to add Family Stability and Child Welfare Services to be effective April 1, 2014. This amendment will include Family Counseling, Vocational and Educational Counseling, Independent Living Skills, Wrap-around Programs, Family Preservation and Reunification Services, Respite Care, Case Management Services and Child Welfare Contingency Benefits for parents with minor children, specified relatives and /or kinship families with minor children. Specified families with household income at or below 200% may be eligible. Services capped at \$2,000.00 per twelve (12) month period, with contingency benefits capped at \$1,000.00 per twelve (12) month period.*

<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>

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – HEAP PROGRAM**

*Mr. Taylor explained that he wanted to respond to the concern presented to the Board last week by a local resident in regards to the service that had been received. Mr. Taylor presented the Board with a timeline of events relating to the concern that showed when the client had originally contacted Job and Family Services, the second contact and the events following as they relate to how the service was provided. Mr. Taylor explained that the HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) comes with guidelines and requirements that need to be followed to have the funds used. Mr. Taylor stated that in this instance there were some unusual paperwork issues with the client's vendor not being registered and caused the need for another vendor to be used and additional paperwork that needed to be completed, which in turn caused a delay in the delivery. Mr. Taylor stated that over 500 applications had been processed, noting that each application is handled on a case by case basis due to the heat sources that are used and the different requirements for each fuel source. Commissioner Samide expressed that while she understood the process she felt that no one should go without heat all weekend. Mr. Taylor agreed, explaining that questions are asked to clients about if they have family, a friend or a neighbor that they could stay with and if not there are resources that could then be used to place the client in a hotel for up to 3 days. Discussion was held about the different situations that would cause a client to be placed in emergency shelter or if they refuse to accept that option, along with the volume of cases that have been handled and if an additional staff member would be needed to be cross-trained to help or if additional staff was needed to be hired. It was noted that this year has been a hard and unusual winter and if the process for handling the applications needed to be re-looked at and streamlined to assist with the caseload. There was a brief discussion about a process of having vendors on standby that could be used in emergency situations to assist clients on short notice so that this doesn't happen in the future that ultimately could cause additional problems at the residence if there is no heat. County Administrator David Lair added that this program is usually handled by another agency in other counties and years back it was decided that the program here in our county would be handled through Job and Family Services. Mr. Taylor added that the employees that their jobs seriously and do a good job with the workload that they handle.*

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LIQUOR LICENSE – 7 ELEVEN INCORPORATED D.B.A. 7 ELEVEN

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to concur with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by 7 Eleven Incorporated d.b.a. 7 Eleven 36218 located at 17644 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls (C STCK 8003607-0030).*

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR CONTRACT FOR 2014

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Great Geauga County Fair Contract for 2014, running August 28 through September 1, 2014.*

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

*The Board is exploring options of having a review of the Transit department done and is looking at several companies that offer these types of service.*

CLEMANS, NELSON AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

*Michael Esposito and Andrew (Drew) Esposito from Clemans, Nelson and Associates, Incorporated who do Services for Public Sector Employers – Consultants to Management came before the Board to talk about the services they provide. It was noted that a proposal would be submitted to the Board for their consideration.*

RECESSED

*The Board recessed the meeting at 11:34 a.m. due to a scheduled meeting with the State Auditor.*

RECONVENED

*The Board reconvened the meeting at 12:23 p.m.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation and employment of public employees.*

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

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 1:55 p.m., Ms. Samide left during Executive Session.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 12, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending February, 2014.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

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MEETINGS

*Tue., 3/18 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 9:45 a.m. Chambers*

*Mon., 3/24 Board of Revision has been cancelled.*

*Tue., 3/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Wed., 3/26 Munson Township Trustees special meeting, 6:30 p.m.*

*Thu., 3/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

*Tue., 4/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
REAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1:56 P.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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