

Commissioners' Journal
April 24, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.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 6:30 p.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Samide was absent from today's meeting.*

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on the financials from April 24, 2014, Resolution #14-059, a Supplemental Appropriation for the Department of Job and Family Services travel line item to appropriate for additional ODJFS Conference attendees, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 16, 2014 to authorize the County Administrator 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 Year 2014, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SHEILA COE – PART-TIME ATTENDANT

Director Karen DeCola explained that Ms. Coe had previously been full-time, went to part-time and is now asking to resign.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Sheila Coe, Part-time Attendant to be effective April 24, 2014.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT COUNTY FINANCES – MARCH 2014

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of March, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of March, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – LNC OIL INCORPORATED D.B.A. MARATHON MINI MART

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 LNC Oil Incorporated d.b.a. Marathon Mini Mart located at 12418 Kinsman Road, Newbury (C TRFO 5245150).

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

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OTHER – MENTAL HEALTH

Commissioner Spidalieri presented the following motions:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to request the Geauga County Prosecutor to give the Board of Commissioners a legal opinion and procedural advice to move forward in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 340.02 in the removal of the members of the Board of Mental Health.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to request an opinion from the Geauga County Prosecutor as to whether the Board of Developmental Disabilities can assume the role and responsibilities of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health.

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

Commissioner Spidalieri requested a review by the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office to take action to rescind all appropriations towards the Mental Health Board that is funded by the General Fund. In addition to the review, he asked that the funds be directed to another agency that will oversee the use of the funds in a fiscally responsible manner so that services that those funds support are not affected in any way. The funds will be re-allocated to the Mental Health Department when there is a new CEO and Board in place to responsibly handle the spending of these funds, unlike the current CEO, Jim Adams and current Board of Mental Health. Mr. Spidalieri requested to table a vote on the above request until April 29, 2014 or later in order to give the Prosecutor ample time to review this matter and have the availability of all three Commissioners' to vote on and discuss this issue.

Mr. Spidalieri stated that the last thing he wants to do is hurt the residents of this County that rely on these services from Mental Health. While we have seen from past performance that they cannot fiscally manage the funds within the organization with the outrageous salary increases, and the display of the position from the meeting that was held the prior evening that they feel nothing had been done wrong. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern that those who need these services are going to be affected and suffer the consequences of irresponsible spending. General Fund dollars need to be forwarded to another department that has shown fiscal responsibility and he asked the Prosecutor to give guidance. Mr. Lair noted that years back it had been decided that the funds through the General Fund transfer to pay for the oversight of the operation of the Youth Center by Ravenwood would go through Mental Health, but he added that he feels that those funds could originate from somewhere else and to go Ravenwood. Commissioner Rear inquired if there was another department, to which Mr. Spidalieri stated he had thought of Juvenile Court, and Mr. Lair added it used to be the Juvenile Court employees who were there and funded it and then the changeover to Ravenwood management happened and then the funding went through Mental Health. Mr. Lair added that an option it would be to have those funds go through the Commissioner's office directly to Ravenwood. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the day had been incredible in the amount of phone calls and visits that he received from the County and the community that is sickened and in disbelief of what was happening, thanking him for bringing the exposure and that they want to see some kind of action, and expressed that there needs to be a changeover in that department and that those funds need to be handled by someone else.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to table a vote on the above request until April 29, 2014 or later in order to give the Prosecutor ample time to review this matter and have the availability of all three Commissioners to vote on and discuss this issue.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending March, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 4/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

*Tue., 5/6 **The Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled.***

Wed., 5/7 NOC COG meeting, 1:30 p.m. 470 Center Street, Chardon - Building #8

Thu 5/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session during which a Public Hearing will be held beginning at 10:05 a.m. for the Proposed Issuance by the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority of a Variable Rate Demand Revenue Tax-Exempt Loan (National Jewish Federation Bond Program) Series I-2

Thu., 5/8 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 44th Annual Salute to Business and Industry, 5:30 p.m. at St. Denis Party Center

Fri., 5/9 NOACA – Policy at 9:30 a.m., Planning and Programming at 11:00 a.m., Cleveland

Mon., 5/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

It was noted that this Board of Revision will take all day.

Tue., 5/13 The Commissioners' will hold regular session

Tue., 5/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER REAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:48 P.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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OTHER – GEAUGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

After the Board had adjourned the meeting, Attorney Todd Petersen on behalf of the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA) stood up and wanted to address any concerns or questions that were a result of the previous evening meeting held by the Commissioners in March. Mr. Petersen invited anyone to attend their meetings, adding that they are open to the public and a schedule is posted on their website along with information about the agency. Mr. Petersen offered anyone to contact him at this office at 440-279-4480 if they had any questions.

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