

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 19, 2017**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 19, 2017 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, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the work session of August 23, 2017.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 31, 2017.*

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

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from these meetings.*

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Lair reported on the items approved September 13, 2017 by the County Administrator, that included for the Office of Community and Economic Development the approval and execution of the State of Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects form in regards to the Community Development Block Grant Program Income for the Third Dimension project in the amount of \$100,000.00, authorized by Resolution #17-006 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 9, 2017 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund to the Sheriff's Office to return appropriations for reimbursements received for ICE transports; Supplemental appropriations for Job and Family Services, Emergency Services Fund for HEAP and Community Block grant expenses; Supplemental Appropriations for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund for Hospitalization and a Supplemental Appropriation for the Sheriff's 911 fund for contract services; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Job and Family Services Public Assistance Fund for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter SFY18 Mandated Share; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the 800 Communications Fund for a portion of 2017 funding; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court, Court Technology, the Recorder's Office and Job and Family Services; a Contract with Hershberger Roofing and Siding for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$10,279.00 for the Infirmary Creek Lab; Contracts with Process Control Services for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$14,000.00 and \$29,080.00 for a new control panel and for programming services; a payment to Total Comfort Heating and Air for the Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$35,000.00 for an HVAC removal and installation; a payment to Glaus Pyle Schomer for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$18,549.50 for the Troy Oaks Project; a payment to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the Commissioners' Office in the amount of \$44,150.00 for the Jail Treatment Program; and a payment to Southeastern Equipment for the County Engineer's Office in the amount of \$33,286.40 for an Alamo Mower.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-106 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 19, 2017.

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERTS – MULBERRY ROAD, CHESTER TOWNSHIP, CAVES ROAD, CHESTER TOWNSHIP AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD, RUSSELL TOWNSHIP*

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to approve and accept the Easements for Drainage Improvements for guardrail removal and culvert improvements.*

*Commissioner Claypool inquired if these were permanent. Haupt briefly explained what portion the Commissioners own, the changes in old versus new subdivisions. Mr. Haupt stated that these easements are over private property. We are going outside of the right of way in order to make improvements for the traveling public.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Frank Stanonik (Parcel #11-328100) for drainage improvements to culvert (CUL-0039-01.280) on Mulberry Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$200.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Samuel Parker and Sheila D. Parker (Parcel #11-140925) for drainage improvements to culvert (CUL-0030-05.268) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$877.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Susan B. Reese (Parcel #11-121400) for drainage improvements to culvert (CUL-0030-05.268) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$924.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and William R. Lentz (Parcel #26-174000) for drainage improvements to culvert (CUL-0016-01.770) on Fairmount Road in Russell Township in the amount of \$509.00.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Peter V. Rogers (Parcel #26-154100) for drainage

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*improvements to culvert (CUL-0016-01.770) on Fairmount Road in Russell Township in the amount of \$304.00.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – AERO-MARK, INCORPORATED – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2017**

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to approve the final change order for the annual pavement marking project. This does include an increase for the additional center and edge lines.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, increasing the Contract with Aero-Mark, Incorporated for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various County Roads, Year 2017 in the amount of \$9,758.20.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT – VIDEO CAMERA REPLACEMENT**

*Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked the Board to execute the quarterly subgrant report for the video camera replacements. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that this closes out the grant for the first five (5) replacements so we can obtain our reimbursement.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report, Grant #2011-JG-A02-V6468 for Video Camera Replacement for the period July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$27,978.67 (\$20,984.00 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, \$6,994.67 local match from the Geauga County General Fund).*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE HIRING DEANA CATUCCI – FULL-TIME INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANT (#1017)**

*Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Catucci for the position of Information and Referral Assistant. Ms. Catucci has experience as a supervisor and a strong customer service background.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve hiring Deana Catucci to the position of Full-time Information and Referral Assistant (#1017) to be effective October 2, 2017 at the rate of \$12.78 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION FOR 2018-2019 TITLE IIIB AND TITLE IIIE TRANSPORTATION AND EVIDENCE BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

*Ms. Boalt asked the Board to approve the applications to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for just over \$300,000.00 for Title IIIE and Title IIIB for transportation services and evidence based prevention that includes chronic disease management, diabetes self-management and matter of balance programs.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute all documents included in the Grant Proposal Application for 2018-2019 Title IIIB and IIIE for Transportation and Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

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

*DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTIONS HONORING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, ROSE MOTLEY SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR, SENIOR SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR*

*Ms. Boalt asked the Board to approve the resolutions for awards that will be presented at the Annual Meeting, that includes Senior Citizen of the Year, Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year, Senior Supporter of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Home Delivered Meals Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Boalt gave a brief overview of each person receiving a resolution.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-107 Honoring Nancy Battenfield as the 2017 Geauga County Senior Citizen of the Year.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* #17-107  
*Date:* September 19, 2017

**RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY BATTENFIELD AS THE 2017  
GEAUGA COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN OF YEAR**

*WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to declare Nancy Battenfield as the Geauga County Senior Citizen of the Year for 2017 for her accomplishments and her years of service to our community. By the decision of her peers, Nancy Battenfield has been chosen to be honored at the Geauga County Department on Aging's Annual meeting and by Resolution from this Board; and*

*WHEREAS, Nancy Battenfield grew up and lived with her family in East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights, where she graduated from Shaw High School. After graduation Nancy Battenfield worked for the Veterans Administration, then became a dance instructor at the Arthur Murray's University Heights studio where she met her future husband Bill in 1958 and they moved to Chesterland in 1964; and*

*WHEREAS, Nancy Battenfield is an active member at the St. Anselm Catholic Church where she has served as a Parishioner, is active in the Women's Guild, the Christmas Boutique and has assisted with the Wine and Cheese Festival and Memorial Buffet committees. Nancy Battenfield has planned more than 168 trips all over the Country as a member of the St. Anselm's Young of Heart; and*

*WHEREAS, Nancy Battenfield has been an usher for twenty-five years at the old Front Row Theater and Playhouse Square Center where she has volunteered more than 3,000 hours while getting to enjoy all the different shows; and*

*WHEREAS, Nancy Battenfield has volunteered her time for over fifteen years at the Chardon Senior Center by typing and proofreading the Senior News; and*

*WHEREAS, Nancy Battenfield and her husband Bill have two adopted children David and Mary, enjoys her two grandsons, Geoffrey and Maxwell, and plans to continue doing the things she loves for as long as she's able; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Nancy Battenfield for her dedication and service to Geauga County and the Department on Aging, and declare that she be named the Geauga County Senior Citizen of the Year for 2017; and*

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*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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-108 Honoring William O'Donnell as the 2017 Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #17-108*  
*Date: September 19, 2017*

*A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM O'DONNELL  
AS THE 2017 ROSE MOTLEY SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR*

*WHEREAS, Named for Rose Motley, the Senior Advocate of the Year award is given to the person who most shares the first recipient's invaluable contributions, lifetime commitment and advocacy for older persons. The Geauga County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to declare William O'Donnell, as the Geauga County 2017 Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year for his accomplishments, whose guidance, work and volunteer efforts have helped support positive aging, maintained dignity and respect for all senior citizens and has served as a guardian of the rights of older Americans. William O'Donnell has been chosen to be honored at the Department on Aging's Annual meeting and by Resolution from this Board; and*

*WHEREAS, William O'Donnell served his country in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserves from 1960 through retirement in 1992 when he started his own remodeling and construction businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, William O' Donnell began volunteering in 1993 with then Geauga Habitat for Humanity and continues now with Lake Geauga Habitat for Humanity serving as Construction Supervisor for new and remodeled homes in Geauga County. In 2012 he started a local program known as OUTREACH that provides assistance to Seniors and Veterans with housing needs. Through early 2017 the program has assisted 45 Veterans and Seniors with home needs. The OUTREACH program partners with the Geauga County Veterans Service Commission, the Burton-Middlefield Rotary Club and Chardon Home Depot with raising funds and assisting with projects; and;*

*WHEREAS, William O' Donnell has volunteered his time at his church on various committees for forty years, served over twenty years delivering for Geauga Meals on Wheels, served on the Department on Aging Advisory Board, has been a member and President of Habitat for Humanity, served as Post Adjutant for the Chagrin Falls VFW Post #12067, and been Chairman of the Chagrin Falls Schools Facilities Study Committee; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners declares William O'Donnell the Geauga County 2017 Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year for his dedication and support of seniors and their families.*

*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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-109 Honoring South Russell Village as a 2017 Geauga County Senior Supporter of the Year.*

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*Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #17-109*  
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*Honoring South Russell Village as the 2017 Geauga County  
Senior Supporter of the Year*

*WHEREAS, the South Russell Village partnered with the Department on Aging in April 1995 with a proposed program to assist senior residents during the Annual Trash Day collection by utilizing the service department they picked up and disposed of unwanted items resulting in the first senior trash pickup day on May 5, 1995 which assisted thirteen residents and began an annual event; and*

*WHEREAS, South Russell Village with combined efforts of the Department on Aging and many volunteers have grown the program from a five hour pilot event to assisting over seventy-five residents over the course of two days, resulting in assisting hundreds of senior citizens annually over the last twenty-two years which helped develop other events like this in Townships and Villages throughout the County; and*

*WHEREAS, South Russell Police Department offers several programs to seniors, including COPS presentations several times a year, that warn seniors of new scams, provides information about programs that are available to them, offers assistance and to answers any questions. Another great program offered is called "Follow Up" where a police officer visits seniors that have been discharged from the hospital on a daily basis until they are back to good health; and*

*WHEREAS, South Russell Mayor, William Koons also volunteers his time for over five years as a Home Delivered Meal Volunteer and Driver; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners recognizes the South Russell Village, the Service Department, Police Department and Mayor for their dedication, service and generosity to the Seniors in Geauga County, and name them the 2017 Geauga County Senior Supporter of the year; and*

*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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-110 Honoring Heather Atkinson for being the 2017 Department on Aging Volunteer of the Year.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #17-110*  
*Date: September 19, 2017*

*Honoring Heather Atkinson for being the 2017  
Department on Aging Volunteer of the Year*

*WHEREAS, Heather Atkinson moved to Newbury in 1986 where she was a student athlete that played basketball, softball and soccer, after graduating in 1993 she went to Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee where she played soccer and softball, but also earned a Bachelor of Arts in History; and*

*WHEREAS, Heather Atkinson found her way back to Ohio where she enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, doing genealogical research, puzzles and trivia; and*

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*WHEREAS, Heather Atkinson values honesty, determination, her family and friends and gives a lot of her time volunteering at the senior center, where she can often be found sorting and packing farm market items, working in the kitchen, driving Home Delivered Meal routes or assisting with office work and raising donations for the fund raisers; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize Heather Atkinson for her dedication, service and time to the Seniors in Geauga County, and is honored for being the 2017 Department on Aging Volunteer of the Year; and*

*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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-111 Honoring John Larker for being the Department on Aging Home Delivered Meals Volunteer of the Year.*

*Gauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #17-111*

*Date: September 19, 2017*

*Honoring John Larker for being the Department on Aging  
2017 Home Delivered Meals Volunteer of the Year*

*WHEREAS, the Home Delivered Meals Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual, who by example and accomplishment has provided outstanding volunteer service to Geauga County Seniors and the Department on Aging through the program during the last year; and*

*WHEREAS, John Larker loves spending time with his family and his strong Christian faith is reflected in how he lives life, by not just being a volunteer but as a caring, compassionate and dedicated individual who continuously helps others in need and gives them a sense of wellbeing and purpose; and*

*WHEREAS, John Larker has been a Home Delivered Meals driver for just over a year and a half but in that short time has made an astounding impact on the lives of Seniors and Veterans in Geauga County; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes John Larker for his dedication, service and time to the Seniors in Geauga County, and is honored for being the Department on Aging 2017 Home Delivered Meal Volunteer of the year; and*

*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 Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**MAINTENANCE – AWARD BID – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND – SNOWPLOWING, SALT AND / OR CINDERING OF GEAUGA COUNTY PARKING LOTS, GROUP #1 CHARDON SQUARE. GROUP #2 24 HOUR SERVICE AREA, GROUP #3 470 CENTER STREET AND GROUP #4 SAFETY CENTER**

*Director Glen Vernick briefly explained the Snowplowing and Salting contracts for the 4 areas to be covered, including Chardon Square, 24 Hour Service Area, 470 Center Street and the Safety Center. Mr. Vernick noted that they include additional amounts to cover salting and spring cleanup if necessary.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #1 Chardon Square in the amount of \$16,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per year) in a not to exceed amount of \$26,000.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #1 Chardon Square for the period November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per year and up to \$10,000.00 for salt, snow removal and spring clean-up services).

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept the Performance Bond and Payment Bond from M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #1 Chardon Square for the first contract year and further release the Bid Bond.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #2 24 Hour Service Area in the amount of \$26, 244.00 (\$13,122.00 per year) in a not to exceed amount of \$36,244.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #2 24 Hour Service Area for the period November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$36,244.00 (\$13,122.00 per year and up to \$10,000.00 for salt, snow removal and spring clean-up services).

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept the Performance Bond from Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #2 24 Hour Service Area.

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



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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and /or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #3 470 Center Street in the amount of \$34,800.00 (\$17,400.00 per year) in a not to exceed amount of \$44,800.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #3 470 Center Street for the period November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$44,800.00 (\$17,400.00 per year and up to \$10,000.00 for salt, snow removal and spring clean-up services).

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept the Performance Bond and Payment Bond from M & M Home Improvements, LLC for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #3 470 Center Street for the first contract year and further release the Bid Bond.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to award the Bid to S.A.M. Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and /or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #4 Safety Center in the amount of \$14,440.00 (\$7,220 per year) in a not to exceed amount of \$29,440.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with S.A.M. Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and / or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #4 Safety Center for the period November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$29,440.00 (\$7,220.00 per year and up to \$15,000.00 for salt, snow removal and spring clean-up services).

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to accept the Performance Bond from S.A.M. Landscaping, Incorporated for the Snowplowing, Salt and /or Cindering of Geauga County Parking Lots, Group #4 Safety Center, and further release the bid bond.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE / SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – PROPOSED - WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS, AMENDED 2017

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

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

*Mr. Spidalieri opened Public Hearing #2 at 9:31 a.m. and asked Director Carmella Shale to explain the changes to the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2017. Ms. Shale explained that this is the second Public Hearing, noting that this update is to keep us current with the current NPDES permit and the Ohio EPA General Construction permit that we must be at least equal to. Ms. Shale noted that minor language changes, removal of terms in definitions along with the addition of some that were missing. There were no fees changed and they added a new category for a certain type of construction. Being no further comments or questions, the Hearing was closed at 9:33 a.m.*

*Ms. Shale inquired if the Board would like to see an end of the month report that will give an overview of the sites that are in violation, inspections by community, a summary of all inspections and reviews in each community. These items can be submitted and acknowledged as a monthly report.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adopt the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2017 to be effective October 20, 2017.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE / COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #1 – PROPOSED PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 4504.15

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

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

*Mr. Spidalieri opened Public Hearing #1 regarding O.R.C. 4504.15 at 9:40 a.m. and asked County Engineer Joe Cattell to explain. Mr. Cattell explained that this is the first of two public hearings to ask the Board to adopt the permissive motor vehicle license tax. Mr. Cattell stated that the legislature knows and admits that there is a funding gap in highways and bridges, and while they wait for Federal funding they are allowing locals the opportunity to add this permissive tax onto license tags which will come straight to the local entities. Administrator Frank Antenucci expressed that this is a huge benefit for the County because the funds come directly to us, there is no middleman, and it truly becomes Geauga County money. Mr. Cattell added that this is a user fee and does not increase property taxes. Mr. Cattell mentioned Holmes County recently putting a tax levy on for their roads. He doesn't feel it is a great way to do it. Commissioner Lennon asked for a history on when the last time this was done. Mr. Cattell stated that the current tax was enacted in 1967 and adopted almost immediately. Mr. Cattell noted that two additional taxes were allowable in 1986 and were never adopted in Geauga County. Mr. Cattell stated that the cost of repairing roads is skyrocketing and the amount received from gas tax has been reduced. Mr. Cattell confirmed that early in 1968 there was testimony from the Farm Bureau that was in support of it. Mr. Lennon asked how Geauga County compares to other Counties. Mr. Cattell stated that the counties around us already have the two taxes allowed in 1986 in place. Cuyahoga and Lake are in the process of adopting the new tax. Mr. Antenucci stated that Ashtabula already has three in place and will most likely move forward with the new one. There was a brief discussion about Portage County and that they are considering it.*

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*Mr. Antenucci stated that we like our roads in the condition they are in and the cost to maintain them continues to rise and is making it harder to keep up with them.*

*Mr. Lennon stated that this is going to be covered by the people who are using the roads. Commissioner Claypool mentioned that this will help offset costs of funding being lost from NOACA that is redirecting funds to other counties. Mr. Claypool expressed that he has a little challenge on the increase to residents on their plates, but it might allow the Townships to back off on levies, because they will receive an increase from these fees. Mr. Antenucci stated that not only does the County Engineer receive funds, Townships and Municipalities also receive a percentage of funds. Mr. Cattell mentioned the municipal road fund that is a separate fund that can be approved and released for a specific project, which continues that accountability of the funds.*

*Mr. Lennon asked about what the total fees will generate. Mr. Cattell stated that they are looking at a possible \$1.3 million, but it benefits the Townships and Municipalities. Mr. Claypool added that he hopes this will be seen as an opportunity to back off on the local levies.*

*Mr. Claypool asked when this would take effect. Mr. Antenucci stated that if we stay on the preliminary schedule, the submission would be by July 1, 2018 and collection would begin in January 2019.*

*This hearing was closed at 9:52 a.m. and the following two Public Hearing #1 for O.R.C. 4504.16 and 4504.24 were open.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE / COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #1 – PROPOSED PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 4504.16 AND O.R.C. 4504.24**

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to waive the reading of the legal notice for O.R.C. 4504.16 and 4504.24.*

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

*Mr. Spidalieri opened Public Hearing #1 regarding O.R.C. 4504.16 and O.R.C. 4504.24 at 9:52 a.m. and local resident Diane Jones asked a question regarding the approximate amount that would be raised per year, and Mr. Cattell stated that it was estimated to be \$1.3 million, and the Townships receive a percentage of what is collected. Mr. Cattell mentioned a packet of information that had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting regarding a breakdown of all three new taxes. County Administrator David Lair asked what it costs per mile for resurfacing, to which Mr. Cattell replied that it is about \$250,000.00 per mile, though, in the inner city, it is about \$1.5 million, which is why you don't let your roads deteriorate to that point. Being no further comments or questions, the two (2) Public Hearing #1's for O.R.C. 4504.16 and 4504.24 were closed at 9:54 a.m.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee in the Transit Department.*

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. with Transit Director Mike Kasper, Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne, Mr. Lair and Hearing Officer Karen DeCola. The Board returned at 10:33 a.m. and took the following action:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the hearing officer, Karen DeCola, and to suspend without pay Elizabeth Watson, Transit Dispatcher in the Transit Department for eight hours (1 day) for violation of Geauga County Personnel*

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*Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 3, Conduct, Page 3.2 Unsatisfactory Job Performance and Page 3.3 Falsification of a work record.*

*And further approve and execute the order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation Form, per O.R.C. 124.34 for the 1 day.*

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

**2018 HEALTHCARE AND DENTAL RENEWAL**

*Human Resources Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that there will be an Open Enrollment period with meetings on October 11, 12 and 17, 2017 with all paperwork due on October 27, 2017. Ms. Hostutler stated that we did receive our renewal rate and it was not as bad as expected. Our prescription claims were very high which resulted in a bigger rebate which brought the renewal in at a 5.1% increase. Ms. Hostutler stated that after reviewing all the paperwork we are proposing that of the 5.1% increase, the General Fund picks up 1.7% of the increase and the employees pick up 1.7% of the increase. Ms. Hostutler stated that at the encouragement of CEBCO, we have made some changes to the plans, which will further reduce the cost increase. Those changes are from what was the Enhanced plan to now be the 1C Plan with deductible amounts from \$100/\$200 to now a \$350 deductible with the out of pocket limits the same. Ms. Hostutler stated that what was the Basic plan will go to the 4D Plan with a \$1500 deductible. Ms. Hostutler stated that CEBCO made changes across the Board regarding Emergency Room visits that are not an emergency and have already held meetings regarding that change. Ms. Hostutler stated that the employee contribution for the 1C Plan is going from \$127.00 to \$154.00 for Family and from \$51.00 to \$61.00 for Single. The 4D Plan contribution is going from \$38.00 to \$49.00 for Family and \$15.00 to \$19.00 for Single. Ms. Hostutler asked to keep the standard and wellness rates separate, noting that CEBCO has a new Wellness vendor for next year. Ms. Hostutler asked the employees to continue to engage in wellness because that is all we have to help keep costs down. Employees have been doing a good job at being better consumers.*

*Mr. Lair added that wellness is an important component, noting that the standard rate for the employee that doesn't participate will be 50% higher. Another component is consumerism and he encouraged the Board to look at plan changes for 2019 that might include a Health Savings Account and look at higher deductible plans. Mr. Lair noted that the Board of Developmental Disabilities employees are coming on to the county plan and are going to mirror what we are doing. Ms. Hostutler stated that if we start talking about further changes in February and March that by October everyone will be prepared to make a decision. Ms. Hostutler stated that there was a small increase in the Dental program and the Prescription Plan is going to remain the same.*

*Mr. Lair stated that we were fortunate to have seen only a 5.1% increase. Reducing the richness of the plan helps with about a third of the cost. Having the employees contributing about 1.7% saves about a third of that increase. Mr. Lennon stated that coming from the real world, that this is a very attractive health package compared to what a lot of businesses offer.*

*If the Board would like to, they can move forward with action today, or we can wait until next week when all the paperwork is received and ready.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 30, 2017 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 August 2017.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

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**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 9/19 Work Session, Richard L. Bowen and Associates for Feasibility Study, 10:30 a.m. Conference Room*

*Wed., 9/20 The Department on Aging Annual Meeting, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Education Center Auditorium*

*Mon., 9/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 9/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Public Hearings (2<sup>nd</sup> set) for the proposed issuance of the additional annual county motor vehicle license taxes at 9:15 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.15 (\$5.00 First New Tax), at 9:20 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.16 (\$5.00 Second New Tax) and at 9:25 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.24 (\$5.00 Third New Tax) and a Public Hearing at 9:35 for the CY2018 ODOT Rural Transit Program*

*Tue., 9/26 Department on Aging Open House, Celebrating 40 years of service, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Chardon Center, Ravenwood Drive*

*Thu., 9/28 ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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