

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 14, 2014**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Emergency Services at 12518 Merritt Road 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 Vice President of the Board, Blake A. Rear opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 12, 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>Absent*</i>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REVISED BY-LAWS – AGING ADVISORY BOARD**

*Director Jessica Boalt explained the revisions to the By-Laws that include bringing their board members from nineteen (19) down to eleven (11) leaving an allowance for a maximum of twenty-five due to having trouble reaching numbers for a quorum. Ms. Boalt stated that they usually average having eleven, so she is hoping to have consistency going forward. Ms. Boalt explained that under absences it stated that if you have three consecutive unexcused absences you may be removed, this was changed to absences with the feeling that if you want the commitment you will be there, adding that if a medical reason exists the Board can make an executive decision. Ms. Boalt stated that they changed the language for meetings to state the last meeting of the year due to the holidays so that they can change meeting dates to be held as needed. Ms. Boalt stated that the term for officers has also changed from one year to two years to in order to allow them fulfill that role with experience after learning the position. Ms. Boalt explained that several committees have been combined since some of those duties are being handled in a different manner. Ms. Boalt stated that something new that has been added was that a representative from each senior center will attend to provide input on services and programs at the sites. There was a brief discussion about the removal of members for missing meetings, and that it was clarified that it was for three consecutive meetings and that they may be considered for removal allowing the board to make that decision based on the circumstances surrounding the absences.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the Revised By-Laws of the Geauga County Advisory Board on Aging.*

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

**COUNTY HOME - REHIRE SHEILA COE – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)**

*Director Karen DeCola explained that Ms. Coe had previously worked for us and left due to requirements of her social security, adding that Ms. Coe wants to continue working but didn't want to jeopardize losing that income.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve rehiring Sheila Coe to the position of Part-time attendant (#1504-1) to be effective August 20, 2014 at her former rate of \$11.31 per hour.*

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

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**TRANSIT – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING – ODOT CY2015 OPERATING AND CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM**

*Interim Director Mike Kasper stated that they were asking to advertise for a public hearing regarding the application to ODOT for the Capital and Operating Rural Transportation Grants. Mr. Kasper explained that this requirement was brought back this year as part of the Application requirement but that they had just learned this from ODOT last week with the understanding that there is not enough time to meet the deadline requirements. Mr. Kasper stated that ODOT is aware and just asked that proof of advertisement be submitted with the application.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rural Transportation Program CY2015 Operating and Capital Grant Proposals to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on August 18, 2014 and on the county website.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LETTER TO OHIO EPA REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE – HENNING DRIVE**

*Director Doug Bowen stated that the letter had been received from the Ohio EPA regarding Henning Drive that included nine months to derive a plan and a cost estimate, with an option for an extension to have discussions and work out additional details. Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan added that the proposed finding and orders and letter had some conflicts and they hope to work those out. There was discussion about the township 208 plan and what would need to be included in regards to a treatment plant for those 115 homes, but they also took note of the commercial sites at the intersection of Route 6 and Auburn Road. Mr. Morgan stated that currently the letter only includes the subdivision. Mr. Bowen stated that today we are asking to submit a letter asking to negotiate changes.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute a letter to the Ohio EPA to negotiate the Proposed Findings and Orders for the Henning Drive Public Health Nuisance, and further authorize the Department of Water Resources to discuss and negotiate changes with the Ohio EPA.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – DEBORAH ASHBURN**

*County Administrator David Lair stated that Ms. Ashburn hasn't been here long enough to accrue vacation time and is asking for time off, that will be unpaid, and will extend her probationary period.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Deborah Ashburn for the period August 18, 2014 through August 19, 2014, per section 6.12 of the Geauga County Personnel and Procedure Manual. This unpaid leave will extend her probationary period sixteen (16) hours.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT**

*Deputy Director Planning Ken Folsom explained that this is the EMPG, which is an annual Federal Grant through the State of Ohio that covers 50% of Mr. Wedge, Mr. Oberstar, and 40% of Ms. Vargovich salaries, which includes an increase from last year, and also makes us eligible for supplemental funding at the end of the year because we are fiscally responsible. Mr.*

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*Folsom stated that the supplemental goes to help keep the building functioning with assistance in paying for utilities.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute grant application relating to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for Fiscal Year 2014 and to further approve Director Dale B. Wedge to execute where appropriate in the amount of \$66,784.00 with a 50% match of funds for a total of \$133,568.00.*

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

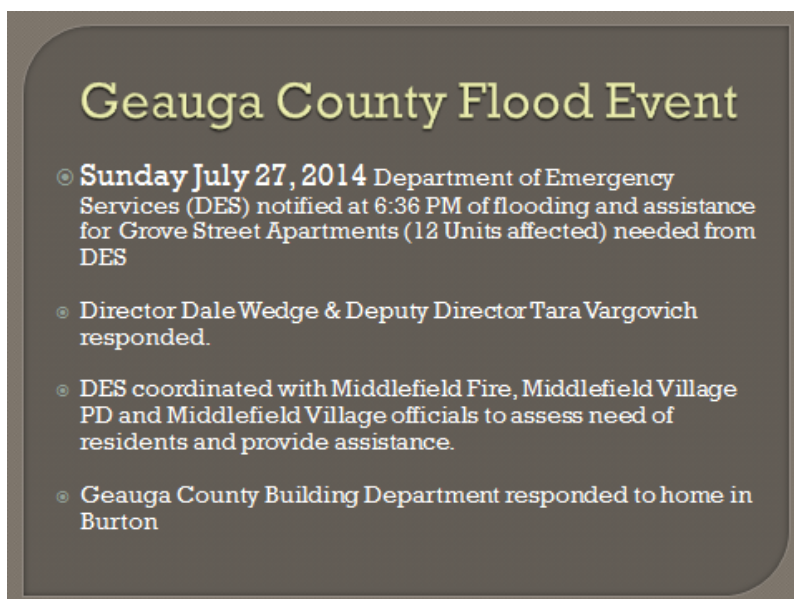
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – UPDATE ON FLOOD EVENT**

*Director Dale Wedge introduced several agencies present that were involved with assisting with the cleanup from the flood. Mr. Wedge thanked the emergency responders, including the Burton and Middlefield Police and Fire Departments, along with Mr. Lair and Commissioner Rear. Mr. Wedge expressed that the Sheriff contacted him at 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday notifying him that flooding was occurring in Middlefield.*

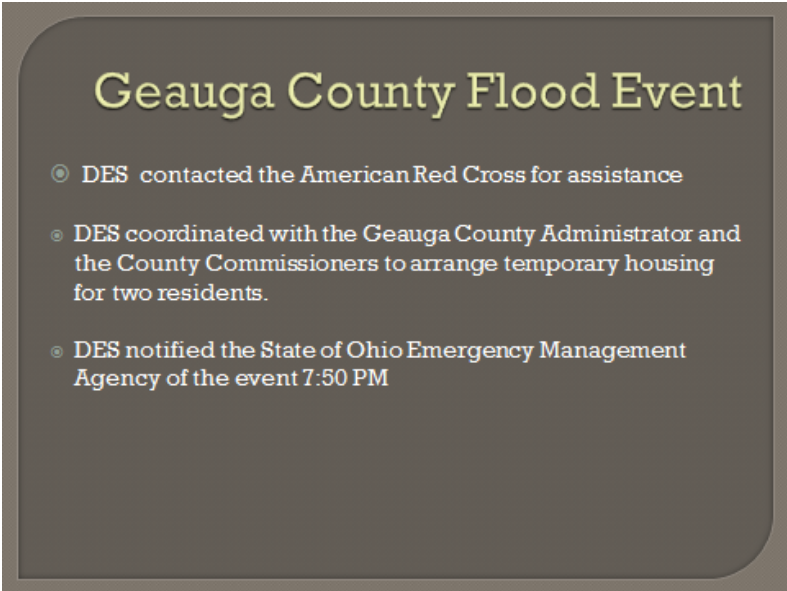
*Mr. Folsom presented the following presentation:*



*Mr. Folsom explained that the water was moving in such a manner that did not allow for the residents to walk through it, so boats were used to move residents safely.*



*Mr. Folsom stated that he was not able to be contacted due to no power and having flooding of his own at his residence, noting that a house on Peckham had been moved off of its foundation.*



Mr. Folsom stated that the Red Cross agency was under a tornado warning and were unable to be contacted so a decision was made to move residents to Punderson Manor as temporary housing.



Mr. Folsom stated that five inches of rain came down in less than one hour.



Mr. Folsom stated that the creek behind his residence is usually about six inches across and at this time it was about fifteen to twenty feet deep and eighty feet wide with trees moving through the water.



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## Geauga County Flood Event

- Monday July 28, 2014 8:00 AM
- DES contacted the Fire Departments in each jurisdiction to assess the impact of the flooding on the entire county, Burton Village and Middlefield Village were the most severely impacted.
- DES contacted Middlefield businesses such as Wal-Mart, Save A Lot and CVS to assess damage
- Damage in Middlefield, apartment complex, Village Administrative offices, Fire Station, Briar Hill Nursing facility(7 feet water in basement no hot water and elevators OOS)
- Damage in Burton, several homes and apartment complex(approx. 20 units) impacted and one home with major foundation damage.

## Geauga County Flood Event Burton



*Mr. Folsom stated that the small creek was up over the roadway, which you can see from the picture that it took out the foundation, it moved a refrigerator from the basement out onto Peckham Road, adding that the while they were inside all they felt was a shake.*

## Geauga County Flood Event Burton



*Mr. Folsom stated that we dealt with water in some places and sewage in other places. According the State and Federal guidelines, this is minor. Mr. Folsom stated that the guidelines have been changed that now you need water on the first floor to basically reach the second story.*

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ Monday July 28, 2014 9:30AM
- ◉ DES coordinated an agency meeting at DES present were, DES staff, United Way, Geauga Building Dept. Geauga Job & Family Services, Middlefield Councilmen Ron Wiech, State of Ohio EMA, American Red Cross Damage Assessment Team and on conference call Geauga County Commissioner Blake Rear and County Administrator David Lair.

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ Follow up meeting at 10:30AM at Middlefield Fire Station, meeting with Village Officials including FD, PD, Village Administrator, Councilman Ron Wiech, Commissioner Blake Rear, United Way, Geauga JFS, Building Department, DES, OEMA, Red Cross and Middlefield Post.
- ◉ Update on damage, affected areas and needs for the community.

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ United Way 211 was to be used to collect flood damage information and assistance needed.



- ◉ Director Wedge requested the Geauga Sheriff's Dispatch issue a WENS notification and a reverse 911 notification to the residents of Burton Village, Burton Township, Middlefield Village and Middlefield Township.



- ◉ The Message read (If you have damage from the flooding and need assistance please call 211)

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ DES staff, Building Dept. Councilman Ron Wiech, Commissioner Blake Rear and the Red Cross Damage Team assembled at Grove St. Apartments for damage assessment and resident needs assessment.
- ◉ DES Contacted the Geauga County Health District, Health Commissioner Bob Weisdeck.
- ◉ DES staff went to Burton FD to receive update on status of residents

## Geauga County Flood Event Grove St



*A professional cleaning company was called in to do the cleanup to as a way to avoid mold.*

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ Afternoon on the 28<sup>th</sup> a conference call was held to brief all agencies.
- ◉ All residents in need of housing accommodated.
- ◉ Department of Aging provided hot meals for those families (Tara delivered)
- ◉ Red Cross sent case worker to talk with families being housed.

**Geauga County Flood Event**

- From past flood events Geauga County is part of a long term recovery committee Tri County CARE this group was put on stand by.

- Volunteer groups, and clean up kits available if needed.

Mr. Folsom noted how long flood cases take before closing, noting the flood from 2006 was open for three years.

**Geauga County Flood Event**

- County Damage Assessment continues.
- DES visited other areas in the county

Residential Driveway Sherman Rd. Munson Township

Mr. Folsom explained that this picture shows the gravel drive that collapsed and now there is no access to the house, due to a twenty-five foot drop. This flood caused damage to things other than just homes.

**Geauga County Flood Event**

- The following days conference calls were held daily to brief all involved in the response to the event.

Mr. Folsom expressed that the job of the Emergency Services is to do the coordination with these agencies to assist residents.



## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ 29<sup>th</sup> DES contacted the Western Reserve Coordinator for the United Methodist Disaster Early Response Team and placed them on stand by for possible assistance needed for clean up.



*Mr. Folsom stated that they are professional volunteers for cleanup, which are local, adding that they have traveled to major disasters around the United States.*

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ DES met on the 30<sup>th</sup> with representative from the Red Cross for an update.
- ◉ DES also met with Burton Village Police Chief on the damage in Burton Village.
- ◉ Director Wedge visited the apartment complex with the chief the next day.

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ DES received a call from the Building department making them aware the senior apartment on Northview Dr. Middlefield were also impacted by the flood.
- ◉ Ken Folsom responded, approx. 20 units were impacted with residents ranging in age 60-90 years old.
- ◉ Requested Department on Aging contact the residents.

*Mr. Folsom expressed that they were not aware until the 29<sup>th</sup> that Northview Drive had experienced damage, explaining the process they went through to help them get assistance.*

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ A confidential client needs meeting was held at the United Way with all assisting agencies to discuss the remaining need of any of the victims.



## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ Job and Family Services, Ravenwood, Department of Aging were able to cross reference addresses and complete well checks on clients that may have been affected from flood
- ◉ Pleasant Hill Home was available for residents still in need of housing

## Geauga County Flood Event

- ◉ A conference call was held on July 31 to brief all involved in the response to the event. Went over any outstanding issues and any additional needs.



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## Geauga County Flood Event

Where we go from here

- ◉ Outreach to affected communities on mold issues in future
- ◉ Assist residents with necessities lost such as furniture
- ◉ After Action Report to be developed.

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*Mr. Folsom stated that mold will start in about a month, when people start using their furnaces, and that is a health risk that will need to be dealt with. Mr. Folsom stated that Habitat for Humanity has agreed to help residences with furniture. Mr. Folsom added that they will have a follow up meeting to go over any issues that came up and solutions to eliminate those from happening again in the future.*

*Ann Wishart from the Maple Leaf inquired about how many people were impacted by the damage, to which Kimm Leininger from United Way stated that 211 took 100 calls and it was about 70 people. There was a brief discussion on a dollar amount and the criteria for getting assistance from the State of Ohio.*

*Ms. Leininger stated that there is a great process in place in Geauga County, and that we are developing a good strong system of response and are working on a share case management database as a way to share information with the agencies that assist with the residents.*

*Rex Brobst, Program Specialist Job and Family Services stated that with the quick response of coordination they were able to assist with loss of personal property, food loss assistance with gift cards to do replacement.*

*Mr. Folsom expressed that Geauga County has a good track record and working relationship with the other agencies in this County, and we are able to do this assistance very quickly, adding that this is not the normal response in other counties.*

*Director Jessica Boalt, Department on Aging stated that they were able to deliver Home Delivered Meals and do face to face checks as well as hot food being available if needed. Ms. Boalt mentioned that they have the chore and home maintenance program that is available to assist those seniors with cleanup efforts, checking the basement and furnace to eliminate problems in the future, since it is a safety issue.*

*Red Cross stated that they were able to connect with those that contacted 211 and needed assistance.*

*Sheriff Dan McClelland expressed that it is comforting to have such a relationship and to get along that allows us to get going and have such a quick response, with prior planning it is important, thanking everyone for a job well done.*

*Sandy Christianson from Middlefield Fire Department expressed a great big thank you for all the help and assistance, adding that it was a blessing to them for the guidance and assistance to get through, Thank you again.*

*Commissioner Samide expressed that it is another example of how orchestrated our emergency service plans in place are and how well all the agencies work together to get assistance to our residents, and thanked everyone for everything that they do and have done.*

*Commissioner Rear stated that he attended a number of the meetings and the site of the flooding that next morning to observe and stay out of the way, but expressed how impressed he was with the agencies and how quickly they responded to those in need, and that all the support agencies all worked together, adding that it was a job well done.*

*Mr. Wedge thanked everyone again and stated that it is nice that everyone works so well together.*

**OTHER**

*There was a brief discussion about a concern about whether there is a policy in place regarding the receipt of anonymous letters, whether by a staff member or other and how they are handled.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 30, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 6, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 8/18    Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health and Recovery Services*

*Tue., 8/19    The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 8/19    County Home Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Pleasant Hill County Home*

*Mon., 8/25    Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 8/26    The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 8/28    The Commissioners' will hold regular session at the Great Geauga County Fair, 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair 4-H Stage*

*8/28 – 9/1    The Great Geauga County Fair*

*Mon., 9/1    County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.*

*Tue., 9/2    **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

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

*Tue., 9/9    The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Wed., 9/10    Perry Nuclear Power Plant Exercise*

*Thu., 9/11    The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*There was a brief discussion about the Treasurer requesting to hold his Budget Hearing at 9:30 the morning of September 9<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Investment Advisory Board meeting.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER REAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:02 A.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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