

Commissioners' Journal
February 28, 2017

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 28, 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 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved February 27, 2017 by the County Administrator, that included a service Contract Agreement with Burns Industrial Equipment to inspect and maintain the JLG Vertical Mast Lift at the Safety Center for a three year period (2017-2019) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, 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.

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Superintendent Don Rice recognized some of the residents that were in attendance today from Metzenbaum and asked the Board to recognize March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Commissioner Spidalieri thanked him for his service, noting that it is a very strong humanitarian position to take, and commended the staff and everyone for supporting what they do. The residents presented the Board with a Thank You card. The Board approved the following resolution and presented it to them and posed for pictures.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-028 Recognizing March 2017 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2017

Resolution: 17-028

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Geauga County recognizes that developmental disabilities affect nearly 900 individuals and their families in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, Opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, We encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the community recognizes, The Metzenbaum Center as Geauga County's program for individuals with developmental disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2017 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires that all residents of the County offer their full support and enable individuals with developmental disabilities to live successful lives and realize their potential such that they can live, learn, work and play and be active members of our community. We encourage all citizens to recognize that

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our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability. Look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

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

EMERALD FIELDS OF TROY

Joy Black from Joy's Place introduced herself and said that she had gotten involved with Mental Health and built the facility called Emerald Rose. Ms. Black presented the Board with a brochure on the Emerald Fields of Troy, which is a facility that they would like to build on twenty-one acres that was donated for a therapeutic farming and arts community for those adults that are emotionally impaired. Ms. Black stated that those with mental health issues don't ask for those illnesses, and that we need to treat the person, help them understand, and help build their self-esteem that might allow them to function again. Ms. Black explained that the Zucchini Festival held on Chardon Square is done as a fundraiser towards building this facility. A short five minute video was played that showed an architects rendition of the facility that they would like to build. Ms. Black asked if anyone had any ideas to help raise the funds needed to build this facility.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – AGREEMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – OHIO VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY, INCORPORATED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9741 CLAY STREET, MONTVILLE

Director Anita Stocker stated that there is an existing business in Montville that needs to expand, and currently there is not a building that will suit his needs. Ms. Stocker stated that under the original Revolving Loan Fund guidelines they have to coordinate with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and they require an archaeological survey. Ms. Stocker stated that once that report is submitted, there is a 50 day waiting period before anything else can proceed. Ms. Stocker stated that Ohio Valley Archaeology came in with the lowest quote. There was a brief discussion regarding the guidelines for the RLF loan program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award to Ohio Valley Archaeology, Incorporated for professional services to Geauga County in regards to a preliminary survey, Phase I for property located at 9741 Clay Street, Montville in the amount of \$3,192.38.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Ohio Valley Archaeology, Incorporated for professional services to Geauga County in regards to a preliminary survey, Phase I for property located at 9741 Clay Street (Parcel #20-062300) Montville in the amount of \$3,192.38.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Ohio Valley Archaeology, Incorporated for a preliminary survey, Phase I for property located at 9741 Clay Street, Montville.

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

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APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator II Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including a Revenue De-Certification for Job and Family Services; Travel requests for the Juvenile/Probate Court; a Then and Now for the Juvenile Court; and a payment of \$33,268.80 to Southeastern Equipment for the County Engineer's Office for a 62" Coarse Cut Flail Mower.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-029 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 28, 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>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWA) GRANT

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that the VAWA grant is split in two, and this is for the first quarter and the full grant will be coming soon. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that this is used to cover salaries.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA #2014-WF-VA2-8214A) in the amount of \$11,489.72, (\$8,617.29 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services with a local match of \$2,872.43 from the Geauga County General Fund) for the period January 1, 2017 through March 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>Aye</i>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT – VIGILANT GLOBAL, LLC - PARKMAN

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that Vigilant Global wants to co-locate on the Parkman Tower. Trinita Hardy from Vigilant Global explained that they are a financial technology company headquartered in Montreal and they transmit their own personal financial data between data centers, the network stretches from Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the NASDAQ NY Stock Exchange. This is a direct connection and this tower is right where they needed to be location and height wise, and they negotiated a price. There was brief discussion regarding the use of towers versus fiber optics.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Tower Lease Agreement with Vigilant Global, LLC for space on the Parkman Tower for a period of three years in the amount of \$1,957.50 per month with automatic renewal for ten subsequent periods of one year each period with an increase of 10% for each subsequent period of five years (corresponding to five renewal periods).

<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>

PUBLIC HEARING #1

The Commissioners held Public Hearing #1 at 9:30 a.m. for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program. The Public Hearing was opened at 9:33 a.m. and Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad read the legal notice that outlined to programs that could be applied for in 2017. Those programs include the following:

Allocation Program: The Fiscal Year 2017 Allocation is undetermined as this time. However, the County's 2016 allocation was \$173,000.00

Critical Infrastructure Program Set Aside

Water and Sanitary Sewer Competitive Program

Economic Development Program

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Downtown Revitalization Program Set Aside
Neighborhood Revitalization Program Set Aside
Residential Public Infrastructure Program
Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) required outreach to stakeholders ie City, Villages and Townships

Being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:35 a.m.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERTS ON CAVES ROAD IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that these five easements are in regards to the drainage improvements to culverts on Caves Road in Chester Township. Mr. Haupt stated that this project will include the removal of guardrail and extend the culvert to eliminate the need for the guardrail going forward. Mr. Haupt noted that four of these easements are to extend the culvert out and the fifth is for a ditch enclosure. Mr. Claypool inquired about the guardrail to which Mr. Haupt stated that while the guardrail stopped the car from falling into a hole, this will allow a car to go down a slope and not drop off into the ditch.

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 Suzanna L Bear (Parcel #11-279300) for drainage improvements to culvert (#CUL-0030-5.37) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$1,035.00.

<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 Thomas P Eddy (Parcel #11-139400) for drainage improvements to culvert (#CUL-0030-5.37) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$289.00.

<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 Sharon L. Waite (Parcel #11-341450) for drainage improvements to culvert (#CUL-0030-5.57) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$486.00.

<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 Clay B Eddy Jr. (Parcel #11-087900) for drainage improvements to culvert (#CUL-0030-5.57) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$220.00.

<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 Dominic J Intorcio (Parcel #11-352100) for drainage improvements to culvert (#CUL-0030-02.845) on Caves Road in Chester Township in the amount of \$1,228.00.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING –APPROVE THE REVISED JOB TITLE, DESCRIPTION AND PAY GRADE FOR THE POSITION OF IN-HOME SERVICES SUPERVISOR TO SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR (#1029) – REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY FOR FIVE DAYS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that the In-Home Services Supervisor position has been open since October and that gave the opportunity to review the position and the structure of the agency, and feel that they need a Social Services Coordinator and that the Chore and In Home Safety and Transportation will report to the Assistant Director. Ms. Boalt stated that this will re-grade the Social Services Coordinator down to a 12E from an 14E under the In-Home Services. Ms. Boalt asked to update the Organizational Chart to include this change and then advertise internally for this position, noting that currently there are two licensed social workers who have done a wonderful job bringing the program back into compliance and feel that they should have the opportunity for advancement.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised Job Title, Description and Pay Grade of the position In-Home Services Supervisor (#1029) to Social Services Coordinator (#1029) to be effective February 28, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the new title of Social Services Coordinator (#1029) to be effective February 28, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Social Services Coordinator (#1029) for a period of five days.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad asked the Board to approve releasing the bid / performance bonds for the three projects as they have been completed.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve releasing the Bid / Performance Bond for JADCO Construction Services for the Burton American Legion Hall ADA Improvements Project (Grant #B-F-14-1AZ-1) as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve releasing the Bid/Performance Bond for Marks Building Company for the Thompson Community Center Rehabilitation Project (Grant #B-F-14-1AZ-1) as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve releasing the Bid / Performance Bond for Infinity Paving Company for the Fairgrounds Paving Project (Grant #B-F-13-IAZ-1) as all specifications have been met.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2017 EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER – SCOTT HILDENBRAND

Mr. Spidalieri noted that the resolution will be presented during the Emerald Ball on March 4th, and read the following resolution:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-030 Honoring Leadership Geauga 2017 Emerald Leader Award Winner Scott Hildenbrand.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 17-030
Date: February 28, 2017

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA
2017 EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER SCOTT HILDENBRAND**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Scott Hildenbrand grew up in and around the community, graduated from Auburn Career Center and Chardon High School, attended Lakeland Community College, but has spent most of his life in Geauga County settling in Hambden Township where he has raised his three children, two boys, ages 22 and 18, and his daughter, age 17; and

WHEREAS, Scott Hildenbrand began his career in safety forces when he joined the Hambden Fire Department in 1981, serving the community as a firefighter and emergency medical technician. He held many positions of rank before becoming Chief in 1995. Scott Hildenbrand started working in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Chardon Police Department in 1984, became a patrolman in 1985 and in 1997 became a Sergeant, then began serving as Chief Deputy with the Geauga County Sheriff's Office since 2003 before serving currently, Elected as Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Scott Hildenbrand serves the residents of not only Geauga County but also throughout the State of Ohio by the many Boards, Associations and Groups that he is involved with that include the Geauga County Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs Associations, the Ohio Fire Chiefs and Northeast Ohio Fire Chiefs Associations, Geauga Bluecoats, National and Buckeye State Sheriff's Associations, the Geauga County Township Trustees Association, Chardon Rotary; and

WHEREAS, Scott Hildenbrand was inducted into the Chardon High School Hall of Fame in 2005 and was a graduate of the Leadership Geauga Class of 2005; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the dedicated service of Scott Hildenbrand with the honor of being the recipient of the 2017 Leadership Geauga County Emerald Leader Award.

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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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND MOTION TO CORRECT STEP INCREASE AND EFFECTIVE DATE – MICHELLE POST – ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CLERK

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to amend the motion passed on February 23, 2017 to revise the effective date and the step amount, to read: approve a one-step increase for Michelle Post, Archives and Records Clerk (#2607) to Grade 5, Step 2 at the hourly rate of \$12.85 per hour to be effective February 26, 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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from January 18, 2017.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 15, 2017 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending January 2017.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

<i>Tue., 2/28</i>	<i>Pre-Audit Meeting with State Auditors, following session</i>
<i>Tue., 3/7</i>	<i>The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Thu., 3/9</i>	<i>CIC – Dr. Ken Mayland, 8:00 a.m. Red Maple Inn</i>
<i>Thu., 3/9</i>	<i>Leadership Geauga Youth Government Day, Lunch and Program</i>
<i>Fri., 3/10</i>	<i>NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland</i>
<i>Tue., 3/14</i>	<i>Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon</i>
<i>Tue., 3/14</i>	<i>The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Wed., 3/15</i>	<i>Tax Incentive Review Council, Community Reinvestment Housing Council, 8:00 a.m. Community Development</i>
<i>Mon., 3/20</i>	<i>Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Job and Family Services</i>
<i>Tue., 3/21</i>	<i>The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Fri., 3/24</i>	<i>NOACA, Air Quality, Transportation and Water Quality, Cleveland</i>
<i>Tue., 3/28</i>	<i>The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.</i>

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LOCAL RESIDENT ALLEN SEGEDY

Mr. Segedy expressed that he feels he is being bullied by the Department on Aging, and that they are refusing to allow him services. Mr. Segedy continued to say that he had received a letter from the Prosecutor's office that instructed him that he was not allowed on the property. Mr. Spidalieri made the suggestion to Mr. Segedy to look at hiring an attorney to assist him with how he should move forward.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT NICHOL MIKOLAY – MENTAL HEALTH

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to appoint Nichol Mikolay to the Geauga County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Darlene Violetta ending June 30, 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>

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Walter M. Claypool

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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