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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 22, 2016 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, Walter M. Claypool 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 Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 8, 2016.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2016.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator II Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund Contingency to the Treasurer for Printing and Mailing of Tax Invoices; an Appropriation transfer for the Engineer's Office and Board of Elections for yearend salaries; Supplemental Appropriations for Job and Family Services Children's Services Fund and Public Assistance; a Supplemental Appropriation for Juvenile Court CASA fund for yearend salaries; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Senior Center Construction Fund for a new roof for the pavilion and garage; Cash transfers from the General Fund to the Job and Family Services Public Assistance Admin Fund for 2nd quarter SFY17 mandated share, to Court Technology for the remainder of 2016 funding, and to the Airport Authority Construction Fund for a local grant match; Travel Request for the Dog Warden; a payment to Destination Geauga in the amount of \$24,019.32 for 3rd quarter Bed Tax Receipts; a payment to Ronyak Paving in the amount of \$378,999.81 for resurfacing for the Engineer's Office; a payment to Jack Gibson Construction in the amount of \$210,653.27 for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades for the Department of Water Resources; and a payment to Glaus Pyle Schomer in the amount of \$18,882.34 for Engineering Services for the Troy Oaks project for the Department of Water Resources.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-154 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 22, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved November 17, 2016 by the County Administrator, including granting permission to advertise to fill the vacant positions from the resignations accepted November 4 and November 10, 2016, authorized by Resolution #16-097 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was amended and approved July 12, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – CORSA INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL APPLICATION

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne introduced Gary Wirtz, Insurance Partners Agent and explained that this was the application for our property and liability insurance. Mr. Wirtz stated that they had been reviewing everything and feel they are ready to submit to CORSA, which will review all 65 counties applications and provide the results around April for renewal in May. Ms. Burhenne thanked everyone for all information that was requested in order to get this ready. It was noted that this is an annual renewal and Commissioner Rear inquired about there not being a lot of time before the current years coverage expired. Mr. Wirtz stated that the County had been with CORSA for the last twenty years and there is no better option than what they offer. CORSA Marketing Manager Ginny Shrimplin explained that the counties sign a three year participation agreement in which you are unable to do anything until the renewal time comes around of which time you can go out to bid and see what else is available. Ms. Shrimplin stated that Mr. Wirtz has gone out and looked around to see that CORSA is staying competitive or better than other agencies. Mr. Wirtz stated that CORSA does an independent appraisal of all county property which is normally around \$25,000.00 but is covered by CORSA and they update the values annually through the renewal for coverage. There was a brief discussion regarding CYBER Security checks and Ms. Burhenne noted that CORSA offers a free program but both the Auditor and the ADP Board have declined the service several times.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the County CORSA Insurance Program Renewal Application for the period May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 upon the recommendation of the Director of Administrative Services and Gary Wirtz, Pease-Kerr-Canfield Insurance Partners.

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

CORSA – FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Ms. Shrimplin explained that CORSA had recently gone to bid for appraisal companies and chose to go with HCA Asset Management, noting that the new company does a lot with public entities. Ms. Shrimplin stated that one thing the new company offers is Reproduction Cost coverage for any buildings that are in a historical district and on the National Register, which includes our Courthouse. Ms. Shrimplin went over the difference between the replacement costs or going with reproduction, providing a form that will need to be submitted with a decision by the Board. Ms. Shrimplin explained that the difference is that replacement is what all buildings are insured at currently, that is new materials, whereas the reproduction is repair or rebuild activities that are compatible with the original materials when the structure was first built and takes into account any skilled workmanship that may be required.

Commissioner Spidalieri spoke up and stated that replacement is the conservative way to go, adding that he hoped there are a lot of pictures because reproduction cost would be an outrageous cost, which would be an additional \$7,000.00 added to our annual cost. Ms. Shrimplin also stated that there is a lot of stained glass (\$12,000.00 worth), monuments, murals and antique furniture throughout the county that were not to be included on the schedule of coverage and should be included as a Fine Art, and CORSA discovered it throughout the counties, and changed their coverage agreement and are now giving the counties a million dollar blanket coverage at no cost for those Fine Arts items. The only time anything would need to be reported, is if it has a value of \$250,000.00 or more, otherwise it will covered under that blanket.

Commissioner Rear expressed that at first you can make a statement and then have regret later, so there was a brief discussion on when the decision would be need to be submitted to CORSA. Commissioner Claypool looked at the costs on the sheet, to which Ms. Shrimplin explained that currently the Courthouse is valued at \$6.2 million, the new replacement cost is \$7.3 million, and will see an additional premium cost of \$660.00, but now if you want to go to reproduction the value of the structure is \$11.4 million and that takes in account the skilled workmanship, and will be an additional cost of \$3,200.00 in insurance premium just for the Courthouse. They also list the Annex and Opera House as being on the historical building registry. Mr. Claypool inquired about what the replacement of the building would look like, and it was noted that it would be modern materials (Mr. Spidalieri stated it would be energy efficient) not period materials. Ms. Shrimplin stated that they would go back to the original stone quarry to get new

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stones, stating that you would get plaster versus drywall, and the cost includes finding the skilled tradesman to do the work. Mr. Claypool stated that the economical thing to do is replacement, however there are a lot of citizens out there that would want the reproduction cost, citing the local historical preservation groups that may express an opinion. Ms. Shrimplin stated that the chances of a total loss are very slim, the greatest exposure is a partial loss, which poses the question, and do you want it modern on one floor and historic on another. It was noted that if renovations have been done already and not done to historical look, than it might not be as important. Mr. Claypool stated that we could go with replacement and if such an event were to take place, a decision could be made at the time as to how they would want the work to be completed. Ms. Shrimplin stated that the Board could choose the coverage for each of the buildings, and each year at renewal you can change the coverage if they choose.

Ms. Shrimplin stated that she would be retiring at the end of the year and they have hired Ali Redmond to be her replacement. Ms. Redmond stated that she has worked for CCAO as their accountant for the last 9 years and prior to that was a Clerk for Hocking County Commissioners. Ms. Redmond stated she was excited and looked forward to working with the Board.

USGS MONITORING UPDATE

Hydrologist, Martha Jagucki presented the Board with the results of the groundwater level monitoring program, noting that the long-term network consists of 30 wells, noting that Twenty-five of the wells are measured quarterly and five wells are instrumented to record hourly water levels. An additional instrumented well (GE-22) near LaDue Reservoir is funded by USGS as part of our climate response network. Another six wells in South Russell Village (not shown) are funded by a cooperative agreement between the USGS and the South Russell Village Trustees.

Network History –

The county groundwater-level monitoring network was established in 1996 to determine whether changes in water levels represent consistent, long-term trends caused by human activity or are predominantly the result of seasonal and annual variations in recharge. Intermittent water-level data collected prior to network establishment indicated that water-levels declined in numerous wells in the county between 1986 and 1994, these declines were likely caused by rapid population growth in proceeding decades and possibly also by an earthquake that occurred in 1986. Since 1996 however, water levels in many of the network wells have held fairly steady and fluctuations have mimicked variations in annual precipitation. Water levels in 6 of the 37 Geauga County and South Russell wells have declined since 1996 due to increased water use in the vicinity of the well or possibly due to a decrease in infiltration of recharge water caused by human activities in the area. Three of those six wells are in Middlefield Township. At a fourth well that is located in Middlefield Township that is not part of the water-level network but has been measured periodically as part of a water-quality study, an 18 foot water-level decline was measured between 1975 and 2009. With slow ongoing population growth in the county, wells in the network continue to act as sentinel wells, alerting water managers to change in water levels that may occur due to increases in water use, changing land use, sewerage or paving projects that reduce aquifer recharge, or droughts.

Ms. Jagucki explained that we had been in an 8 month hiatus and in June began to resume monitoring, property sales were reported on several of the wells, six were sold, three of the wells (GE-163, GE-262, GE-350) were at homeowner residences and new permission has been obtained. Ms. Jagucki stated that letters have been sent to the new business owner at GE-23, the trustee of the vacant lot at GE-354, and the owner of the house that changed hands in 2001 to GE-343 but so far no responses have been received.

Ms. Jagucki stated that a new monitoring site will be chosen in Chardon Township due to a loss of access at GE-185A in 2015, after receiving information from the Planning Commission regarding areas of interest of water-level monitoring based on areas of relatively greater housing density and likely greater water use. Ms. Jagucki stated that wells on which the USGS has collected historical water-level data have been identified, noting that they are open to a single aquifer. Ms. Jagucki stated that they were prepared to see homeowner permission to routinely measure the water levels in Chardon but are proposing to instead, if the homeowner will allow, measure the levels at GE-147 in Middlefield Township through 2017. This well is located near the corner of State Route 528 and Nauvoo Road, which is the one that has shown an 18 foot water-level decline between 1975 and 2008, adding that water levels dropped 11.8 feet between 1999 and 2009.

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Water levels in well GE-119 at the Geauga County Airport in Middlefield Village have been steadily declining since 1980 and have fallen a total of 10.66 feet. A new record low was set in August 2016. A source of water withdrawal in the area is from a pump and treat operation at the nearby Geauga Industries facility located 0.38 miles northwest of the well. Discussions have been held with the Ohio EPA project chief for cleanup efforts at Geauga Industries and Jeff Rizzo, project Hydrologist in the last month and feel that the pump and treat operation at the facility would affect the water levels at GE-119 and have asked them to provide potentiometric maps for the site depicting pre-pumping and recent water-level data, but have not yet received them. Whatever the cause, the declining water levels at GE-119 indicate that more water is being withdrawn in this area than is being recharged. Ms. Jagucki stated that she would like confirm that one time measurement and the Board agreed that it would make sense, as it had an impact. Mr. Claypool asked about a reason for the drop, to which Ms. Jagucki explained that if they see a sudden decline in a well starts to occur, they start looking in the area if something new was put in or changed around the start of the decline. Ms. Jagucki noted that the cone of depression in the water table around a pumping well will slowly continue to expand until the area of the cone of depression is large enough to intercept sufficient aquifer recharge to supply the well discharge, noting that other wells may be affected and zone is likely widening over time.

The long term well network has, as designed, alerted water managers to ongoing water level declines in Middlefield Township and the next step to delineate the extent and magnitude of the affected area is by doing a synoptic water level survey (a new project), which entails the measurement of depth to water in numerous wells over a short period of time. Analysis of well depths and depths of pumps in the affected area will provide a measure of how the water level declines are currently affecting the water supply of local homeowners and businesses, and the projected effect if water level declines continue at the current rate. There was a brief discussion in regards to the well re-equilibrating and artesian wells.

Ms. Jagucki stated that since June 2016 the depth to water has been measured in the network wells three times during the weeks of June 29, August 8, and November 2. These wells will be measured an additional 3 times before September 2017, and that new batteries will be purchased and recorders will be reactivated in the five wells instrumented with pressure transducers to record hourly water levels. Ms. Jagucki reported that three of the instrumented wells (GE-349, GE-351, and GE-352) continued recording during the operational hiatus, no data gaps occurred and instrument drift was minimal and was deemed to be good quality. Ms. Jagucki noted that two of the instrumented wells (GE-350 and GE-354) had batteries die during the hiatus and operation of well GE-350 resumed once they were replaced and was collected hourly from June 29 to July 28 when the homeowner then asked us to remove the equipment so he could use the well to water his lawn. That well was given permission to do manual measurements four times a year, we recently heard from them and were told we could re-install as he would not be using it for irrigation. Ms. Jagucki stated that the recorder in GE-354 would not restart and a different recorder was installed with a solar panel in July, which was some used equipment from the office.

Ms. Jagucki noted that the map and associated water-level graphs were updated following the first two rounds of manual water level measurements (June and August 2016), Figures 3-11 are example figures from the webpage, the manually measured water levels from November have been checked and will be added to the database this week. These measurements can be accessed at the Active Water Level website:

(<http://groundwaterwatch.usgs.gov/countymap.asp?sa=OH&cc=055>) The website includes a USGS mapping application that color codes the network wells to represent current water-level conditions relative to historic water-levels measured in the same well during the same month.

Results of Groundwater-level Monitoring – October 2015 – August 2016

The limited monitoring this year suggests that observed water levels in 25 of the 30 network wells continued to fluctuate based on changes in precipitation. After 3 months of below-average precipitation this summer, water levels in 10 wells had fallen to below normal levels by August. Another five wells had below normal water levels for much or all of the year when compared to historic water levels; these declines are longer term and of a magnitude not explained by variation in precipitation amounts.

Claridon Township, Aquilla Village (GE-349) experienced a water-level decline in January 2007 of about 0.8 foot. Water levels had stabilized at that new lower level until this year, when water levels fell below previously observed lows for the month in January and again in July

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through October 2016. The lowest water level observed at this well since measurements began in 1996 was recorded in September 2016. The rapid variations in water level seen suggest that this well is being affected by an increase in nearby pumping. There is no new construction and just might be an increase in use by neighbors.

Chester Township (GE-351) (Area of Caves Road and State Route 322) have been below normal much of the year for the last four years. No records lows for the month or period of record were set this year, despite below normal precipitation amounts, suggesting that water levels may have stabilized in this well.

Middlefield Township:

Water level declines began at well GE-352 located northwest of Middlefield Village in 2010. Water levels are no longer rapidly falling; the past 12 months saw a new record low water level set in October 2015. It was also noted that water levels observed in January, July and September of this year were lower than had been previously measured during those months, and based on these observations the water levels in this well may not have stabilized yet.

Water levels in well GE-136 on Nauvoo Road began declining in about 2007 and hit a new record low in June 2016.

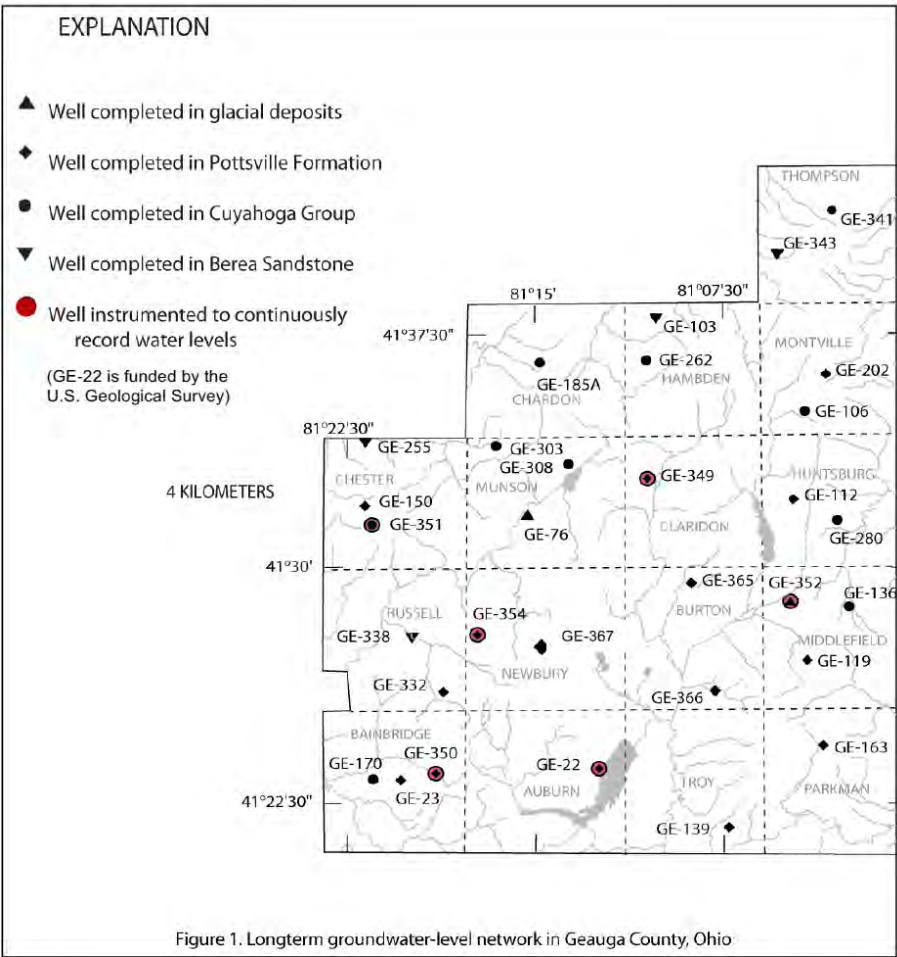
Ms. Jagucki inquired if they knew what the discharge was in Tare Creek, and if so it may also shed some light on what is going on.

Considerations for future Groundwater-level Monitoring

Mr. Claypool proposed the idea of using the Department of Water Resources to collect water level network data in the future that would then be provided to the USGS, to which it was noted that the data collected in the USGS database are retained permanently and are available to the public, along with graphs that show water levels over time as well as current water levels that compare to historic measurements made in the same months.

Ms. Jagucki stated that any of those results would have to be quality assured and attest to collection methods being used before the results could be included in their monitoring database.

The graphs below show different wells and monitoring levels as discussed during the update.



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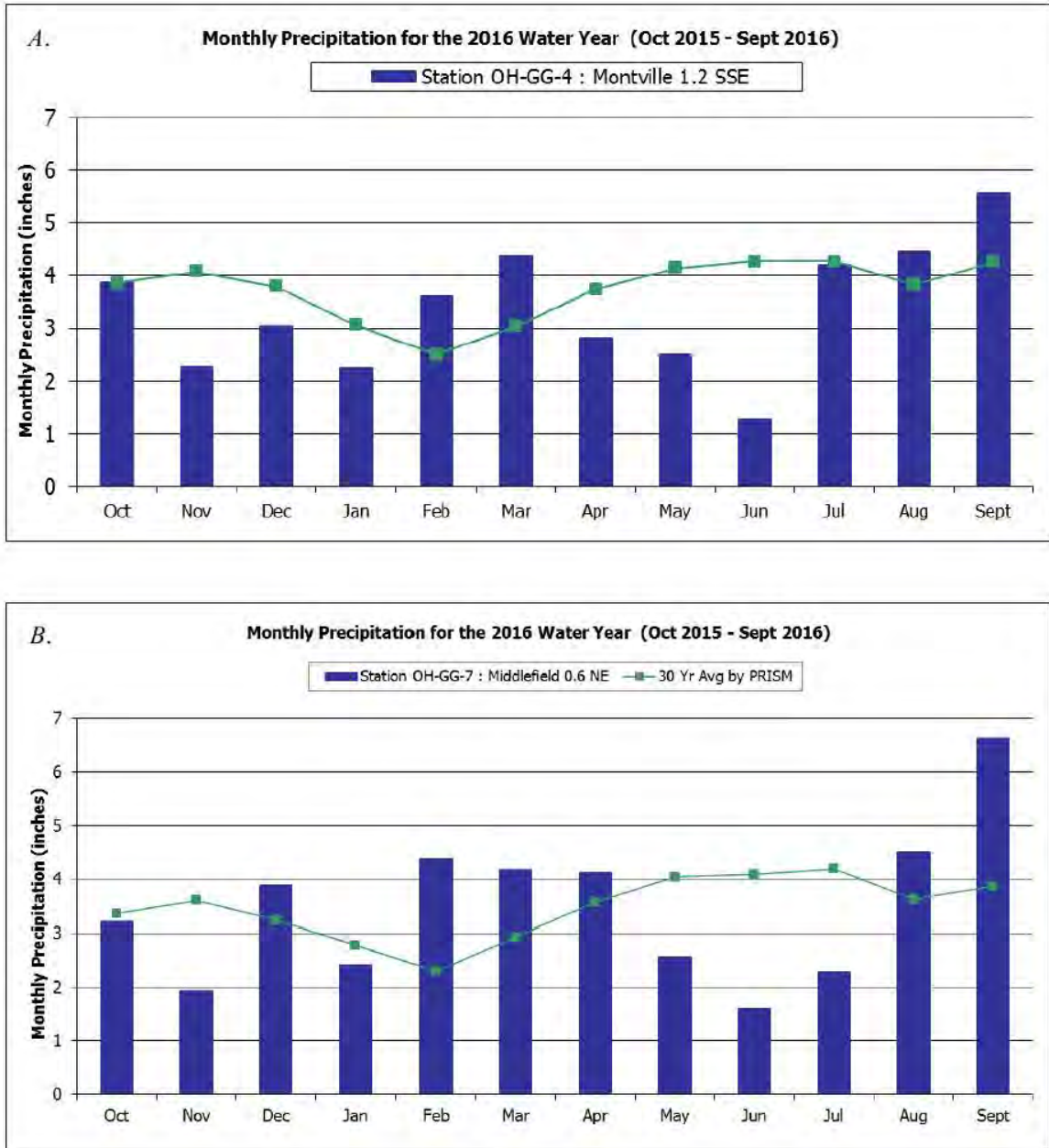


Figure 2. Monthly precipitation for the 2016 water year in (a) Montville, and (b) Middlefield, Ohio (Data are from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), available at <http://www.cocorahs.org/WaterYearSummary/State.aspx?year=2016&state=OH>).

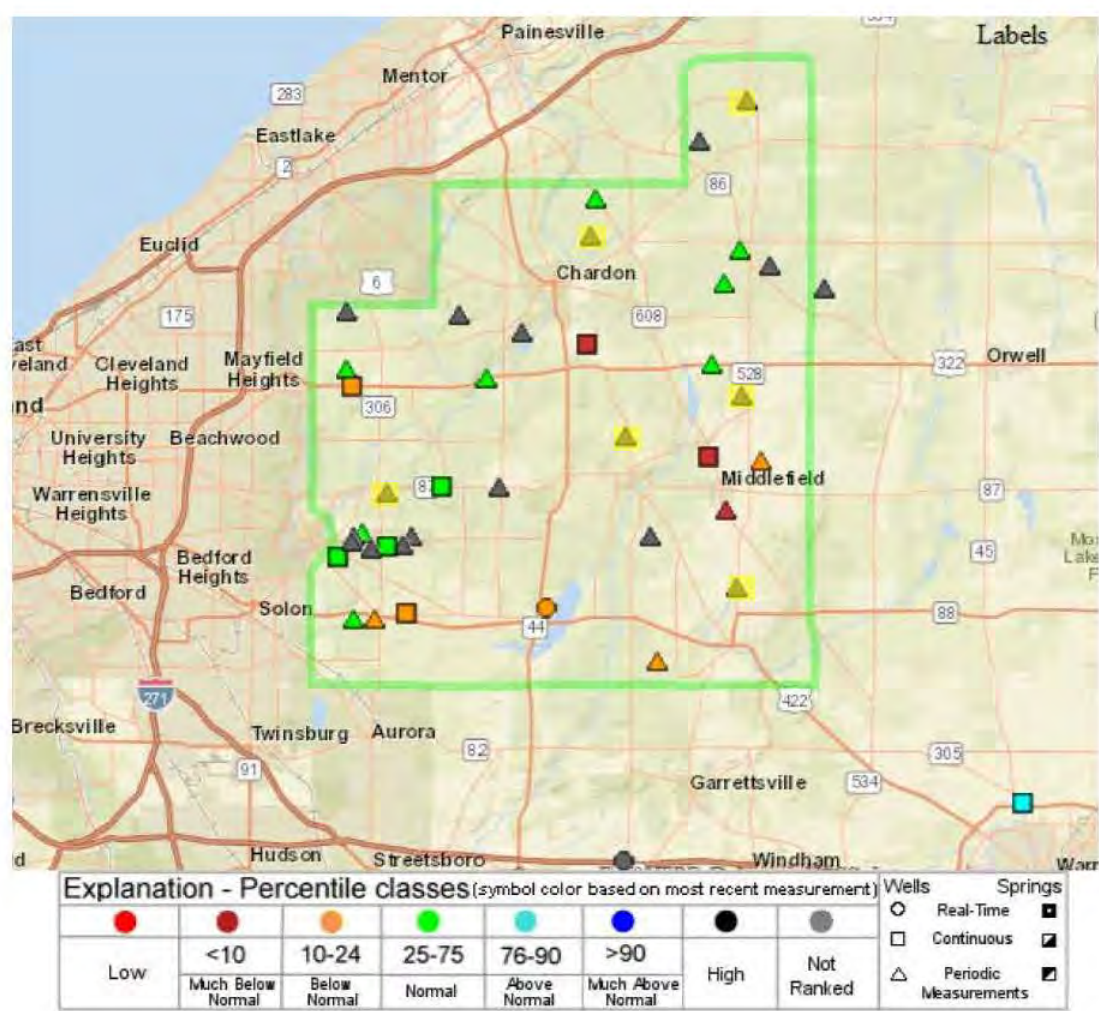


Figure 3. Groundwater-level status in Geauga County, Ohio, in August 2016

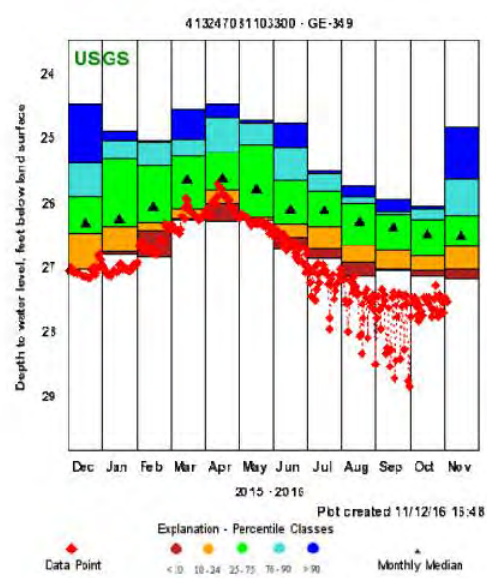


Figure 4. Groundwater-level measurements 2015-2016 (shown as red diamonds) compared to monthly statistics for the period February 1996 through November 2015 at well GE-349 in Aquilla Village (completed in the Pottsville Formation).

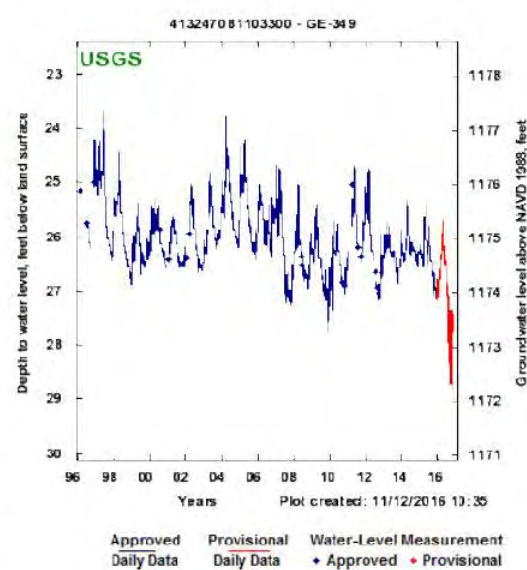


Figure 5. Groundwater-level measurements 1996-2016 at well GE-349 in Aquilla Village.

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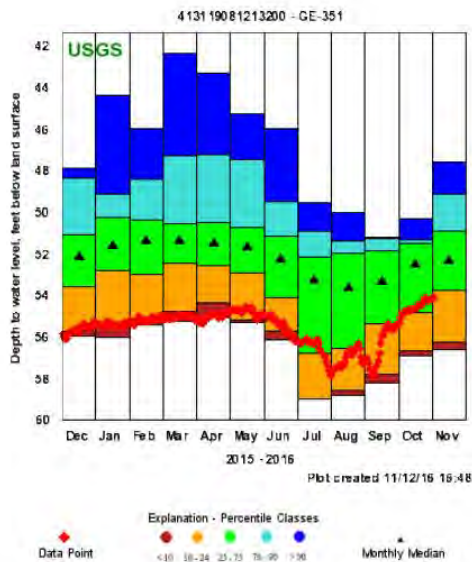


Figure 6. Groundwater-level measurements 2015-2016 (shown as red diamonds) compared to monthly statistics for the period January 1997 through November 2015 at well GE-351 in Chester Township.

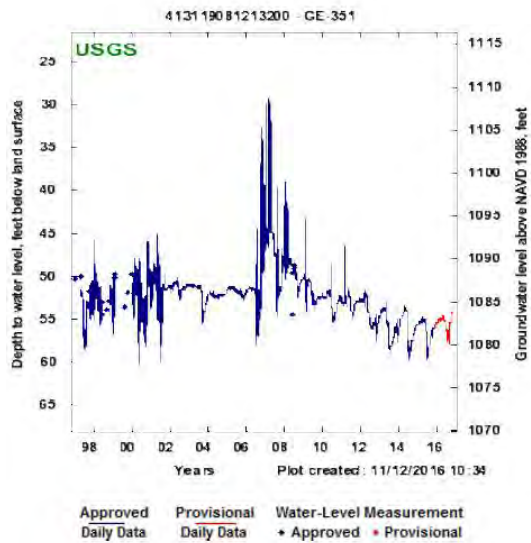


Figure 7. Groundwater-level measurements 1997-2016 at well GE-351 in Chester Township.

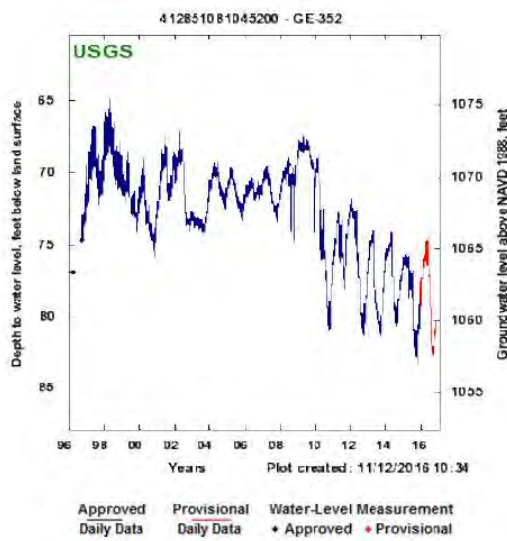


Figure 8. Groundwater-level measurements 1996-2016 at well GE-352 in Middlefield Township.

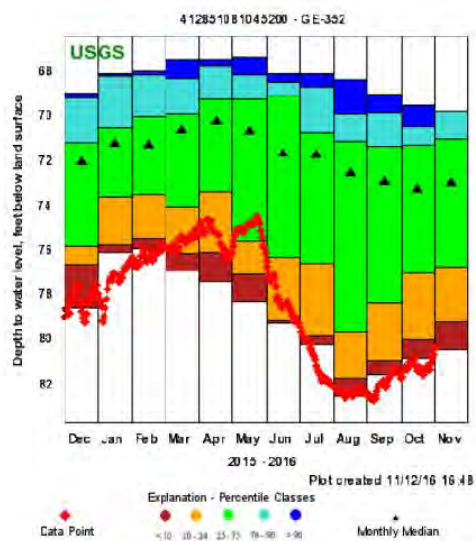


Figure 9. Groundwater-level measurements 2015-2016 (shown as red diamonds) compared to monthly statistics for the period March 1996 through November 2015 at well GE-352 in Middlefield Township.

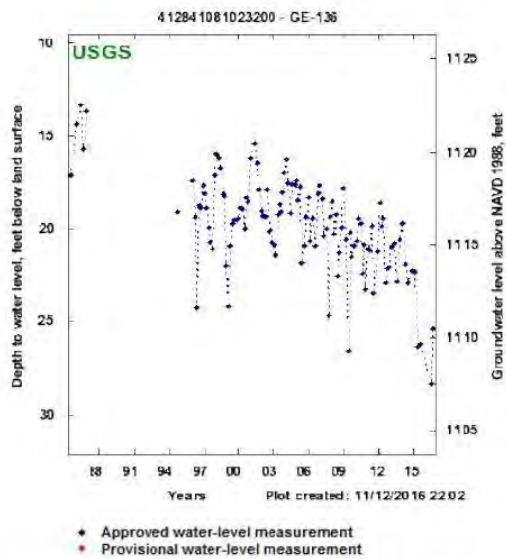


Figure 10. Groundwater-level measurements 1996-2016 at well GE-136 in Middlefield Township.

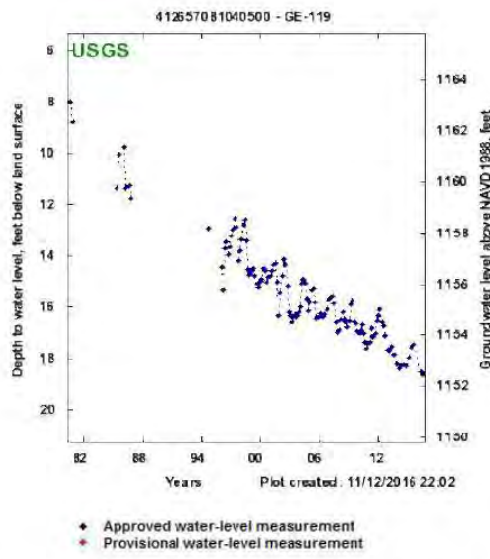


Figure 11. Groundwater-level measurements 1980-2016 at well GE-119 at the Geauga County Airport in Middlefield Township.

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property at 12131 Taylor Wells Road, Claridon, Ohio, as the County's interest in the property under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 is now secured by a mortgage and promissory note in the amount of \$25,000.00 from Brian and Tammy Wendl, the current owners of the property, and the lien from Habitat for Humanity can be released and is no longer required to secure the County interests.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property at 15905 Ridgewood Drive, Middlefield, Ohio, as the County's interest in the property under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 is now secured by a mortgage and promissory note in the amount of \$25,000.00 from Edwin and Roseanne Williamson, the current owners of the property, and the lien from Habitat for Humanity can be released and is no longer required to secure the County's interests.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property at 14700 Northview Drive, Middlefield, Ohio, as the County's interest in the property under Allocation Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1 is now secured by a mortgage and promissory note in the amount of \$8,050.00 from Carolyn Miller, the current owner of the property, and the lien from Habitat for Humanity can be released and is no longer required to secure the County's interests.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – ROLAND AND LAURIE MARCY

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Roland and Laurie Marcy for property located at 13543 Hotchkiss Road, Burton, under Grant #B-C-01-026-2, as the property went into foreclosure and the work for which the mortgage in the amount of \$19,850.00 was placed was never commenced.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Roland and Laurie Marcy for property located at 13543 Hotchkiss Road, Burton, Ohio, under Grant #B-C-01-026-1, as the mortgage in the original amount of \$9,000.00 has been satisfied.

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

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REVOLVING LOAN FUND
LOAN - JOB CERTIFICATION SUMMARY – NEWBURY COUNTRY MEATS, LLC

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this form is required to be submitted showing that the job creation portion of the loan requirements have been fulfilled.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Job Certification Summary for Newbury Country Meats, LLC as they have fulfilled the job creation portion of their Revolving Loan Fund loan.

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

TRANSIT – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE – MARVIN SPRINGER, TRANSIT DRIVER

Director Mike Kasper explained that Mr. Springer had a medical procedure for an ongoing problem that was not job related and is requesting an unpaid leave for up to six months. Mr. Springer noted that he would be returning to work.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Marvin Springer, Transit Driver, for a period of up to six months beginning November 21, 2016.

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

Mr. Kasper invited the Board to stop in for a piece of cake today in honor of the Transit 40th Anniversary today.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE DISCUSSIONS TO EXPAND
MASTER METER AGREEMENT – CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER –
BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Director Gerard Morgan explained that this is just granting permission to begin negotiations to expand the agreement with Cleveland Water to include a property on Washington Street, just east of State Route 306. The restaurant is currently on a well and has been having some issues with bacteria and are requesting to be included in our water system. Mr. Morgan stated that their water quality requirements are much stricter when you are providing water to the public. Mr. Morgan noted that the department does do water testing for \$15.00 if anyone is interested in having their water tested.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the Department to begin discussions with the City of Cleveland Division of Water for an expansion of the Master Meter Agreement to add Parcel #02-272300 (8575 Washington Street) in Bainbridge Township.

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

VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMISSION –ACCEPT DONATION OF CEMETERY PLOTS,
VAULTS AND COMPANION MEMORIALS FROM MARJORIE POZEHL – EXECUTE
QUITCLAIM, RELEASE AND TRANSFER FORM ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP

Mr. Lair explained that someone contacted the Veterans Service Commission regarding two cemetery plots that they wanted to donate to be used for Veterans, and the property is required to be held by the Board of Commissioners. We are asking to accept the donation and transfers of ownership.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept a donation made by Marjorie Pozehl of two (2) cemetery plots located at Western Reserve Memorial Garden (current value \$2,940.00) along with two (2) vaults (current value \$1,980.00) and veteran companion memorials (current value

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\$2,461.00), for a total donation value at today's cost of \$7,381.00. The donation is accepted with the express understanding that all items are to be held by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the sole purpose of donating the plots and other items to U.S. Veterans.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Quitclaim, Release and Transfer of Interest in Cemetery Interment Rights and / or Merchandise form acknowledging and accepting the transfer of ownership of the two plots, vaults and memorials to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.

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

COUNTY HOME – APPROVE PROBATIONARY FAILURE – WILLOW FLETCHER – PART-TIME ATTENDANT

Director Karen DeCola asked the Board to approve the probationary failure of Ms. Fletcher, as they tried to help her and it just did not work out.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the probationary failure of Willow Fletcher, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective November 14, 2016.

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

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SVETLANA YEFANOV – PART-TIME ATTENDANT

Ms. DeCola stated that Ms. Yefanov recently became ill and cannot continue to work, and asked the Board to accept her resignation.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Svetlana Yefanov, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective November 12, 2016.

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

COUNTY HOME – APPROVE RATE INCREASE – RESIDENT ROOM AND BOARD – SET MONTHLY RESPITE RATE – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

Ms. DeCola asked the Board to approve an increase to the resident room and board fee and establish a respite care fee (short term care). Ms. DeCola stated that the current rate is \$1375.00 and if everyone in the home paid the \$1500.00 would cover the budget, but not everyone pays the full amount, noting that everyone pays something, but not all the same amount. Currently Job and Family Services is using the County Home for some respite cases and this rate will bring in some additional income.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve a rate increase for resident room and board, with the rate based on their ability to pay still in effect, the rate for non-subsidized will increase to \$1,500.00 per month and \$500.00 for monthly respite (short term stay - 30 days) to be effective January 1, 2017.

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

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COUNTY HOME – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to increase the current posting for Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) from one to three positions. These positions will remain posted until filled.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING MATTHEW RICHTER AND THOMAS VAN ZEELAND FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-155 Honoring Matthew Richter and Resolution #16-156 Honoring Thomas Van Zeeland on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 16-155
Date: November 22, 2016

*A RESOLUTION HONORING MATTHEW RICHTER FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Richter is a member of Boy Scout Troop #91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Richter provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Richter's Eagle Scout project was for the University School Drama Department where he helped them with organization by creating storage solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Matthew Richter for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

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 Rear</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 16-156
Date: November 22, 2016

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*A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS VAN ZEELAND FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Van Zeeland is a member of Boy Scout Troop #91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Van Zeeland provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Van Zeeland's Eagle Scout project consisted of enhancing and improving the visitor information kiosks at the Scenic River Retreat Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Thomas Van Zeeland for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT PRESENTATION

Budget / Fiscal Director and County Liaison Kimberly Laurie provided the following presentation which offers information regarding the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center, answer some questions that were raised and Judge Grendell's perspective.

The following statutes oversee detention centers:

O.R.C. 2152.41 Detention Facilities

- **(A): Upon the recommendation of the judge, the board of county commissioners shall provide, by purchase, lease, construction, or otherwise, a detention facility that shall be within a convenient distance of the juvenile court.**

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O.R.C. 2152.41 Detention Facilities

- (B): Upon the joint recommendation of the **juvenile judges** of two or more neighboring counties, the boards of county commissioners **shall** form themselves into a joint board and proceed to organize a district for the establishment and support of a detention facility for the use of the juvenile courts of those counties...

Ms. Laurie expressed that the Judge would have to approve any alternatives that might be pursued and the convenience is already questioned with a 45minute drive back and forth.

O.R.C. 2152.41 Detention Facilities

- (C): In any county in which there is no detention facility or that is not served by a district detention facility, the **juvenile court may enter into a contract**, subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners, with another juvenile court, another county's detention facility, or a joint county detention facility.
- Alternately, the board of county commissioners shall provide funds for the boarding of children, who would be eligible for detention under division (A) of this section... **The court also may arrange with any public children services agency or private child placing agency to receive, or private noncustodial agency for temporary care of, children within the jurisdiction of the court.**
- If the court arranges for the board of children temporarily detained in certified foster homes or through any private child placing agency, **the county shall pay a reasonable sum to be fixed by the court for the board of those children.** In order to have certified foster homes available for service, an agreed monthly subsidy may be paid and a fixed rate per day for care of children actually residing in the certified foster home.

O.R.C. 2152.41 Detention Facilities

- (D) The board of county commissioners of any county within a detention facility district, **upon the recommendation of the juvenile court of that county**, may withdraw from the district and sell or lease its right, title, and interest in the site, buildings, furniture, and equipment of the facility to any counties in the district, at any price and upon any such terms that are agreed upon among the boards of county commissioners of the counties concerned.

Ms. Laurie noted that this option would require approval and recommendation of the Judge and an agreement with Portage County Commissioners because currently the facility is funded by both and divided by bed usage.

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O.R.C. 2152.41 Detention Facilities

- (E): The children to be admitted for care in a county or district detention facility... and the removal and transfer of children from the facility **shall be determined by the juvenile court that ordered the child's detention.**

County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Handbook

- Chapter 98 – Judicial System
 - Page 24: 98.075 Detention of Juveniles
 - ✦ ORC 2151.311 Procedure upon taking child into custody
 - Juvenile offenders may be held in an adult jail for no longer than 3 hours
 - Juvenile offenders held in an adult jail must remain out of sight, sound or touch range of an adult offender, be visually supervised at all times, and shall not be handcuffed or otherwise restrained
 - Neglected, abused or dependent children may not be held in an adult jail or juvenile detention center

Ms. Laurie noted that Job and Family Services children cannot be placed in a detention facility.

County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Handbook

- Chapter 98 – Judicial System
 - Page 25: 98.077 County Juvenile Detention Facilities
 - ✦ ORC 2152.41 County required to provide a Detention Facility
 - ORC 2152.43(A) Commissioners are authorized to apply to the Department of Youth Services (DYS) for financial assistance to defray the cost of operating and maintaining the detention facility
 - ✦ Alternatives to a Detention Facility
 - Subject to juvenile court judge's recommendation
 - ✦ ORC 2152.41 & 2152.42 County Detention Facility
 - ✦ ORC 2152.41-44 District Detention Facility
 - ✦ ORC 2151.65 - 80 Other Juvenile Facilities

Ms. Laurie noted the ORC 2152.43 A – noting that the Commissioners can apply to the Department of Youth Services (DYS) for financial assistance to defray operating costs, noting that the State has never allocated funding for that purpose, adding that she did not know if the Detention Center applied for those funds on their own.

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Mr. Rehnert provided information regarding the facility which she included in the presentation:

Handout from Thomas Rehnert
PGDC Superintendent

- **Detention Facility Standards and Oversight**
 - Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5139.37 Detention Centers
 - American Correctional Association (ACA)
 - County Health Department
 - Auditor of the State of Ohio
 - Ohio Department of Education
 - Office of the State of Ohio Fire Marshall
 - Local fire districts
 - Local Court rules
 - Rulings of the Federal Court Sixth Circuit

Handout from Thomas Rehnert
PGDC Superintendent

- **Services provided to detainees**
 - Education
 - Medical
 - Mental Health: Psychological and Social Services
 - Food Service

Handout from Thomas Rehnert
PGDC Superintendent

- **Awards/Distinctions**
- **Geauga Detention Population by Admission**
 - 2014: 2,130 bed days used (30% of total) = \$685,000 FY 2016
 - 2015: 1,896 bed days used (33% of total) = \$765,000 FY 2017
 - × Use of ankle monitors instead of detention saved 962 bed days
 - × 962 additional bed days would have brought Geauga's usage up to approximately 42% = \$975,000
 - × Use of ankle monitors in 2015 will save the county \$210,000 in 2017
 - 2016: 1,407 bed days used (23% of total) = \$535,000 FY 2018
 - × Use of ankle monitors instead of detention saved 433 bed days
 - × 433 additional bed days would have brought Geauga's usage up to approximately 28% = \$650,000
 - × Use of ankle monitors in 2016 will save the county \$115,000 in 2018

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Ms. Laurie stated that once a year is complete and we know how many total bed days were used by each County the percentage is then used for the next budget year and how the county's portions will be responsible for the following year, 2014 numbers determined the 2016 budget and 2015 numbers determine the 2017 budget, and so the numbers from 2016 will determine our portion of the budget for 2018. The numbers included are through the end of October 2016 and based on the use we are seeing the amount for 2018 will be less. Ms. Laurie talked about the use of ankle monitors being used in place of the detention center and the funding be saved by this option.

Some of the information included was part of a letter sent to the Board of Commissioners previously.

Judge Grendell's Perspective

- **Not recommending withdrawal from PGDC but would consider an in-county Detention Center if operations costs could be economically feasible**
 - More convenient for transportation to/from hearings and family visits
 - Only county in Northeast Ohio without its own Detention Center
- Shares concern about Detention Center costs but decisions concerning the facility must **first** be based on the protection of the best interests of our children
- Utilizes detention alternatives to help defray costs when practical for the best interests of the children and our community (ex: ankle monitors and weekend program)

Ms. Laurie briefly explained what the weekend program was, noting that it gives the kids an option for good behavior and if they have good behavior during the week, then they can earn a stay home over the weekend, which saves on additional bed days at the detention center.

Judge Grendell's Perspective

- Because of the **great difference** between the level of offenses committed by urban gang members and Geauga's juveniles, allowing Cuyahoga county to rent bed space would put our juveniles at risk and open the door for gangs to set up franchises in Geauga County, and therefore it is off the table as an option
 - Ex: Juvenile who was just sentenced to the death penalty for murdering 3 people in a barbershop was recruited into the Heartless Felons gang while in the Cuyahoga County Detention Center
- For this reason, every juvenile judge he has spoken with has opined that placement of Cuyahoga County delinquents in PGDC could be a very bad idea

Mr. Claypool explained briefly some information he had gathered regarding the Cuyahoga County facility, and a point system that is used based on the offense, adding that in reality Cuyahoga County kids could already be being placed into our detention center. Mr. Claypool had been speaking to Sheriff McClelland regarding the contracting option for the detention center and while he has not been to the facility feels that it might be an option, based on how the contract is written as to the types of kids you can and cannot receive or send back based on behavior or space. If the Judges in surrounding counties want an option for placement aside from allowing the kids to be on the street, he doesn't understand why they wouldn't want to consider it as an option, adding that this may not be possible if the Judges don't want to participate. Ms. Laurie added that it makes sense and works for the Adult system however the Juvenile system has different statutes that must be followed; her understanding of the code is that

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100% of the placement is determined by the Judge of the County in which the child is being adjudicated and disposed. Those mechanisms might not be able to be put into place and still follow the code. There was discussion between Ms. Laurie and Mr. Claypool regarding the level of offenses that we would not want to be placed in our facility and that since they are a larger county they may have more programs available than what we are currently using in Geauga County. Mr. Rear stated that in the Adult Jail that is what it is, its jail, if they have a health issue, the county they came from are billed for services; the ORC lists the services that are required to be provided to a child, the services still have to be paid for, and additional children might not provide a contracted income, it might actually increase expenses based on those services that are required to be provided. The Juvenile Court has to recommend the best interest of the children that is why any decision requires a recommendation from the Judge. Ms. Laurie stated that the Judge has control over where he sends a child and can remand a child back to his own County, or put an ankle monitor and is then overseen by the Constable.

A Video was played from a news story done by a local TV station (19 Action News) on the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center,

Mr. Claypool stated that no one in this room is stating that we want these kids in our detention center, and that is why you must put those filters in place.

Judge Grendell's Perspective

- Judge Grendell contacted neighboring juvenile judges to inquire about the possibility of sending Geauga County juveniles to other neighboring Detention facilities
 - Ashtabula: no interest
 - Lake: may be able to take some but Lake County juveniles would take precedence. At times when they are at capacity they would need to remove a Geauga juvenile to make room
 - Medina: facility already at capacity and could not guarantee regular placement availability
 - Due to gun and gang issues stated earlier, Cuyahoga, Trumbull, Mahoning and Summit counties are not viable alternatives

Judge Grendell's Perspective

- The Judge is open to a discussion about the Portage Geauga Detention Center and possible alternatives, but for an alternative to be acceptable, it would need to be in the best interests of Geauga children and families by being:
 - Reliable
 - Effective
 - Convenient
 - Economically feasible
- An alternative to PGDC shall not introduce higher risk offenders to Geauga juveniles

A Video was played that include a meeting with Judge Berger sharing his Perspective regarding the Detention Center with the Portage County Commissioners at one of their meetings.

Ms. Laurie asked for any additional questions and concluded her presentation.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER TO AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING RFQ FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AVIATION CONSULTANT SERVICES

Mr. Lair asked the Board to execute a letter to the Airport Authority in regards to requesting and RFQ be issued for Statements of Qualifications for Aviation Consultant Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a letter to the Geauga County Airport Authority requesting an RFQ be prepared and issued to receive Statements of Qualifications for Aviation Consultant Services from FAA Qualified Airfield Engineering Firms that are in compliance with current FAA standards and guidelines and all other applicable laws and regulations.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. with Mr. Lair and Ms. Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:57 a.m. and as a result no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 9, 2016 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 prisoner transport for the month ending October, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

Christine Blair, Commissioners Clerk asked the Board for when they would be available to schedule a Joint Detention Center meeting and said we are looking at Thursday, December 8th. Mr. Spidalieri asked the Board to come here and to do it after the regular meeting. Ms. Blair stated that she would pose the question to the Portage County Commissioners and get back to the Board.

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 11/24 County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Fri., 11/25 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Tue., 11/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

*Fri., 12/2 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Annual Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
Guido's Generations Reception and Event Center*

12/4 – 12/6 CCAO Winter Conferences, Columbus, Ohio

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*Tue., 12/6 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 12/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 12/9 NOACA, Board of Directors, Cleveland

Tue., 12/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 12/13 ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Tue., 12/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 12/15 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Annual Luncheon Meeting

Fri., 12/16 NOACA – Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Cleveland

Mon., 12/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices

Tue., 12/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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