

Commissioners' Journal
July 21, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 21, 2015 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 9:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Bobby Seagraves, who passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. Mr. Seagraves was an employee at the Department on Aging for over sixteen years and will be greatly missed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 14, 2015.

<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 Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation Transfer for the Juvenile Court Special Projects fund for compensation for a temporary employee; a Supplemental Appropriation for the County Sewer Improvements fund for architectural fees for the Merritt Road garage expansion project; a Cash transfer from the General Fund for 1st Quarter SFY16 funding for Family First Council; a Contract for Michael G. Sudsina for fiscal consulting services in the amount of \$4,500.00; Travel requests for the Engineer's and Recorder's Offices; and a payment to Upstate Wholesale Supply for the purchase of (9) grant funded MDT's for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$32,100.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-100 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 21, 2015.

<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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR THE HOME CARE SERVICES: ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING PROGRAM FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER

Director Jessica Boalt explained that units have been previously awarded, that before the Board today are the contracts and acceptance of performance bonds for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Montefiore Home Care for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period August 15, 2015 through August 14, 2017 in the amount of 5,200 Units of Service for a two year period at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit, for a total amount of \$109,200.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Family Tree Home Care Services, LLC for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period August 15, 2015 through August 14, 2017 in the amount of 8,320 Units of Service for a two year period at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit, for a total amount of \$174,720.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 Contract Agreement with Cherished Companions Home Care LLC for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period August 15, 2015 through August 14, 2017 in the amount of 8,320 Units of Service for a two year period at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit, for a total amount of \$174,720.00.

<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 accept the Performance Bond from Cherished Companions Home Care LLC for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over, and further release the Bid Bond.

<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 Contract Agreement with Qual Care, LLC d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care Services, Incorporated for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period August 15, 2015 through August 14, 2017 in the amount of 16,640 Units of Service for a two year period at a reimbursement rate of \$21.00 per unit, for a total amount of \$349,440.00.

<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 accept the Performance Bond from Qual Care, LLC d.b.a Home Instead Senior Care Services, Incorporated for the Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over, and further release the Bid Bond.

<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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTION HONORING MARIANNE ELLEN VANPELT FOR THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND ITS SENIORS

Ms. Boalt explained that Mariann VanPelt is retiring at the end of the month, and that she has been with the department for thirty-four years. Ms. Boalt stated that Ms. VanPelt played an instrumental role in several of the programs that are offered. Ms. Boalt stated that they have been fortunate to have had her for so long and feels that she is looking forward to spending time with her family.

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-101 Honoring Mariann Ellen Van Pelt for her thirty-four years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its seniors.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2015

Resolution: #15-101

RESOLUTION HONORING MARIANN ELLEN VANPELT FOR HER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND ITS SENIORS

WHEREAS, Mariann VanPelt grew up on the family farm in Leroy Township raising beef cattle and chickens. Mariann VanPelt studied to be an Executive Secretary at the Stevens Business College in Columbus. After marrying her husband Richard, they were stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland, before moving back to the family farm where they still farm; and

WHEREAS, Mariann VanPelt began her career at the Department on Aging November 5, 1981 and is one of the original employees, starting as part-time, two days a week, at the then newly opened Thompson Senior Center while raising her three children, before becoming a full-time employee, serving as Site Coordinator at both the Middlefield and Thompson centers, along with helping the agency develop a strong core of support throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Mariann VanPelt has worked diligently over the years to meet the ever changing needs of seniors while continuing to expand the activities that are offered within Geauga County. Mariann VanPelt was instrumental in organizing the "Senior Day" event held at the Great Geauga County Fair, along with being known for her delicious homemade strawberry and blueberry jams that were used for the Strawberry and Blueberry Festivals held at the Middlefield Senior center; and

WHEREAS, Mariann VanPelt enjoys spending time with her family, traveling to horse shows with her daughter in law, and is looking forward to spending more time with her eleven grandchildren. Mariann VanPelt is excited about her first trip once she is retired, to travel to and experience the Redwood Forest in California, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honors and congratulates Mariann Ellen VanPelt for her thirty-four (34) years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its Seniors, and wishes her the best in her retirement.

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>

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – TIME WARNER CABLE BUSINESS CLASS ORDER AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

Auditor Frank Gliha explained that this agreement is for the fiber connection for video, voice and data, noting that this is the same as it has been for the last ten years with an increase in the bandwidth from 10 mgs to 50 mgs.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Time Warner Cable Business Class Order for Dedicated Internet, Metro Ethernet and Private Line Service and Service Agreement for Ethernet Services and Dedicated Internet Access for the Fiber LAN and DIA for the period July 25, 2015 through July 24, 2016 in the amount of \$49,440.00.

<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 – AWARD BID – JADCO
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INCORPORATED – BURTON AMERICAN LEGION HALL
ADA RENOVATIONS

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad asked the Board to award the bid to JADCO Construction Services for the Burton American Legion Hall ADA Renovations as they were the lowest and best bid submitted. Ms. Conrad stated that they checked all references and a recommendation from the architect as they have not done any previous projects with JADCO.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to JADCO Construction Services, Incorporated for the Burton American Legion Hall ADA Renovations in the amount of \$39,423.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid, and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Bid Award.

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

COUNTY HOME – APPROVE UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE – DIRECTOR KAREN DECOLA

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Director, Karen DeCola for up to forty (40) hours for the period August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS –
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FY 2015

Deputy Director of Preparedness Ken Folsom explained the grant application for the Emergency Management Performance Grant for 2015 fiscal year, noting that this FEMA grant has been in place for over the last twenty years that support emergency management at the local level. Mr. Folsom explained that in the last few years they have received supplemental funding that was left over from other counties, so this year the format has been changed and re-allocated the funds which includes a \$30,000.00 increase with no supplemental this year. Mr. Folsom stated that it is a 50% reimbursement and will be over \$92,000.00 to the county this year. Mr. Folsom expressed that the grant covers salaries and utilities at the emergency management center.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute grant application documents relating to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for Fiscal Year 2015 and to further approve Director Dale B. Wedge to execute where appropriate in the amount of \$92,216.00 with a 50% match of funds for a total of \$184,432.00.

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

DISCUSSION REGARDING FLOODING IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Folsom provided a brief update regarding the recent flooding in Bainbridge Township and the effects on the Lake Lucerne dam.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT
NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION
TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY JOB AND
FAMILY SERVICES

Executive Director Craig Swenson explained that the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue had been received for the additional .5 mill tax levy and that it would generate approximately \$1,523,206.00 per year and cost the taxpayer about \$17.50 per household on each \$100,000.00 of household valuation. Mr. Swenson asked the Board to approve the resolution that would then place this request on the ballot this fall. Mr. Swenson expressed that based upon some “noise” since last week, this levy is a needs-based ask, and that he would like

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this campaign to remain apolitical and mindful that this is about the children and the needs that are arising right now, and that costs and funds are what they are, and that the children that are placed out of their homes and dealing with hardships at their ages are the ones that need this.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-102 Declaring it Necessary to Levy an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the Geauga County Job and Family Services, O.R.C. 5705.07 and 5705.24.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2015

Resolution: #15-102

RESOLUTION NO. 15-102

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL
TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION TO
PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE
GEAUGA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
O.R.C. §§5705.07 and 5705.24**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 21st day of July, 2015, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m. at the Chambers of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, 470 Center Street, Building 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Walter M. Claypool Ralph Spidalieri Blake A. Rear

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Rear moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Job and Family Services, Geauga County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Job and Family Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Job and Family Services with sufficient funds for providing preventative services to abused, neglected and abandoned children, for the care and placement of children in foster and adoptive homes by the Geauga County Job and Family Services and for any operating or capital improvement expenditure necessary for the support of children services and the care and placement of children, at a rate not exceeding five tenths (0.5) mills for each One Dollar (\$1.00)

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of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$0.05) for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years.

Section 2. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2015 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 3. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and O.R.C. §§5705.07, 5705.24 and 5705.25 to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held November 3, 2015.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety days before the general election to be held on November 3, 2015 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberation of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.

Commissioner Spidalieri seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RESURFACING OF BURTON-WINDSOR ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this OPWC agreement is for 43% participation percentage that will pay for a portion of the project for the resurfacing of Burton Windsor Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Blake A. Rear, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement Local Transportation Improvement Program for the Burton-Windsor Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$288,100.00.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BURTON-WINDSOR ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing project on Burton Windsor Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Burton Windsor

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Road (CH 14, Sections F and G) in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$610,241.40 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT – RESURFACING
THWING ROAD**

Mr. Gorris explained that this OPWC agreement is for 45% participation percentage that will pay for a portion of the project for the resurfacing of Thwing Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Blake A. Rear, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement Local Transportation Improvement Program for the Thwing Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$243,000.00.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED –
RESURFACING OF THWING ROAD**

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing project on Thwing Road. It was noted that the length of the project is 2.87 miles of road.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Thwing Road (CH 27, Sections A and B) in Chardon and Munson Townships in the amount of \$548,067.75 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 –
INCREASE CONTRACT – AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION**

Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan explained that this is to increase a current service project with Auburn Fence to include some additional work at the Scarsdale plant that was not included when opened at the beginning of the year.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute service Contract Maintenance Form #1, increasing the Contract with Auburn Fence Corporation to perform additional fence installation not covered in the original contract at the Scarsdale Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$7,500.00.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PERFORMANCE CONTRACT – JOHNSON
CONTROLS, INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF MEMBRANCES, PLANT UPGRADES –
MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Mr. Morgan explained that the membranes have reached the end of their life and need to be replaced at the McFarland plant, briefly explaining what the membranes look like and that they are of a fibrous cloth type material. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the amount that had being budgeted over the last few years in knowing that they needed to be replaced. Mr. Morgan explained briefly the process that they reviewed all the new technology currently out

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there and decided to replace them in kind rather changing the membrane process.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Performance Contract between the Geauga County Commissioners and Johnson Controls, Incorporated for the replacement of membranes, plant controls upgrade / replacement and lighting upgrades at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$2,981,526.00.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – PRECISE BORING OF OHIO – TROY OAKS FORCE MAIN PROJECT

Design Engineer Laura Weber asked the Board to award the bid to Precise Boring of Ohio for the Troy Oaks Force Main project that will convert the Troy Oaks wastewater treatment plant into a pump station that will then pump the wastewater to the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment plant that is located on the other side of Ladue Reservoir. Ms. Weber stated that the Auburn Corners plant will be upgraded. The force main will be bored under Ladue on the north side of State Route 422 and then will cross to go the Auburn Corners, it was noted that most of the work will be at the causeway. Mr. Morgan explained that the project will be completed in two parts, that will run five feet below the reservoir and will include a ten inch casing pipe with a 6 inch force main. Commissioner Claypool inquired about the City of Akron to which it was noted that the City of Akron was pleased because it will be one less plant that will be discharging into the reservoir.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Precise Boring of Ohio for the Troy Oaks Force Main Project in the amount of \$695,213.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION HONORING DOUGLAS BOWEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to honor Mr. Bowen on his retirement, noting that he had said something about being rehired but didn't feel that would be a good thing. It was noted that the commute would be 1961 miles from Sedona. Mr. Claypool expressed that while he was sad to see Mr. Bowen going, Geauga County is lucky to have Mr. Morgan here to fill that position.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-103 Honoring Douglas Bowen on the occasion of his Retirement from the Department of Water Resources.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2015
Resolution: #15-103

RESOLUTION HONORING DOUGLAS BOWEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Douglas Bowen began the first ten years of his career of serving the public at the City of Cleveland Water Department, then serving with the Portage County Water Resources, before arriving in Geauga County where for the last (almost) twenty years has worked in the Department of Water Resources, in which since June 1, 2009, has been serving as the Director; and

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WHEREAS, Douglas Bowen will most be remembered as the “candy-man”, for his Jazzercise presentations that he provided during the “Wellness EXPO”, and for driving his “duggers” Camaro; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Bowen is trading in his Daylilies for Cacti and Jazzercise for Contra-dancing when he jet sets off to his new home in Sedona, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Bowen looks forward to spending his time providing tours of the red rocks, escorting grand canyon hiking tours, and giving cracked axle tours in his new jeep; and.

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources will entrust him with the status of distinguished alumnus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor Douglas Bowen on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for all of his accomplishments and for his many years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its Residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

Following the roll, Mr. Claypool read the resolution and it was presented to Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bowen stated that is has been an honor to live in Geauga County for over half his life and great to only drive within 15 minutes to work. Mr. Bowen expressed gratitude for his department and the hard work that do every day, and that he has shined due to his employees' hard work.

TRANSIT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL HARTZ – PART-TIME DRIVER

Director Mike Kasper asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mr. Hartz, noting that he had started in January and recently accepted a full-time position elsewhere.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Michael Hartz, Part-time Driver to be effective July 8, 2015.

<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 – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND CLAIM FOR TRANSIT BUSES

Mr. Kasper asked the Board to approve the Motor Fuel Tax refund that is done quarterly in order receive the funds back from the State of Ohio.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$2,303.91.

<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 – CANCEL SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Thursday, July 23, 2015.

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Mr. Claypool explained that three seats are currently vacant on the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and expressed that he was ready to move forward on filling at least two of those seats. Mr. Claypool expressed that he had spoken with a majority of the applicants, noting that he did not know where the rest of the Board members' feelings were on those appointments. Mr. Claypool stated that he wished to move to appoint Lisa Cavasinni to fill the vacant seat of Mariel Rouru.

Mr. Rear expressed that he would not be moving or seconding any appointments or voting today on these appointments due to a majority of the applications coming in over the last few days and that he has not had ample time to review them. Mr. Rear expressed that for over a month several applications had been received and were up for consideration but that in the last few days four or five additional applications/resumes had been received.

Discussion took place between Mr. Rear and Mr. Claypool where they expressed their own opinions regarding these appointments.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Lisa Cavasinni to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a four year term ending June 30, 2019.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Claypool moved to appoint Dave Welty to fill the vacant seat of Linda Miller.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Dave Welty to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a four year term ending June 30, 2019.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Claypool stated that he had been prepared this morning to take action on a third appointment but would like to defer for a week or so for additional time for consideration. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that Ms. Gandolfi had quite a bit of experience and expressed that he felt she would be a good person for that position. Mr. Claypool agreed and stated that he felt comfortable and moved to appoint Jaina Gandolfi to fill the vacant seat of James Pontau, Jr.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Jaina Gandolfi to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a four year term ending June 30, 2019.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>No</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 discipline of a public employee in the Transit Department.

<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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It was noted that Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne and Transit Director Kasper would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the hearing officer, Karen DeCola, and to suspend without pay Harry Whalen, Part-time Transit Driver in the Transit Department for four (4) hours for violation of Transit Policy Manual Pages 9 and 10, Best Practices Preventable Accidents Level Three.

And further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation form per O.R.C. 124.34 for the four hours.

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 1, 2015 and July 8, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending June, 2015.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 7/21 Re-Scheduled Hydroponic Tour at Great Lakes Growers, 1:30 p.m. Burton Township*
- Thu., 7/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 6:30 pm. (pending cancellation – see above)*
- Tue., 7/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 8/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 8/10 Board of Revision, Auditor's Office, 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 8/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 8/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Fri., 8/14 NOACA, Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., and Executive 11:30 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.*

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Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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