

Commissioners' Journal
April 22, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 22, 2014 at 10:00 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

GEAUGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION UPDATE

Historical Society President Bill Jackson presented the following report /update by explaining that the society had been originally formed in 1873 and was revived in 1938 noting that this year would be the 141st year of existence and the 76th anniversary of the revival. Mr. Jackson explained that last year through the present they have operated without an Executive Director adding that the Board of Directors has conducted the business of the traditional roles and responsibilities as well as the day to day operations. Mr. Jackson expressed that for financial reasons they have not filled the Executive Director position. Mr. Jackson explained that currently the society has two full time employees, a business office manager and a facilities supervisor, two part-time employees that work twenty plus hours a week, a store manager and assistant to the facilities manager, and eleven very part-time employees that are paid by the hour that include ten interpreters/ tour guides and a cleaning person. Mr. Jackson stated that all other work and activities of the society are carried out by the 100 plus volunteers. Mr. Jackson explained that many of their volunteers give 100 or more hours of service a year but during 2013 six of those volunteers were recognized for having volunteered at least 500 hours of service.

Mr. Jackson stated that they operate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation. The society is a membership organization that offers individual, couple, family and corporate memberships. Mr. Jackson stated that none of the Directors or Officers is paid and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee both meet monthly. The Society operates under an annual budget that is done in the fall and makes every attempt to balance. The primary expenses after employee benefits are utilities, insurance, farm operations, maintenance of twenty historic buildings, and the maintenance of the grounds. Mr. Jackson noted that they have twenty-two buildings that are over 100 years old with six additional support buildings. Mr. Jackson stated that their primary revenue sources come from events, membership fees, Heritage Partners support, rental income, store receipts, maple syrup and other farm production, support from the Commissioners and through donations. Mr. Jackson noted that their maple season was average this year and that their farm operations are more for demonstration purposes and as an attraction for families as children love animals. Mr. Jackson mentioned a recent grant for Ohio Capital Improvements had just been received for three specified non-operational projects.

Mr. Jackson listed the society's activities for 2013 that included their Pancake Breakfasts, Wine Tasting, and World War II Tribute over the Memorial Day weekend that over 100 Veterans attended, Pioneer School, Antique Power Exhibition, Raccoon County Music Festival, Speaker Series that was done on a monthly basis for six months, School and Public Tours, and a Christmas Open House.

In 2013 the Society accomplished the following:

Completed the interior restaging of the Cook House that is an old farm house that was built in 1806 and was moved from the Kent State Campus; Completed the interior restaging of the Hitchcock House, Peter Hitchcock was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the mid 1850's, Combined the Business Office and the Crossroads Store so that the public only has one place to go for information, Painted the exterior of the Shanower Library and the Bandstand, as well as raising funds for renovation of the existing building into the Apothecary, that will be a three purpose building that will be Dr. Cory's old office, an old fashioned drug store and showcase the history of medicine in Geauga County.

Planned activities for 2014 include the following:

Pancake Breakfasts

Wine Tasting

Rib Burn-off

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Wedding Event
Pioneer School
Antique Power Exhibition
Raccoon County Music Festival
Downton Abbey Tea
Clam and Steak Bake
Apple Butter Festival
Speaker Series
School and Public Tours
Christmas Open House

Mr. Jackson noted that the Rib Burn-off is not a historical event but they hope that the event will attract visitors to the grounds, and is more of a family, social event. Mr. Jackson explained that the Wedding event will showcase over 100 years of wedding dresses and textiles from their collection. The other new event is the Downton Abbey Tea and while the hope is people will come dressed in costume, tea will be served in many of the buildings.

Mr. Jackson explained some accomplishments that have happened already in 2014 include the renovation and restaging of the Bainbridge Store which is an historical building with a tin ceiling, the renovation and restaging of the Boughton House which belonged to George and Lola who were a merchant and banker in Burton with the house staged in the 1970's period, the revival of the Historian which is a newsletter and educational program for members, along with the award of the Ohio Capital Improvements Grant of \$56,000.00 for three projects.

2014 Objectives

Mr. Jackson explained that the grant would be used towards the White Barn renovation project, the Lennah Bond Activities Building Improvements project, and the Ohio Maple Museum project. The white barn is over 150 years and is an original building on the grounds that will be renovated and have ADA walkways and access, the Bond building is used for rentals and will be having a new heat system installed along with a sound abatement. The maple museum will have the interior completed of which 2/3 of the building will be the museum and 1/3 will be for the sugaring operation, noting that once completed it will be the first maple museum in Ohio. Mr. Jackson added that the displays will be completed by volunteers. Dale Bartholomew noted that both Sidley's and Osborn will be assisting with concrete work. Other projects for this year include the Cook House Cobblers Shed project, the Apothecary Project, the review and possible updating of their constitution and the revision of the committee structures and roles, attaining a balanced budget, increasing membership in the society, implementation of the Traveling Trunk Program which is an expanded school program that brings a small display to the school rather than the school traveling to the grounds, and finally to increase public awareness of the existence of the museum and what is offered on the sixty-five acres.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY, INCORPORATED (CORSA) INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL

Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart stated that they had 'good news' that the premium was \$7,000.00 less than last year. Insurance agent Gary Wirtz explained that CORSA's saw an increase in property coverage, vehicles and in payroll which affects the liability rates which resulted in a return of equity of \$1.6 million, in turn, Geauga County saw about \$29,000.00, reduction in rate. Mr. Wirtz added that thanks to the efforts of Ms. Lockhart and loss control incentives programs brought a return of \$9,000.00, for a total of about \$38,000.00. Mr. Wirtz stated that overall loss and frequency and severity have come down due to loss control efforts.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the County Risk Sharing Authority, Incorporated (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 and further authorize payment of \$370,512.00.

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

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APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 8, 2014.

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

**Commissioner Samide was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 15, 2014.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for reimbursements deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2014 funding for the County Home, the Soil and Water Conservation District and CASA; a Cash transfer for the 2014 Workers Compensation premium payment; a purchase order for CORSA program costs for property, auto and liability insurance in the amount of \$370,512.00; Travel requests for the Department of Emergency Services and Job and Family Services; a payment to the City of Chardon for the 1st and 2nd quarter 2014 police prosecutor salary contribution in the amount of \$17,500.00; a payment to Knox Company for the purchase of knox boxes for the Department on Aging in the amount of \$10,000.00 and a payment to CVK Enterprise for the purchase of a replacement steamer for the Safety Center kitchen in the amount of \$16,014.54.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-058 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 22, 2014.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE BIDS – FAIRGROUNDS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND PARKING FACILITIES

Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis explained that they were asking to advertise for bids for the Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements and Parking Facilities project that include repaving of walkways near the small grandstand and the paving of ADA parking spaces.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements and Parking Facilities under Grant #B-F-13-1AZ-1 to be held Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on April 24, 2014 and on the county website.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HIRE DONNA WEBER – ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY #1403

Ms. Belconis explained that they would like hire Donna Weber to fill the Administrative Secretary position, noting that Ms. Weber has experience and knowledge of the programs that are used to perform the duties of the position.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring Donna Weber to the position of Full-time Administrative Secretary (#1403) to be effective May 6, 2014 at a rate of \$11.55 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$12.16 per hour.

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

COMMON PLEAS JUVENILE COURT – JUVENILE COURT GRANT AMENDMENT – REALLOCATE CARRYOVER FUNDS

Chief Probation Officer Michele Schroeder explained that they would like to take carryover funds from the reclaim Ohio subsidy grant and rather than returning it to the State of Ohio we would like to spend it on client services by funding placement at the Therapeutic Youth Center for forty-five days which will free up funds for Family First Council.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Juvenile Court Grant Amendment Form Fiscal Accountability Attachment A to reallocate carryover funds to the 2014 FY Subsidy Grant in the amount of \$9,225.45.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – KARVO PAVING COMPANY – RESURFACE MUMFORD ROAD

County Engineer Joe Cattell asked the Board to approve and execute the contract with Karvo Paving Company for the resurfacing of Mumford Road, noting that the estimate was for \$700,000.00 and it came in just over \$612,000.00. This is 3.37 miles of road with traffic being maintained.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Karvo Paving Company for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Mumford Road (CH 24, Sections E – H) in Troy Township in the amount of \$612,833.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Mr. Cattell asked the Board to approve and execute the contract with Oglesby Construction for the application of polyester pavement markings, noting that the estimate was \$185,000.00 and came in just over \$162,000.00. Mr. Cattell stated that every year a portion of the roads are done. Commissioner Rear inquired about how many miles would be done this year, to which Mr. Cattell there is roughly 240 miles of road in Geauga County and this is just under half, so you figure 100 miles of center line and 300 miles of edge lines, so it's about 400 miles of striping. There was brief discussion about how the markings hold up and areas that are needed to be done every year due to traffic and plowing.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Oglesby Construction, Incorporated for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads for the Year 2014 in the amount of \$162,279.75.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING – RESURFACE JUG STREET

Mr. Cattell asked the Board to approve and execute the contract with Chagrin Valley Paving for the resurfacing of Jug Street, noting that the section is from State Route 422 to Patch Road. Mr. Cattell noted that this is the first project they have done with Chagrin Valley Paving, adding that they are a local company and feel that they will do a good job. The estimate was \$400,000.00 and the project came in a little under \$357,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Jug Street (CH 46, Sections C-E) in Troy Township in the amount of \$356,724.50.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Sheriff Dan McClelland asked the Board to execute the subgrant award agreement for the VAWA grant, Violence Against Women. This is a split grant to coincide with the State fiscal year so the grant period is from January through May. A portion of the local match will come from the General Fund and the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA #2012-WF-VA2-8214A) in the amount of \$19,997.61, \$14,998.21 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services with a local match of \$4,999.40 (\$2,435.51 from the Geauga County General Fund and \$2,563.89 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund) for the period January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

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

Local resident Diane Jones inquired about what the grant is used for to which Sheriff McClelland explained that it is a reimbursement for salaries for investigations of crimes against women. Sheriff McClelland stated those crimes typically are domestic violence, including rape, but it is also for any crime of violence against women. Ms. Jones asked about violence in the workplace, how records are kept and if the organization LEADS is involved. Sheriff McClelland stated that more often the crimes are in homes, and the investigation would be criminal which starts with the report of the crime and then a case and report are built and filed, and to his knowledge he is not aware of LEADS being involved.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTE SAMANTHA BIRLI – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ASSISTANT #2332

Business Manager Adrian Gorton asked the Board to promote Samantha Birli to accounts receivable assistant as she has the knowledge and has been currently doing a portion of the work.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the promotion of Samantha Birli to the position of Accounts Receivable Assistant (#2332) to be effective April 14, 2014 at a rate of \$14.42 per hour.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE SHAWN MARUNA – MAINTENANCE
TECHNICIAN #2328

Mr. Gorton explained that they have been shorthanded at the McFarland plant, which is a 24 hour operation and Mr. Maruna came highly recommended from his references and is a local resident. Mr. Rear inquired about the contingency of obtaining his CDL, to which Mr. Gorton explained that with the 180 days of the probationary period it is very attainable.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring Shawn Maruna to the position of Maintenance Technician (#2328) at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant to be effective May 5, 2014 at a rate of \$17.11 per hour with a 180 day probationary period during which he is required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

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

MAINTENANCE – LEASE AGREEMENT – JIM TIMMONS – FARMING /CROPPING –
COUNTY HOME PROPERTY

Director Glen Vernick explained that Jim Timmons wants to farm on parcels located near the hospital and County Home at a cost of \$50.00 per acre to cover the cost of the taxes on the property. There was a brief discussion on paying taxes on the property once it is leased and an income is received.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Jim Timmons to perform farming / cropping activities on portions of County Home Property (Parcel #13-705200, 13-015313, 13-015512, 13-015513, 13-015514, and 13-015515) for a the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$50.00 per acre per year for a total of thirty-four (34) acres.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – FIORES GROUP LLC

Mr. Vernick stated that these contracts are for lawn maintenance (mowing) for a two year period, adding that he had attempted to get this done within the department but the cost to us is greater than having a company do them.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Fiores Group LLC to perform lawn maintenance service at the Geauga County Courthouse, the 208 East Park Parking Lot and 470 Center Street for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$8,860.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Fiores Group LLC to perform lawn maintenance service at the Department of Emergency Services, Pleasant Hill County Home, Department on Aging / Ravenwood, Veterans Memorial, and Pleasant Hill County Home cemetery for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$12,510.00.

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

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Fiores Group LLC to perform lawn maintenance service at the Geauga County Safety Center and Sheriff's Post #2 for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$9,750.00.

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Aye
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye*

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – ELL CON GROUP, INCORPORATED

Mr. Vernick stated that these are two year contracts for professionals to come in and do the carpets, noting that the full amount is usually not used.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ell Con Group, Incorporated to perform carpet cleaning service for Geauga County Safety Center Buildings for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Aye
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye*

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ell Con Group, Incorporated to perform carpet cleaning service for Geauga County buildings for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Aye
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye*

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION

Mr. Vernick stated that this contract is to do repairs on any of the chain link fences throughout the county, including the tower site locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Auburn Fence Corporation to perform fence repairs, replacement and installations as needed at various Geauga County building sites for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Aye
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye*

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – NOLAN DOOR AND HARDWARE COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Mr. Vernick stated that as a preventive maintenance we have been trying to replace 3 to 4 doors a year, noting that these are exterior man doors.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Nolan Door and Hardware Company, Incorporated to perform door installations and maintenance service for Geauga County buildings for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Samide Aye
 Commissioner Rear Aye
 Commissioner Spidalieri Aye*

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – OHIO CAT POWER SYSTEMS

Mr. Vernick stated that this contract is to cover the preventive maintenance on the generator at the Safety Center, the maintenance is about \$4,500.00 but included additional funds in case of a breakage that would need to be repaired.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ohio Cat Power Systems to perform preventative maintenance on the Geauga County Safety Center Generator for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – ASH’S MAYFIELD WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY

Mr. Vernick stated that this contract is for annual cleaning of the inside and outside of the windows including the screens on all the buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ash’s Mayfield Window Cleaning Company to perform yearly window cleaning service for Geauga County buildings for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ash’s Mayfield Window Cleaning Company to perform yearly window cleaning service for the Geauga County Safety Center buildings for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – VALLO TREE SERVICE

Mr. Vernick explained that if a tree is too large for them to handle they have Vallo Tree come in and take care of it, adding that they also do stump grinding for us as well.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Vallo Tree Service to perform services for Geauga County grounds for Year 2014 and 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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

OTHER – COUNTY FLAG

Commissioner Samide asked that the County flag be flown by request of the family during the Maple Festival on the Courthouse flagpole.

COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE – HIRE McCULLOCH LAFORCE – SUMMER HELP #0101

County Administrator David Lair explained that McCulloch is a Burton resident who attends Lake Catholic High School who is in the Geauga Growth Partnership Intern program. Mr. Lair explained that she will help out here in our office but also with some other departments for the summer.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring McCulloch LaForce to the position of Summer Help (#0101) at a rate of \$8.25 per hour to be effective May 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 or the start of the school year, whichever comes first for twenty-one (21) weeks (840 hours).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT – CLEMANS, NELSON AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

Mr. Lair explained that in the aftermath of the Transit incident, we contacted several organizations to do a review of the department. Two quotes were received one from Clemans, Nelson for \$7,000.00 and one from another agency, RLS that was around \$30,000.00. Mr. Lair noted that normally a retainer would be included but has been removed due to a retainer being paid by another department who also currently uses them. It was discussed that RLS will be coming and doing a review as part of the ODOT contract that is covered by them to look at their financial items.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a Management Consultant Agreement with Clemans, Nelson and Associates, Incorporated to provide management and /or fiscal consulting services in labor, employment, and other areas as requested for a study of the Transportation Department for the period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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

OTHER – EARTH DAY THANK YOU

Local resident Mary Briggs wanted to say Thank you for a great job that is done in Geauga County and protecting the environment with departments including the Health Department, Soil and Water, and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to cancel session for Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

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

OTHER – LETTER TO MENTAL HEALTH

Commissioner Spidalieri stated that he wanted to address an issue that has been concerning him for several weeks expressing that he feels that it needs to be addressed and that the residents need to be made aware since we are so close to an election. Mr. Spidalieri read the following letter he wrote to Director Jim Adams at the Board of Mental Health:

To: Geauga County Mental Health Board, Jim Adams, All Concerned
From: Ralph Spidalieri, Geauga County Commissioner
Ref: Geauga County Mental Health Board, and Jim Adams, Director
Date: 04/22/2014

To all parties,

It was brought to my attention at the beginning of April 2014 that pay raises had been approved by the board of Mental Health in March meeting minutes and that if funds are available the Director Jim Adams would receive a pay increase in the amount of 15%. Raising his current pay rate from 73.91 per hour for a salary of 153,732.80 to 85.00 per hour for a yearly salary of 176,792.72.

In reviewing the past salary changes I learned that in 2013 Jim Adams received 5 pay raises in the same year. On 02/03/13 1%, 03/17/2013 4.55%, 04/28/2013 10%, 08/01/2013 3% and on 12/08/2013 a 15% raise. The rate of pay started at \$111,741 per year and with a \$41,993 increase subsequent to his 5 pay raises put his salary at 153,734. Now an additional 15% raise that was approved by the Geauga County Mental Health Board would raise Jim Adams salary up an additional \$23,060 putting his final salary at \$176,794.

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In addition to the excessive pay increases that Jim Adams received he found it necessary in 2013 after a Mental Health Levy failed in 2012 and cuts needed to be made he reduced programs but gave his staff 2 pay raises for each of his 4 staff. Raises received varied by each staff member and were as follows, 20.69%, 21.31%, 25.94%, 20.94%. When most other county employees made barely 3%.

It is very difficult to understand that after all of the fight that I put up to pursue an action plan to combat the Heroin epidemic, and all the sacrifice that all departments have made to unselfishly take away from themselves to give back and serve the great people of this county during such a crisis. That you Mr. Adams and You the Board of Mental Health would go to this extreme to selfishly and unjustifiably give out pay raises as if this is the NFL looking to win a ring in a super bowl. I am appalled, disgusted and furious with this action especially when there is a levy that failed in 2012 and a renewal levy on the ballot for May 6th.

I was elected to oversee the best interest of the people of Geauga County, and with that responsibility and honor I knew that there were days that would come that would require me to take a stand and position for the betterment of this county and the people I serve. I ask my fellow commissioners and the residents of Geauga County to stand behind me in support of demanding Mr. Jim Adams along with the members of the Mental Health Board who unanimously voted for the pay increase to step down and resign your positions immediately so that we can put a level of common sense and fiscal responsibility and integrity back into that department.

Respectfully,

Ralph Spidalieri

Mr. Spidalieri stated that this is a major issue, this is irresponsible spending and is an abuse of tax dollars and is taking advantage of Geauga County residents and Elected Officials and that he is not going stand for it.

Commissioner Rear added that at the end of March the Board was made aware of this by a request for a Supplemental appropriation for funds because he needed additional funds to cover the year. Mr. Rear sent a letter on April 3, 2014 to Mr. Adams and requested him to come before the Board and explain why the additional funds were needed. Mr. Lair added that he had spoken with Mr. Adams and advised that he needed to come and discuss the raises with the Commissioners. Commissioner Samide added that it is her understanding that Mr. Adams also receives PERS pick up, and Mr. Spidalieri added that he is also a retired and rehired employee. Ms. Samide added that our employees in 2007 and 2008 did not get increases and hung with us and received very little, along with staying within 85% of their budget, adding that she is stunned and that she agrees that something has to be done. Mr. Spidalieri noted and read section 340.02 of the ORC, section (G) (3):

Any member of the board may be removed from office by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office, and shall be removed by the appointing authority if the member is barred by this section from serving as a board member. The member shall be informed in writing of the charges and afforded an opportunity for a hearing. Upon the absence of a member within one year from either four board meetings or from two board meetings without prior notice, the board shall notify the appointing authority, which may vacate the appointment and appoint another person to complete the member's term.

Mr. Spidalieri stated that if they do not step down he would be consulting with the Prosecutor and address the neglect of duty when there is a duty to the tax payers and residents of this County. This department had a levy fail and with the heroin epidemic in this County we are trying to make this County safer and with this department that handles a lot of agencies that give support for the people who need it and they want to dip into the cookie jar, adding that he wasn't going to stand for it and asked that Mr. Adams and the Board members step down immediately.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 9, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of March, 2014, pursuant to ORC 135.35 (L).*

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Thu., 4/24 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, at 6:30 p.m.*
- Mon., 4/28 Board of Revision has been cancelled*
- Tue., 4/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Tue., 5/6 The Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled.*
- Wed., 5/7 NOC COG meeting, 1:30 p.m. 470 Center Street, Chardon - Building #8*
- Thu 5/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session with a Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the Proposed Issuance by the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority of a Variable Rate Demand Revenue Tax-Exempt Loan (National Jewish Federation Bond Program) Series I-2*
- Thu., 5/8 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 44th Annual Salute to Business and Industry, 5:30 p.m. at St. Denis Party Center*
- Fri., 5/9 NOACA – Policy at 9:30 a.m., Planning and Programming at 11:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 5/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 5/13 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*
- Tue., 5/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

Mr. Spidalieri asked that a letter be compiled by the Board with the request of the Mental Health Board and that he will keep everyone updated. Mr. Lair stated that there will be no presentations and agenda items will be general housekeeping items on Thursday evening.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:18 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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