

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**December 8, 2016**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 8, 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 9:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 22, 2016.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 29, 2016.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Rear</i>	<i>Absent</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 Contingency account for wellness incentives to be received from CEBCO for employee payouts; Appropriation transfers for Building Department, Clerk of Courts, Commissioners, and Common Pleas Court for final payrolls; Appropriations transfers for the Board of Elections and County Engineer's Office for year-end hospitalization waiver payments; Supplemental Appropriations for Water Resources for debt payments; Cash transfers from the General Fund to Emergency Management Fund for 2016 funding and to the Airport Construction Fund for local grant matches; Travel requests for the County Engineer, Job and Family Services and CASA; a purchase order for Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$11,607.86 for the Water Resources Lab Computer Equipment; and a payment to Geauga Mechanical in the amount of \$15,950.00 for the Courthouse Annex roof top air-conditioning unit for the Maintenance Department.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #16-160 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 8, 2016.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*County Administrator David Lair reported on the items approved December 2, 2016 that included accepting the resignation of Charles Battaglia, Part-time Driver to be effective November 23, 2016 and on December 7, 2016 that included the acknowledgement of Reimbursement #3 for the FAA Grant #3-39-0054-018-2015, Rehabilitate Terminal Apron, Phase 2 of 2 in the amount of \$5,365.34 (FAA \$4,828.99 and \$537.34 Local County match) and Reimbursement #3 for Grant #3-39-0054-019-2016, Construct Taxi Lanes, Crack Seal Runway, Design Airfield Lighting and PAPI Runway 29 in the amount of \$37,256.10 (FAA \$36,594.00 and \$662.10 Local County match, by the County Administrator, 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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COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- RELEASE OF MORTGAGE – PATRICK M. AND EVELYN M. ROWLANDS

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that the state program included that a five year mortgage be placed on the property and that when the homeowners have lived in the home for those five years the mortgage becomes paid and no funds are owed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute a Release of Mortgage for Patrick M. and Evelyn M. Rowlands for property at 12075 Forestwood Drive, Newbury as the mortgage in the original amount of \$3,275.00 is no longer necessary to secure the County's interests under Grant #B-C-01-026-2.*

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

COUNTY HOME – APPROVE HIRING LILLIAN VASAS – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

*Director Karen DeCola explained that Ms. Vasas has a lot of experience and is only looking to work part-time.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve hiring Lillian Vasas to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) at the rate of \$11.65 per hour with a one year probationary period, which offer of employment, is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, and will then be effective December 12, 2016.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #1, FINAL – RESURFACING OF MULBERRY ROAD

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this is the final disbursement request for the state portion of the project, and is for the full amount.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize Walter M. Claypool, Board Member to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1, Final in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Mulberry Road (CH39, Sections E-I) in Chester and Munson Townships in the amount of \$378,999.81.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - EXECUTE UPDATED PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORMS

*Director Gerard Morgan asked the Board to update the payroll authorization to include Ms. Weber. Mr. Morgan cited a recent example of the need for this to be in place.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Payroll Authorization Form.*

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

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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – APPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIALS BOND – SHARON GINGERICH, COUNTY RECORDER

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve a Public Official's Bond and the Surety Company for Sharon Gingerich, Geauga County Recorder in the amount of \$10,000.00, pursuant to O.R.C. 317.02 and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the approval.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – APPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD FOR 2017

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to re-appoint Auditor Frank Gliha to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 2017.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to appoint Sheriff-Elect Scott Hildenbrand to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 2017.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER BLAKE A. REAR FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool approve and execute Resolution #16-161 Honoring Commissioner Blake A. Rear for his dedication and commitment to the Residents of Geauga County.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 16-161  
*Date:* December 8, 2016

**RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, BLAKE A. REAR FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, Blake A. Rear is a lifelong resident of Geauga County, growing up in Chesterland and graduating from West Geauga High School, he attended Kent State University until he left to serve in the U.S. Army from 1966 – 1968, when he returned from Vietnam; and*

*WHEREAS, Blake A. Rear married his wonderful wife Joyce and together they raised two sons, David and Michael; and*

*WHEREAS, Blake A. Rear has served the residents of Geauga County as a member of the Chardon School Board from 2004 – 2011, the Auburn Career Center Board of Education from 2006-2008, and as a Geauga County Commissioner from 2013 – 2016; and*

*WHEREAS, Blake A. Rear has provided service to his Community as a member of the Chardon Community Action Team, as a Home Delivered Meals Volunteer, through his work with the Chardon Schools, and as an Assistant Coach for the Lions Club Football and Little League Baseball; and*

*WHEREAS, Blake A. Rear has served on many boards throughout the County as a Commissioner, and is a member of many organizations, including the Geauga County Republican Party (as Party Vice-Chairman from 2008-2014), the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the*

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*National Rifle Association, Leadership Geauga (Class of 2005) and with the Porsche Car Club of America; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and thank Blake A. Rear for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County.*

*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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW POSITION – OMBUDSMAN AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (#1322)**

*Commissioner Spidalieri brought up the subject of creating the position of Ombudsman and Development Coordinator and asked Planning Director Dave Dietrich to weigh in on the subject. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the idea is to get someone in place that will become a voice for business and residents for continued growth, facilitating things in the County and on projects that will be coming, some in house, that involve restructuring and consolidation. Mr. Spidalieri continued stating that Mr. Dietrich isn't going to be here forever and we don't have someone with his experience that could just fall into place. Mr. Dietrich noted that demands are increasing and with limited resources available, he made the statement that he needs back up and that it will take time to learn. Mr. Dietrich stated that this would be a great opportunity to move forward, marketing the County, and working with those that are here and want to come here. He added that years back there used to be a "Rapid Response Team" that helped, but was more hit and miss. There is something to be said about talking to people face to face, and in regards to the things that he does, it has been becoming a challenge, and he just truly feels that this would be a great opportunity. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he and Mr. Lennon experienced this throughout the election campaign in talking to people and through their businesses, and that we need to market Geauga County and what we have to offer, quoting Mr. Dietrich "if people are working we can eliminate some of the problems we are facing". Mr. Spidalieri stated that he was excited for 2017, with Mr. Lennon coming on Board, adding that when you own your business you appreciate the day to day more, by making sure you have the funds to cover payroll, and benefits, and at the same time understand that there isn't a lot of fat in the County organizations and we are doing more with less. While this position won't be a lot of money, it will give us the ability of seeing the big picture of what we can do with less. There are potentially some large scale projects both with involvement and dollars. Commissioner Elect Tim Lennon stated that from the outside in considering the possible upcoming projects, it would be good to have a liaison between contractors and other departments, and inquired if they had someone in mind. Mr. Spidalieri stated that they have had several people that have expressed an interest, but would like to ask to advertise to see what candidates we will get and hold some interviews. He asked if Mr. Claypool would support a motion to move forward with advertising, or asked for his position on the idea. Mr. Claypool stated that he was in full support of the concept, and that he had recently attended a meeting for revolving loan funds as well as attending the CCAO Winter Conference and in hearing the information about local businesses and what other counties are doing with economic development and airports, this position might need to include some additional duties, and he asked to move into executive session to discuss some other related personnel topics with both Mr. Spidalieri and Mr. Lennon about some things related to this position before taking any action.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*It was noted that Mr. Lair, Commissioner Elect Tim Lennon and Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne would be joining the Board. The Board returned at 10:06 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the new position and job description for Ombudsman and Development Coordinator (#1322), Grade 10E to be effective December 8, 2016.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the position of Ombudsman and Development Coordinator (#1322), to be effective December 8, 2016.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to grant permission to advertise for the position of Ombudsman and Development Coordinator (#1322). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

*Mr. Claypool asked about filling the two vacancies on the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and suggested appointing Brian Johnston to fill Che Scott's seat. It was noted that any appointments made would be to fill the current unexpired terms, noting Ms. Violetta's term was up in 2017 and there is one up in 2018, and the Board moved the following:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Brian Johnston to the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Che' Scott through June 30, 2018.*

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

*Mr. Claypool also noted that there are three seats that would be up at the end of the year on the Planning Commission. There was a brief discussion about re-advertising for the vacancies on the Mental Health Board since no applications had been received, along with options for those positions on the Planning Commission.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 23, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 12/8 The Commissioners will hold a work session following their regular meeting.*

*Thu., 12/8 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Joint Board meeting, 2:00 p.m., Geauga County*

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

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

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- Tue., 12/13 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled (as of 12/6/2016)*
- Thu., 12/15 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Annual Luncheon Meeting, 12:00 p.m. Welshfield Inn*
- Fri., 12/16 NOACA Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.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.*
- Fri., 12/23 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closing at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.*
- Mon., 12/26 The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.*
- Thu., 12/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 1/2 The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.*
- Thu., 1/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 1/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include their Annual Re-Organization Meeting.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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