

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 16, 2015**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 16, 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 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 9, 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – CORONER – HOPKINS – BOYLES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Geauga County Coroner, John Hopkins, and Gregg Boyles in the total amount of \$90,000.00, resolving all pending federal, state and administrative cases.*

<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 from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for expenses reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund; Supplemental Appropriations for the Clerk of Courts Computerization fund for office rewiring in preparation for e-filing equipment installation and the Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund for the purchase of ADA accessible outdoor seating for the Memorial Pavilion; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SFY15 mandated share for the Department of Job and Family Services; a Contract for Geauga Mechanical for a boiler replacement at the County Home in the amount of \$29,500.00, a Contract for Process Control Services for programming services at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$29,080.00, a Contract for Portman Electric, Incorporated for the installation of heat cables for the Board of Developmental Disabilities bus garage roof in the amount of \$36,791.00; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office and the Department of Job and Family Services; 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 Bed Tax Disbursement to the City of Chardon, Burton Village, Russell Township and Destination Geauga Tourism Council; a payment to Junction Auto Sales for the purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra 3500 replacement pickup truck in the amount of \$31,525.25 for the department of Job and Family Services; a payment to GPD Group for maintenance engineering fees for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades project in the amount of \$26,457.30, and payments to KBR Solutions for furniture purchases and Logos Communication for cable, Wi-Fi, and switch electronics for the Engineer's Office building addition project totaling \$57,010.13.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-077 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 16, 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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AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #6 – FAA GRANT PROJECT #3-39-0054-017-2014)

*Business Manager Patty Fulop asked the Board to approve a reimbursement for the FAA grant, noting that they held back ten percent, and should only have a small final reimbursement remaining.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge and approve Reimbursement Request #6 for FAA Grant project (#3-39-0054-017-2014) to install Obstruction Light and Aeronautical Survey in the amount of \$6,197.54 (\$5,578.00 FAA portion and \$620.54 local County match).*

<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 – ASHLEY CLARK – PART-TIME ATTENDANT

*Director Karen DeCola asked the Board to accept the resignation of Ms. Clark, adding that she is going to work with her dad at a daycare that they just purchased.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Ashley Clark, Part-time Attendant to be effective June 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>

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – CHERIE BURICH – FULL-TIME COOK

*Ms. DeCola asked the Board to accept the resignation of Ms. Burich.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Cherie Burich, Full-time Cook to be effective June 12, 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>

COUNTY HOME – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME COOK (#1503)

*Ms. DeCola asked the Board to advertise for the position of Full-time Cook. Ms. DeCola noted that this is the first time she hasn't had someone waiting for the position.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Cook (#1503). This position 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 – PUBLIC HEARING #1

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

<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>

*Commissioner Claypool opened the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m. and asked Director Anita Stocker to explain what the hearing was regarding. Ms. Stocker noted that there had been a change since the original Public Hearing was held and they were required to hold another hearing to include that item, titled Community Development Implementation. Ms. Stocker reviewed the list of items that include A: Formula Allocation Program, B: Critical Infrastructure Program Set Aside, C: Water and Sanitary Sewer Competitive Program, D:*

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*Economic Development Program, (Revolving Loan Fund) E: Imminent Threat Set-Aside Program, F: Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program, G: Neighborhood Revitalization Program Set Aside, H: Discretionary Funds Program, and now I: Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) that required the department to reach out to the Communities and ask if there was any need from any of them. Being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:14 a.m.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #2

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

<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. Claypool opened the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. and asked Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad to explain. Ms. Conrad explained that this is for the Block Grant program, noting that they had received eight applications, plus the addition of the general administration funds. Those applications include: Geauga County Maintenance for the Installation of ADA Entryways on several building locations, Department on Aging for a vehicle for transportation of Seniors to out of county doctors appointments, Maple Leaf Community Residences applied for two different things, the Purchase and Installation of Range Hoods and Fire Suppression Systems and for the Purchase and Installation of Vinyl Siding on Six Homes, the Geauga County Airport for the Renovation of an Existing Public Bathroom and Entryway to be ADA accessible, the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center for the Removal and Replacement of Existing Roof, the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild for the Renovation of Two (2) Existing Public Entryway Doors to be ADA accessible, and an application from Ignite Sports and Enrichment Center for the Renovation of Existing Public Entryway Doors and Public Bathroom Doors to be ADA accessible. Ms. Stocker asked the Board for their decision prior to next week on which four projects they would like to divide the \$137,600.00 in requested funds. Being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:18 a.m.*

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – DAVID SAGE – DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE CLIENT

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek asked the Board to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Mr. Sage, noting that he had received funds for down payment and rehabilitation assistance.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for David Sage for down payment assistance under Grant #B-C-05-026-1 for property located at 10972 Olmar Drive, Chardon as the mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT – REQUESTING EXTENSION OF THREE MONTHS ON THE WATER AND SEWER GRANT – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP CENTER SEWER PROJECT

*Ms. Stusek stated that they were requesting an extension to allow for the tie-ins on the low to moderate income residences due to delays in the project. This extension is for three months. Commissioner Spidalieri asked for further explanation, to which Ms. Stusek stated that \$100,000.00 of the \$600,000.00 Water / Sewer Grant was to be used for tie-in on the new system. Those funds were to be used by August 31, 2015 but because of delays, that portion was then delayed. Ms. Stusek expressed that the extension will be granted, but the question was raised on if the connections would be completed. Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan stated that the current date of completion is around the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and at that point they can start making connection to the system. Discussion was held regarding there being specific guidelines from HUD for approval on the applicants. This entire tie-in and any additional work are covered in full if they qualify. It was noted that 4 applications have been received and currently two are approved, but other information was needed on the other two. Mr. Morgan noted that this is for the installation of the line in the right of way to the house, and the cost is unknown due to so*

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many variables, but normally it ranges from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00, adding that those property owners that don't qualify for the funds are recommended in getting quotes from more than one installer. Mr. Morgan noted that they have a list of licensed installers that can be provided to contact. Mr. Morgan also suggested that several home owners go together on a quote, with the possibility of getting a better price.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to Mike Hiler, Deputy Chief at the Ohio Department of Development requesting a three month extension through November 30, 2015 to Grant #B-W-13-1AZ-1 (Water and Sewer) in connection to the Thompson Township Center Sewer Project.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GROUP RETROSPECTIVE UPDATE

Human Resources Specialist Kathy Hostutler and Client Services Manager, BobbiJo Werren from CompManagement presented member of the Board with an Executive Summary Report for Geauga County regarding Workers' Compensation. Ms. Werren expressed that Geauga County is doing very well and that the number of injuries is down 19.5 % from 2011 to 2015. Ms. Werren directed the Board to review page 3, stating that this is a breakdown of the total modified losses, which is how the Bureau categorizes the claims cost in the four year experience period, and that in 2011 it was over \$700,000.00 and in 2015 it's a reduction of 62% down to about \$340,000.00. Ms. Werren stated that if you have fewer claims, you have a lower claims cost, and that this is due in part to good claims management on behalf of Ms. Hostutler and the Department Directors and Supervisors and in trying to get people back to work as soon as possible. County Administrator David Lair explained that back in 2004 the Board at that time chose to charge departments based on their claims experience instead of just basing it off payroll, which caused the Departments being charged back to really look into reducing the number of claims being submitted in order to pay less. There was discussion about the option of transitional work also helping to keep claim costs low, by getting people back to work.

Ms. Werren then directed the Board to page 7 which shows Experience Modifier Rate, which is the rating history for the County, which is the County grade which is determined against other counties that are similar in size and payroll. Ms. Werren expressed that Geauga County should be proud of their rating, explaining that in 2012 the rating was a 1.05 which means that the County was at 5% penalty over claims, which means the County was worse than what was expected over years 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007, adding that in 2015 the county rating is .71, which is great, adding that a 29% credit on our own is huge.

Ms. Werren noted the last page, by way of handicap reimbursement, is a cost offset due to pre-existing injuries as a benefit to employers if it can be proved that an injured worker had one of twenty-six recognized handicap able conditions, which since 2010 has been a savings of \$133,000.00.

Ms. Werren reviewed the Group Retrospective rating participation, explaining that in 2010 this was a new program called Group Retrospective which looks at a four year cycle and is reviewed at 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months, and that Geauga has completed the cycle for 2011 year, noting that it is a deferred program and that each year the county has received funds back. Ms. Werren outlined the performance and by rebate in a deferred nature the County has received \$177,000.00 for the 2011 policy year, noting that it is projected to get even better for 2012. Ms. Werren expressed that this is really a good program for the county and recommended that the Board consider enrolling for the 2016 year. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about an event occurring in 2012, to which Ms. Werren explained that it is not based on a claim in 2012, they are based on claims that occurred in oldest four of the previous five years, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and there were some bad claims in there and we are glad to see them fall off our experience. Ms. Hostutler expressed that being in the program has really helped, and being with the other counties helps with our claims experience. Those counties invited into this pool have to meet certain criteria, because what we do affects everyone within the pool. Ms. Werren added that it spreads the risk, and a bad claim has a negative impact on you individually but spreads the risk so it can offset the claim in the post policy rebates.

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2016 County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement and the Bureau of Worker's Compensation Employer Statement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the CCAO Service Corporation.

<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>

**MAINTENANCE – AMEND MOTION – CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESIGNATION – CLIFFORD JAMES DAVIS**

*Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to amend the date of Mr. Davis' resignation, extending it until July 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the motion from May 19, 2015 changing the effective date from June 26, 2015, to read: accept the resignation of Clifford James Davis, Full-time Maintenance Worker to be effective July 6, 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>

**MAINTENANCE – APPROVE HIRING CHRISTINE STANKO AND MICHAEL WIRICK – SUMMER HELP (#0101)**

*Mr. Vernick asked that the Board approve Ms. Stanko and Mr. Wirick to be hired for Summer Help, adding that they are both very energetic individuals.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Christine Stanko to the position of Summer Help (#0101) to be effective June 29, 2015 through September 30, 2015 (or the start of school, whichever comes first) at a rate of \$8.25 per hour.

<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 hiring Michael Wirick to the position of Summer Help (#0101) to be effective June 29, 2015 through September 30, 2015 (or the start of school, whichever comes first) at a rate of \$8.25 per hour.

<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 – ADVERTISE BIDS – TROY OAKS FORCE MAIN PROJECT**

*Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan asked the Board to advertise for bids for the Troy Oaks conversion project on the east side of the Ladue Reservoir, noting that is across from the Auburn Corners plant on the west side. Troy Oaks was built back in the early 1960's and originally was built for the mobile home park and then the County took ownership when Great Lakes Parkway was put in to extend the sewer and provide service to Blazin Bills. Mr. Morgan expressed that the plant is in desperate need of being replaced, noting that a sludge tank has come out of the ground and they have been hauling sludge every day for about the last year. This portion of the project is for the force main, explaining that they are going to convert Troy Oaks into a pump station and pump it across Ladue to the Auburn Corners plant and upgrade the Auburn Corners plant. This is just the portion of the force main that will be going across the causeway on State Route 422 with a short portion going under the reservoir. Commissioner Rear inquired how they are going to work around the water, to which Mr. Morgan stated that it is going to be put in*

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*using directional drilling, that will go around the bridge supports. Mr. Morgan stated that there will be two lines put through, using one of the lines as a backup in case something ever happens to the initial line being used.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Troy Oaks Force Main Project to be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 19, 2015, June 26, 2015 and on the county website.*

<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 – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURES – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, DESTINATION GEAUGA (TOURISM COUNCIL) AND LAKE GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTERS*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2015 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

<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 approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Historical Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.23 for the Year 2015 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

<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 approve an encumbrance and expenditure to Destination Geauga (Gauga County Tourism Council), pursuant to O.R.C. 307.692 for the Year 2015 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

<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 approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Lake Geauga Recovery Center to fund an assistant for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center for the Year 2015 in the amount of \$27,472.00.*

<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>

*COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING REBECCA SAMARDGE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND SENIORS*

*Director Jessica Boalt explained that Ms. Samardge is retiring and Friday will be her last day. Ms. Boalt expressed what an asset Ms. Samardge had been to the department on Aging, the many things she has done for Seniors and that she has been a real team player. There was a brief discussion about the longevity of the employees at the Department on Aging.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-078 Honoring Rebecca Samardge for her fifteen years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its Seniors.*

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 16, 2015  
Resolution: 15-078

**RESOLUTION HONORING REBECCA SAMARDGE FOR HER FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND ITS SENIORS**

*WHEREAS, Rebecca Samardge proudly graduated from Bowling Green State University and then attended Kent State University for additional post grad coursework. Rebecca Samardge enjoyed teaching elementary school for the Berkshire School system prior to the birth of her son, then went on to work at a Nursery school, as well as being a partner for a small business in Chardon; and*

*WHEREAS, Rebecca Samardge began working at the Department on Aging and serving the seniors of Geauga County on February 14, 2000 as an Information and Referral Assistant. Rebecca Samardge was promoted to Assistant Site Coordinator in 2003 and then again in 2010 as a Site Coordinator; and*

*WHEREAS, Rebecca Samardge has worked diligently over the last fifteen years to meet the changing needs of seniors by working to expand the variety of activities that are offered to seniors, as well as developing a strong core of support for the agency throughout the county; and*

*WHEREAS, Rebecca Samardge enjoys spending time visiting casinos, going to school plays, attending performances at the Geauga Lyric Theatre Guild, and assisting her daughter and son in law with their BBQ Company. Rebecca Samardge can often be seen walking her dog around town in the evenings.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honors Rebecca Samardge for her fifteen years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its Seniors.*

*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>

**DISCUSSION – GEAUGA COMMUNITY ACTION, INCORPORATED**

*Mr. Claypool introduced GMHA Director Neva Rogers, explaining that they are in the process of reorganizing the non-profit group, the Geauga Community Action, Incorporated to meet new state and federal guidelines. Ms. Rogers is currently chair of the organization, and she stated that recently they had submitted a letter to the State rescinding the initial determination to relinquish the funds, having initially done so, noting that due to the regulations that wouldn't come into place until 2016 they didn't feel they would be able to meet them. Due to the recent meetings and assistance from Mr. Claypool they are in a much better position to be able to meet those requirements and can therefore accept the funds. Mr. Claypool expressed that he had reached out to the City of Chardon regarding some recent confusion regarding another organization called LIFELINE and are hoping to clarify that confusion and get everyone on the same page and get approval very soon. Mr. Rear inquired if it was fair to say that with the new system having overhead and a director that there will be less to give to the end user. Ms. Rogers stated that they are looking into the possibilities of the Director, to which Mr. Claypool stated that he is assisting, that the County doesn't have any involvement, but that we can set the salary for the Director and could have that person be part-time and still operate mostly as a volunteer board. Executive Director Craig Swenson stated that we are part of the team that is working on it and doing a great job and he feels that it is a good thing to keep those funds here and get notification out to the Elected Officials and Townships to let them know what we are trying to do.*

**DISCUSSION – MENTAL HEALTH**

*Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Member Jeff Kline stated that the Board of Mental Health wants to give Mr. Adams a new employment contract and increase with additional*

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benefits, expressing frustration over the tax payer money being handed to the Director to provide whatever he is asking for. Mr. Kline stated that he had received a copy of the contract yesterday and is expected to vote on it at their meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Kline asked for support and help from the Commissioners. Mr. Claypool stated that he would be attending the meeting and expressed concern over the process and questioned if the proper procedure was followed. Mr. Rear inquired if there had been any discussion about the rest of the staff, to which it was noted that Mr. Adams has the oversight of that. Local resident Mike Petruziello expressed that the Board members need to be defined on how they are going to handle things like this, because often there is no direction on what their role should be. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he had received a phone call about this with Mr. Adams yesterday, and expressed frustration over a board member not even being able to obtain information he is requesting, and stated that he is struggling and feels very uncomfortable over the situation and over the things that are taking place. Mr. Spidalieri talked about the study that had been done by the Commissioners' office when this salary topic was brought up the first time, expressing that all the Mental Health Departments in the State had been contacted regarding the salary of their Director against the size and population of the Counties and how Geauga compared. Mr. Spidalieri asked for help from the other Commissioners, expressing that this is an irresponsible action with taxpayers' dollars. Mr. Claypool expressed that he agreed with Mr. Spidalieri and added that he did have concern. Mr. Rear asked for clarification because when the original salary issue was raised with a supplemental appropriation that had not been approved by the Commissioners the Mental Health Board went back and made adjustments to the salary to balance out to the previous salary rates prior to the raise. Mr. Rear expressed that if it is in excess of the normal 3 to 3.5 % that is given than he has a real problem with that. There was discussion about the length of the contract and the length of notification for termination, along with pick up on PERS contributions for retirement.

DISCUSSION - NOACA

Mr. Petruziello brought up the recent NOACA meeting at which Mr. Rear got up and left the meeting and asked if he was going to support the effort to get out of NOACA. Mr. Rear explained the reason why he left the meeting over a decision that was made regarding membership. There was mention about how the dues are calculated and he questioned how you answer to the taxpayers who don't get anything from NOACA. There was discussion about the County Engineer being put in as alternate and that Mr. Spidalieri had been put into place with the understanding that Ms. Laurie was filling in while he was on medical leave and that at this time she was still in place and that Mr. Cattell had not been put back into the alternate seat. Mr. Claypool added that NOACA is the master planning organization and if we leave NOACA we leave \$2 million on the table and that he has asked the Prosecutor to look further into the options of getting out, along with questioning the procedure that took place against the by-laws. Mr. Claypool stated that there are too many things going on around that at this time. Mr. Rear added that he had received a call from Ms. Gallucci at NOACA, noting the errors that have taken place and that they are discussing establishing a minimum number of board members per county. Discussion continued regarding NOACA and the management there not being elected officials and that taxpayers dollars are going to pay for those salaries and that NOACA was put into inception back in 1966.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees at the Department of Job and Family Services.

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

It was noted that County Administrator David Lair, Executive Director Craig Swenson and Assistant Director Paul Rieman would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 11:03 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director of Job and Family Services the amended Classification Schedule (Appendix A) and Salary Schedule (Appendix B)

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*to update classifications and related designations of pay grades and job titles to be effective June 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director of Job and Family Services to grant increases in the compensation of employees as specified in the 2015/2016 Job and Family Services Employee Hourly Compensation schedule to be effective June 21, 2015 (first day of #14 pay period).*

<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 the adjustment of compensation for Craig Swenson, Executive Director of the Department of Job and Family Services to Grade 22, Step 2 on the Job and Family Services Salary Schedule, at an hourly rate of \$37.71 per hour to be effective the first day of #14 pay period, June 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>

**PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES, JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION**

*Mr. Claypool expressed that no one was present to discuss the grant paperwork submitted. Mr. Lair added that the primary grant amount is the same, adding that the variable was not qualified for this year. Mr. Claypool added that he would have like to have someone here to answer questions, but that is was his understanding is that this is an annual grant that they receive.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 for FY2016 in the amount of \$139,537.00.*

<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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*Mr. Claypool explained that he had met with the Common Pleas Judges and then a meeting was held with an architect and that if the architect can come up with something that meets both needs then they will proceed. It was noted that statement of qualification were requested and a walk thru was held and an agreement is being prepared for the Board's consideration.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 3, 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 prisoner transport for the month ending May, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

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MEETINGS

- Fri., 6/19 NOACA - Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m.
- Mon., 6/22 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office
- Tue., 6/23 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Thu., 6/25 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 6:30 pm. held at 470 Center St. Building #8 meeting room
- Mon., 6/29 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office
- Tue., 6/30 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. which will include a Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the Geauga County 2016 Tax Budget
- Fri., 7/3 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Tue., 7/7 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Wed., 7/8 Geauga County Township Association Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Welshfield Inn Banquet Center, Troy Township
- Mon., 7/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office
- Tue., 7/14 The Commissioners' Office will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Tue., 7/14 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center, Board meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Geauga County
- Tue., 7/14 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 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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