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January 16, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 16, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda Nemeth, Geauga Tourism Director briefly addressed the Board, noting that the 29th of January is the annual meeting for the Geauga Tourism Board, and she presented information to the commissioners regarding that meeting. She noted that a review of the annual budget and appointment of new officers occurs at that time, and a newly developed Geauga County smart phone app will also be previewed at that meeting. She added that they have brought in a nationally-known speaker as the featured presenter for this event. The meeting, including a dinner is to be held starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Middlefield Fire Department second floor community room.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 13, 2014.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as being a travel encumbrance for the office of Community and Economic Development for a last minute travel.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-009 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 16, 2014.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – GAS WELL REVENUE

County Administrator David Lair explained that this gas well was put in place several years ago at the request of the Commissioners by Cutter Exploration, which has drilled a number of wells on county property in other areas, in order to help bring in additional revenue to assist the Geauga County Fair Board. The well doesn't produce a large amount of revenue, but it does help with funding the fair operation. This action is to approve the expenditure to the Fair Board of the revenue received by the county last year for this well.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear 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 2013 in the amount of \$4,194.40 which is in line with total gas well revenue received by the county through December 31, 2013 from a well located on the fairgrounds property.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY AUDITOR TO DISTRIBUTE BALANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND TO WOMENSAFE

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained that the courts collect marriage license fees and divorce fees and place them in a Domestic Violence Fund. By law, the funds must be distributed annually from the Domestic Violence Fund to a shelter operating within the county that assists with domestic violence issues.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to request the Board to request the County Auditor to distribute the balance in the Domestic Violence Fund (2070) to WomenSafe, the local agency designated by the Commissioners to receive such monies. This allocation is to be paid pursuant to Section 3113.34 of the O.R.C. for the 2013 year, in the amount of \$15,145.00.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS

Mr. Lair explained that this action represents additional housekeeping to get authorized signers approved for using departmental credit cards.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form (form- O.R.C. 301.27) for the Department on Aging for Western Reserve Farm Cooperative for JoAnna Brace, Tom McGrew Kathy Hartz, Rudy Breunig, Bob Debevits, Kathy Petrella, Bobby Seagraves, Adam Van Boxel, David Craig, Silvana Kostura, Marianne Deatsch, Becky Samardge, Dave Lelko, Sandy McLeod, Amber Weinhart, and Mariann Van Pelt.

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

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COUNTY MICROFILMING CENTER AND GEAUGA COUNTY – DIGITAL ARCHIVING SERVICES

Archives and Records Center Director Linda Burhenne explained that for three years the county had a contract with Lake Business Products for converting scanned images to microfilm. The original price was two cents per image, with five percent increases added to that cost in the second and third years. In discussions for renewal, Ms. Burhenne noted that Lake Business Products was not budging in regards to price concessions for the possible renewal of this contract, so she talked to the director of the Cuyahoga County microfilming operation about possibly doing this work and was offered a fixed price of \$.015 per copy for a three year period. She added that the Cuyahoga director lives in Geauga County, and he has offered to carry the files and finished microfilm between here and the Cuyahoga microfilming department. Ms. Burhenne stated that as we are close to being able to export digital images from the Courtview system there will still be a lot of microfilm to be created, and she is excited that there will be a lot savings over the next several years. Ms. Burhenne concluded that the quality of Cuyahoga's work has been tested, and it appears that the turnaround on processing images to microfilm will be good. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide on cancellation terms, Ms. Burhenne replied that per the contract, we can terminate the agreement with 30 days' notice.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute an Agreement for Digital Archiving Services between Cuyahoga County Microfilming Center and Geauga County to convert scanned images to preservation microfilm for a three year period at a cost of \$.015 per image.

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

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ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – HIRE PAMELA BASTER – ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CLERK #2607

Archives and Records Center Director Linda Burhenne explained that she is requesting the hire of Ms. Baster, who is currently working for a library, interned at the Western Reserve Historical Society, has a degree in history, and studies genealogy as a hobby. Ms. Baster is a replacement for an employee who recently left for another job opportunity, adding that she felt we were fortunate to find someone so unusually well qualified, and she is excited to have her on board.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve hiring Pamela Baster for the position of Archives and Records Clerk (#2607) at a rate of \$10.17 per hour effective February 3, 2014. After successful completion of a 180 day probation period, the rate will increase to \$10.70 per hour.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – FINAL RESOLUTION – COOPERATE WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – IMPROVE INTERSECTION OF KINSMAN ROAD (SR 87) AND AUBURN ROAD (CH 4) – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that the first three actions being brought before the Board today by his department are to get things in motion for the turning lane at Route 87 and Auburn Road in Newbury. The first action is to execute a resolution of cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation for this project. He then noted that County Auditor Frank Gliha is present today to execute the fiscal officer's certificate, which is to be acknowledged by the Board in the second action, so we could immediately move on to the third item, which is to execute the contract between the Ohio Department of Transportation and the County Commissioners for this project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Final Resolution #14-010 to Cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Improve the Intersection of Kinsman Road (SR 87) and Auburn Road (CH 4) in Newbury Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 16, 2014

PID No. 83634

Resolution: 14 – 010

FINAL RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF KINSMAN ROAD (SR 87) AND AUBURN ROAD (CH 4)

Commissioner Samide moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Rear.

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Geauga, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA", in the matter of the stated described project.

WHEREAS, on 10th day of September, 2013, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

The project consists of the intersection improvement of the Kinsman Road (SR 87) and Auburn Road (CH 4), lying with Geauga County.

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County agrees to assume and bear a lump sum in the amount of \$50,000.00.

The share of the cost of the LPA is now estimated in the amount of Fifty Thousand and - - - 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) but said estimated amount is to be adjusted in order that the LPA's ultimate share of said improvement shall correspond with said percentages of actual costs when

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said actual costs are determined; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of the same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, The LPA desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

- I. That the estimated sum, of Fifty Thousand and - - - 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the improvement described above and the fiscal officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue an order on the treasurer for said sum upon the requisition of the Director of Transportation to pay the cost and expense of said improvement. We hereby agree to assume in the first instance, the share of the cost and expense over and above the amount to be paid from Federal funds.*
- II. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.*
- III. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that President be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract, providing for the payment of the LPA the sum of money set forth herein above for improving the described project.*
- IV. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.*
- V. That the LPA transmit a copy of this resolution to the Newbury Township Board of Trustees and to the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE – CERTIFY APPROPRIATED COUNTY FUNDS - PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF KINSMAN (SR 87) AND AUBURN ROAD (CH 4) – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge County Auditor Frank Gliha's attendance and request the Auditor to execute the Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Chapter 5521 and Section 5705.41 of the Ohio Revised Code) certifying the County's portion of the appropriated funds for the Project to Improve the Intersection of Kinsman (SR87) and Auburn Road (CH 4) in Newbury Township.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CONTRACT BETWEEN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – IMPROVE INTERSECTION OF KINSMAN ROAD (SR 87) AND AUBURN ROAD (CH 4) – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Following the Auditor's execution of the Fiscal Officer's certificate and acknowledgement by the Board, Engineer Cattell stated that the next action is to execute the actual contract to begin the intersection project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Contract (Chapter 5521 of the Ohio Revised Code) between the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners to Improve the Intersection of Kinsman (SR 87) and Auburn Road (CH 4) in Newbury Township.

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

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Commissioner Samide Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF BAINBRIDGE ROAD (CH 11) – BAINBRIDGE AND AUBURN TOWNSHIPS

County Engineer Joe Cattell stated that the next two items on the agenda are for the Commissioners to acknowledge receipt of plans for two road resurfacing projects. He noted that these two projects received federal money through NOACA; the public is to be given the opportunity to comment on projects funded in this manner. Therefore, these actions today are needed in order to schedule the public hearing for these projects as required by law.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bainbridge Road (CH 11) in Bainbridge and Auburn Townships per Resolution #11-146 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on February 11, 2014 at 10:20 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on January 23, 2014, January 30, 2014 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF PETTIBONE ROAD (CH 607) - BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Pettibone Road (CH 607) in Bainbridge Township per Resolution #12-025 approved on February 9, 2012. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on February 11, 2014 at 10:25 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on January 23, 2014, January 30, 2014 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

In response to a question from audience member Ms. Diane Jones as to what percentage of each project is covered by NOACA funding, Engineer Cattell said this would be discussed at the public hearings, but preliminary figures show a cost estimate of \$800,000 for the Bainbridge Road project, with \$640,000 of that total being covered by NOACA funding, and \$384,000 of the total estimated cost of \$480,000 for the Pettibone Road project coming from NOACA. Engineer Cattell added that he would be happy to address any concerns regarding these projects either at the hearing or in his office.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN - REVISION 22

Department of Emergency Services Director Dale Wedge stated that he was present to seek approval of an amendment to the Radiological Emergency Response Plan maintained for planning required due to the county's proximity to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, and explained that this year's activities at the Department of Emergency Services (DES) will include a Perry exercise, as is conducted every other year. He added that the exercise cycle is going to be changed somewhat, as in the past they have operated on a six-year cycle of various scenarios, but that is going to change to an eight-year cycle. They are also adding a hostile action event involving terrorist activity or an incident involving a deliberate aircraft crash on the site as part of this year's drill. He stated that during these exercises, typically we have a number of federal inspectors present, and in the past, we have received no deficiencies, only minor comments.

Director Wedge continued that the revised plan is now made an annex of the Emergency Operations Plan, incorporating incident command and different functions over and above a radiological incident, but this plan can be used for an incident. Previously, the Perry control room would notify the Sheriff's office and DES within 15 minutes of an incident and classify the incident based on one of four levels of seriousness. In the past the Board of County

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Commissioners used to make protective action decisions, now it is more attuned to the incident command system that police and fire departments use. We therefore had to re-write the plan in line with these changes, with our agency becoming more of a coordination center with police and fire departments, rather than having ultimate decisions.

Director Wedge stated that the other thing the utility did is move the Joint Information Center, which was formerly at Lakeland Community College, to the Auburn Career Center. Additionally, interaction between Public Information Officer Linda Burhenne and other authorized officials has been amended, ensuring that information is not released until authorized by police and fire officials. Mr. Wedge added that his department will have to do some training with the two new commissioners prior to the Perry drill held later this year. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide as to whether the Board of County Commissioners would still declare a state of emergency, Mr. Wedge responded that yes, when a situation escalates to a site area emergency, the commissioners would still take that action, and coordinate with local schools and federal agencies for resources. It may not get above an alert to a site area emergency, so there is no protective action declaration required by the commissioners. It has to get to the level of a general emergency before the commissioners act, but the commissioners would still be coordinating local emergency response. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide as to whether practice drills would be held, Mr. Wedge responded that there will be three practice drills scheduled but all three may not be needed unless it appears necessary, and he added that we work well with the tri-county (Ashtabula/Lake/Geauga) group. He added that during the drills we have held, the federal representatives present say they never see commissioners sitting in attendance elsewhere, but we always have all three. In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri regarding Auburn Fire being taken out of the plan, Mr. Wedge responded that they have functioned as a backup to assist Bainbridge as a care center, and in the new plan they just are consolidated with others. He noted that they have two school "Mega Centers" for care, Notre Dame and Cardinal, where decontamination portals can be set up to move people through quicker. We did add just-in time training, which is being added to the University Hospitals continuing education website, and we may want to present this information at a Thursday night meeting. In response to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri regarding the addition of Auburn Career Center to the plan, Mr. Wedge said that that addition is there to designate that location as the new joint information center in place of Lakeland. He noted that the provision for joint information centers became a part of planning following the Three Mile Island incident, in order to reduce confusion. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide as to how the Hurricane Sandy response worked out, Mr. Wedge noted that emergency planners continue to update mitigation plans, which might be a topic of discussion for a Thursday night meeting. He continued that over the years, the government has kept paying out claims for recurring losses involving the same properties whose location made them susceptible to those losses; he used as an example a property located in Russell Township in a low-lying area that had been flooded multiple times over the years, and suggested that perhaps the government should pay to buy property to eliminate this situation. He also gave the example of seaside properties and suggested that mitigation resources should be used to eliminate building in high-risk areas in order to stop paying multiple times for losses at the same location.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and authorize the Department of Emergency Services Director to execute, and further approve and execute the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (for an emergency at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant) Revision 22, dated January 2014.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

Social Services Supervisor Brad Welch explained that this is the mutual funding agreement for Family First as a collaborate effort primarily to help with those kids falling through the cracks and needing more intensive services. He added that Family First Director Nancy Seelbach is spearheading the Opiate Task force effort to mail out materials to make parents and the community more aware of the issues involving substance abuse. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide, Mr. Welch responded that the overall budget and funding request of the commissioners has been fairly steady.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC., to perform general excavating services at various locations in the wastewater section for Year 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS –
DEBORD'S ONE HOUR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING*

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with DeBord's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, to perform HVAC services for Year 2014 in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with DeBord's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, to perform annual testing of backflow prevention devices at the corner of Holbrook and South Franklin Street and the at the corner of Chagrin River Road and South Franklin Street for Year 2014 in the amount of \$1,665.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with DeBord's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, to perform emergency plumbing repairs for Year 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT –
UNITED SURVEY, INCORPORATED*

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with United Survey, Incorporated, to perform general and emergency cleaning, televising, grouting and rehabilitation of sewer lines and manholes for Year 2014 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET –
THOMPSON SEWER PROJECT*

Water Resources Director Doug Bowen stated that the last two actions are for the Thompson sewer project prior to getting final clearance; the first is to provide an operating budget, and the second is to establish sewer rates for that project. These rates will be the same as the current rate for Parkman sewer customers. Mr. Bowen added that they may be able to reduce rates at both locations once actual costs are known for the Thompson project and financing may be then made available to assist with ongoing funding of the Parkman project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to authorize the President of the Board to execute USDA form RD 442-7 Proposed Operating

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Budget for the first full year of operation (proposed 2015) for the Thompson Wastewater Treatment Plant in Thompson Township.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RATE STRUCTURE FOR THE THOMPSON SEWER SERVICE AREA

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and establish the rate structure for the Thompson Sewer Service Area. Commercial and Residential Tap-in fees will be covered by the various funding agencies prior to January 1, 2016, after this date the fee to connect would be the current tap-in fee at the time (currently \$6,000/sewer unit.) Sewer rates will be \$75.35 per month or \$150.70 per two month billing cycle.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESCIND AND AMEND THE LACK OF QUORUM MOTION FROM JANUARY 7, 2014 – APPROVE FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair explained that this action was to enable him to approve financials on non-session days, due to the change in the meeting schedule established at the reorganizational meeting held January 13, 2014.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the action approved on January 7, 2014, granting the County Administrator the authority to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during Year 2014, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.3, and which duties shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the commissioners.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT THOMAS C. MICHEL AND BRIAN MALLORY – NORTHEAST OHIO CONSORTIUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NOC COG) AREA 19 YOUTH COUNCIL

County Administrator David Lair explained that Commissioner Samide, as the NOC COG Board representative had just received a letter requesting the appointment of two individuals to the Area 19 Youth Council. Given the fact that finding private-sector individuals willing to serve on these boards is difficult, the commissioners agreed that these appointments should be made immediately.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to appoint Thomas C. Michel of TAG Media and Brian Mallory of Face2Face Solutions to the Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Governments Area 19 Youth Council.

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

OTHER:

Commissioner Spidalieri brought up the issue of contingency planning for the possible absence of County Administrator David Lair in the event of issues that might arise making him unavailable. Mr. Lair said that the Board has hired great employees over the years, and there are a number of individuals who could step in and assist in the process should I be absent for any extended period of time. Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney, Job and Family Services Executive Director Tim Taylor, and Records Center Director Linda Burhenne are all

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identified as possible candidates to fill in if necessary, given their experience with county operations and budgets.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 8, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Thu., 1/16 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 p.m. at Vernon's Café, 720 Youngstown-Warren Road, Niles*
- Tue., 1/21 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Thu., 1/23 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Tue., 1/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Wed., 1/29 Geauga County Tourism Annual Members meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Middlefield Community Room*
- Wed., 1/29 Geauga County Township Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. at West Woods, Russell Township*
- Thu., 1/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Deborah Ashburn, Temporary Acting Commissioners' Clerk

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