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June 24, 2014

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 24, 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.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from June 19, 2014, Resolution #14-101, that included Purchase orders for 2014 funding for the Geauga County Agricultural Society, Geauga County Historical Society and the Geauga County Tourism in the amount of \$20,000.00 each; and a Purchase order for the Lake Geauga Recovery Centers to fund an assistant for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center in the amount of \$41,200.00 as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 16, 2014 to authorize the County Administrator 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 12, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 17, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Lair explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriation for the Department of Job and Family Services Public Assistance fund for startup expenses for the Ohio Works Incentive Program in the amount of \$20,000.00; Travel requests for Common Pleas Court Technology and the Department of Emergency Services; a Payment to Gottschalk Building Company for pay request #9 for the Board of Developmental Disabilities ICFDD Downsizing Project in the amount of \$109,179.00; Payments for 2014 funding for the Geauga County Historical Society and the Geauga County Tourism in the amount of \$20,000.00 each; a Payment to Lake Geauga Recovery Center to fund an assistant for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center in the amount of \$41,200.00; a Payment to the Geauga County Airport Authority for the partial payment of engineering fees associated with the ODOT Aviation Project #14-03 in the amount of \$17,500.00; and Reimbursements of participation fees to county employees who completed the Continuous Health Improvement Program in the amount of \$60.00 each.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-102 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 24, 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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – FISCAL CONSULTING SERVICES – JOHN C. CONNER

Auditor Frank Gliha introduced John Conner to the Board and explained that Mr. Conner has been assisting the Auditor's Office for many years about financials with the County but also the Country. Mr. Gliha stated that Mr. Conner has been a great help in saving the County money and assisting with interest rates for our Note ratings. Mr. Conner explained that we will not be going out for a rating from Moody's this year due to the amount of the debt and a shortage in paper available for sale on the market. It was noted that the Safety Center will hopefully be paid off this year. There was a brief discussion about the need for funding for future construction projects and that having Mr. Conner assist would be a great asset to the County in helping save money.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the Agreement to Provide Fiscal Consulting Services to Geauga County, Ohio between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and John C. Conner for the period June 25, 2014 through June 24, 2015 in the amount of \$700.00 per month.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – FISCAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATE – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES – PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM - \$3,000,000.00 IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2014

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate in regards to the \$3,000,000.00 Public Safety Communications Systems Improvement Notes, Series 2014.

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

Mr. Lair explained that last year there was \$4 million in debt and this year will pay off the remaining \$750,000.00 of the Safety Center and put \$250,000.00 toward the pay down on the Radio Communications System debt. Mr. Gliha stated that will bring us down to only having \$3 million left in debt. Commissioner Rear commented that we will now own the Safety Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute Resolution #14-103 Providing for the Issuance of Notes of the County of Geauga, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$3,000,000.00, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying Costs of Acquiring and Installing a Public Safety Communications System.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 24, 2014

Resolution: #14-103

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 24, 2014, commencing at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Ralph Spidalieri	Blake A. Rear	Mary E. Samide
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The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Samide presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Rear:

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-103

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF GEAUGA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 13-115, adopted June 6, 2013, notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, dated August 13, 2013 and maturing August 13, 2014, in the principal amount of \$3,250,000 (the "Outstanding Notes") were issued for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing a public safety communications system ("Project"); as part of a consolidated issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that the County should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3, together with other funds available to the County, and to retire the portion of that consolidated issue relating to the County's safety center with other funds available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor, as fiscal officer, has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Project is at least five years, and that the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds is 15 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes is August 15, 2032;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and installing a public safety communications system (the Bonds).

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2015, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 5.5% per year, payable semi-annually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in fifteen annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are substantially equal. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2016.

Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Board determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to retire, together with other funds available to the County, the Outstanding Notes. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.0% per year (computed on a 360-day per year basis) to be determined by the County Auditor in his certificate awarding the Notes and authorized in Section 6 hereof (the Certificate of Award), payable at maturity, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than nine months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award.

Section 4. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, without deduction for services of the County's paying agent, at the main office of The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, or at such other office of a bank or trust company designated by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the County and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose.

Section 5. The Notes shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and by the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, provided that all but one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the County Auditor, provided that the entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and provided no note shall be of a denomination of less than \$100,000. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the County Auditor and shall express upon their faces the purpose, which may be in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to Chapter 133 and Section 307.02 of the Revised Code and this Resolution. The County Auditor is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other authorized note issues of the County into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code. The County Auditor is further authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County in connection with the sale of the Notes, to obtain a rating on the Notes from one or more nationally recognized rating service.

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Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, if it is determined by the County Auditor to be advantageous to the County, the Notes may be issued in book entry form for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized: (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered typewritten Note and registered in the name of a depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of a depository; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the depository and its participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the depository and its participants subject to the terms of this Resolution; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the County.

Section 6. The Notes shall be and hereby are awarded and sold by the County Auditor at private sale at not less than par in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Auditor shall, in accordance with his determination of the best interests of and financial advantages to the County and its taxpayers and conditions then existing in the financial markets, determine the interest rate the Notes shall bear and their maturity consistent with this Resolution and make all other designations herein authorized, execute the Certificate of Award related thereto, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser, to the original purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The County Auditor, the County Treasurer, the County Commissioners, the County Administrator and other County officials, as appropriate, each are authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements, other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. In connection with the issuance of the Notes herein authorized, the legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained to act as bond counsel to this County.

Section 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

Section 8. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

Section 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

Section 10. The County of Geauga covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) or (ii) be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103(a) of the Code applies, and (b) the interest on the Notes will not be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County hereby represents that the Outstanding Notes (the Refunded Obligation) were designated or deemed designated, and qualified, as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The County hereby covenants that it will redeem the Refunded Obligation from proceeds of, and within 90 days after issuance of, the Notes, and represents that all other conditions are met for treating the amount of the Notes not in excess of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligation outstanding immediately prior to the redemption of the Refunded

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Obligation as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" without necessity for further designation and as not to be taken into account under subparagraph (D) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code pursuant to subparagraph (D)(ii) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

The amount of the Notes (such amount being the issue price of the Notes less accrued interest, if any, as determined under the Code) in excess of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligation that is outstanding immediately prior to the redemption of the Refunded Obligation is hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. If there is such excess, the County hereby represents and covenants that it, together with all its subordinate entities or entities that issue obligations on its behalf, or on behalf of which it issues obligations, in or during the calendar year in which the Notes are issued, (i) have not issued and will not issue tax-exempt obligations designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, including the aforesaid amount of the Notes, in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000,000, and (ii) have not issued, do not reasonably anticipate issuing, and will not issue, tax-exempt obligations (including the aforesaid amount of the Notes, but excluding obligations, other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Code, that are private activity bonds as defined in Section 141 of the Code and excluding refunding obligations that are not advance refunding obligations as defined in Section 149(d)(5) of the Code to the extent that the amount of the refunding obligations does not exceed the outstanding principal amount of the refunded obligations) in an aggregate amount exceeding \$10,000,000, unless the County first obtains a written opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such designation or issuance, as applicable, will not adversely affect the status of the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations."

Further, the County represents and covenants that, during any time or in any manner as might affect the status of the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations," it has not formed or participated in the formation of, or benefitted from or availed itself of, any entity in order to avoid the purposes of subparagraph (C) or (D) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, and will not form, participate in the formation of, or benefit from or avail itself of, any such entity. The County further represents that the Notes are not being issued as part of a direct or indirect composite issue that combines issues or lots of tax-exempt obligations of different issuers.

Each covenant made in this section with respect to the Notes is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the Notes (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this section to take with respect to the Notes.

The County Auditor, as the fiscal officer, or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Notes as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.

Section 11. The Clerk of this Board is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor.

Section 12. This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County of Geauga have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

Section 13. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

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Section 14. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

<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>

Mr. Gliha stated that it was a good day for Geauga County having the Safety Center paid off in less than nine years.

**ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – PAMELA BASTER –
ADVERTISE POSITION - ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER CLERK (#2607)**

Director Linda Burhenne explained that Ms. Baster will be going to grad school earlier than expected and ask the Board to accept her resignation as she moves forward in her career.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept the resignation of Pamela Baster, Archives and Records Center Clerk (#2607) to be effective August 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>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Archives and Records Center Clerk (#2607). This position will remain posted until filled.

<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 – LEGAL BINDING
DOCUMENTS – LOCAL RLF (REVOLVING LOAN FUND) – PATTIE GROUP,
INCORPORATED**

Director Anita Stocker stated that these were the legal binding documents in connection with the Local Revolving Loan Fund to Pattie Group. Ms. Stocker noted that the County helped the company originally get started and it's nice to see them continue to expand.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute the legal binding documents for the Local Revolving Loan Fund (LRLF) loan to The Pattie Group, Incorporated in the amount of \$100,000.00 for five (5) years (60 months) at three percent interest (3%) including: Loan Servicing Letter, Participation Agreement, Promissory Note, Guaranty of The Pattie Group, Incorporated, Guaranty of Pattie Group Holdings, Guaranty of Pattie Group Management, Incorporated and Security Agreement.

<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 – APPROVE MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – VILLAGE OF
SOUTH RUSSELL**

County Engineer Joe Cattell explained that the Village of South Russell was requesting funds to assist with the Snyder Road project, noting that the funds are part of the Municipal Road Fund where license tag fees are collected and released back to the municipalities. Mr. Cattell stated that they have to request the funds from the Commissioners and the Board requests a recommendation from the Engineer as to whether the project is a valid use of the funds to which Mr. Cattell stated that it was and recommends the Board release the funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the use of Municipal Road Funds to assist with the repair and paving of Snyder Road in the Village of South Russell, in accordance with Section 4.08 of the guidelines in the amount of \$169,732.82.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – RUPLE PAVING SEALCOATING AND LINSTRIPIING, INCORPORATED

Director Glen Vernick stated that the parking lots at the Courthouse, 470 and Senior Center need to be sealed and restriped, that a couple culverts here at 470 need to be repaired, and there is some minor repair work needed at the County Home and the Senior Center. Mr. Vernick stated that this service contract with Ruple Paving will take care of all of those repairs for this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ruple Paving Sealcoating and Linstripiing, Incorporated to perform maintenance and repair of asphalt for Geauga County parking lots for the year 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

PROBATE/ JUVENILE COURT – CASA FOR KIDS – VOCA AND SVAA GRANT APPLICATION

Director Chris Folz Steigerwald explained that this application is for their annual grant from the Attorney General's Office for funds that are received from federal and state funds confiscated from crimes and are required to be used to serve victims of crime. Ms. Folz stated that the CASA for Kids program is eligible because the kids served are victims of abuse, neglect and dependency. Ms. Folz stated that they have been receiving this grant since 1997, and she learned this year that an increase could be requested for Federal funds through VOCA. Ms. Folz explained that since the second quarter of 2012 the number of cases has increased significantly, citing that 30% of the cases involve opiate and heroin use. Ms. Folz stated that they had 74 cases in 2011 which was prior to seeing the number of opiate and heroin cases; increase to 84 cases in 2012 and 93 in 2013. Ms. Folz stated that with the increase that they have seen she felt it was reasonable to ask for a thirty percent (30%) increase. Ms. Folz expressed gratitude to Judge Grendell and the Commissioners for their support, noting that despite the increase they have still been able to assign every case a volunteer, noting that they had 79 volunteers in 2013 that gave 7,046 hours of in kind service which is the equivalent to \$352,200.00. Ms. Folz explained that the process of submission has changed to electronic signature and submission, so she asked the Board to approve her to execute the grant electronically and submit.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve the Geauga County Victims of Crime Act (VOCA #2015VADSCE480) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA #2015SADSCE480) CASA for Kids Grant Application in the amount of \$42,231.25. This grant will receive a total of \$32,185.00 from the Office of the Attorney General including \$8,046.25 local match from the Geauga County General Fund. The VOCA Grant will provide \$1,500.00 to cover fees for Legal Consultation, which requires a \$500.00 in-kind match in the form of volunteer hours, and includes \$4,735.00 in SVAA funds with no local match. This grant is for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. And further authorize CASA Director, Christine Folz Steigerwald to electronically execute and submit the VOCA-SVAA grant, assurances and certifications.

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

TRANSIT – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – PART-TIME DRIVE (#2210-1) – HIRE WILLIAM FORSYTHE – PART-TIME DRIVER (#2210-1)

Interim Director Mike Kasper asked the Board to increase the current posting for Part-time Driver to cover an additional employee who will be retiring in August. Mr. Kasper asked to hire

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Mr. Forsythe stating that he is highly qualified with a good safety record and comes with experience.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to increase the current posting for Part-Time Driver (#2210-1) from one to two positions.

<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 hiring William Forsythe to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective June 30, 2014 at a rate of \$12.64 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period the rate will increase to \$13.30 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE UNPAID LEAVE – MEAGHAN BASILONE – SUMMER HELP (#0101)

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that Ms. Basilone, Summer Help, has a wedding in a couple weeks that she will need time off for.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve forty (40) hours of unpaid leave of absence for Meaghan Basilone, Summer Help for the period July 7, 2014 through July 11, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SITE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR SANITARY SEWER AND WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION – GATES LANDING – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Morgan stated that Gates Landing is part of the overall Canyon Lakes Development and will be developed by Payne and Payne Builders. Mr. Morgan stated that the development in total will include 65 lots for small homes. The development will include private roads and will eventually include an easement for sewer and water that the homes will be tying into. There was discussion about the availability for additional development in that area.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to accept and approve the Site Improvement Plans for Gates Landing in Bainbridge Township for Sanitary Sewer and Waterline Construction in the Canyon Lakes Development. The sewer and water line will be installed as part of the development by the developer under the inspection of Water Resources personnel. Once completed and appropriate easements are granted, ownership, operation and maintenance of the sewer and water will be turned over to Geauga County.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RELEASE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – STATEMENT OF INTEREST/QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – 2015 VETERANS SERVICE CENTER / CLARIDON ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY PROJECT

Mr. Lair explained that this public announcement will be to request statement of interest / qualifications for professional design services for the potential building of a Veterans Service Center or a Claridon Administrative Facility.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Rear to approve and release the Public Announcement Request for Statement of Interest / Qualifications for Available Contract for Professional Design Services in

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connection with the 2015 Veterans' Service Center / Claridon Administrative Facility Project.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 11, 2014 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 6/24 Post Audit Meeting, State Auditor, 11:30 a.m.

Tue., 6/24 ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office

Wed., 6/25 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Training Exercise, 9:00 a.m. at Quail Hollow

Thu., 6/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will include the Review of the Revisions to the Mitigation Plan for Geauga County.

Mon., 6/30 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 7/1 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

*Fri., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Tue., 7/8 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Tue., 7/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 7/10 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Fri., 7/11 NOACA, Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 TAX BUDGET

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

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

Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Lair explained that the presentation had been prepared by Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney but that she was unable to be there this morning.

Mr. Lair explained that Geauga County is on a calendar fiscal year with a budget cycle that begins in the spring by asking Departments to provide budgetary requests for the following year which allows a tax budget to be created. Mr. Lair stated that the General Fund will be the primary fund out of over 100 funds that will be discussed today.

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Tax Budget Guidelines:

- Planning tool
- Demonstration of Need
- Conservative Estimate
- Final Appropriation Variable

Mr. Lair defined Geauga County's conservative estimate as a process that underestimates revenue and overestimate the expenses. Mr. Lair stated that in September and October budget hearings are held with departments where typically capital expenditures are discussed.

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In Geauga County, for every one dollar in property tax that a homeowner pays, on the average 20.47 cents is used to fund County programs. The local community, the local school district, JVS, and Library use the remaining 79.53 cents.

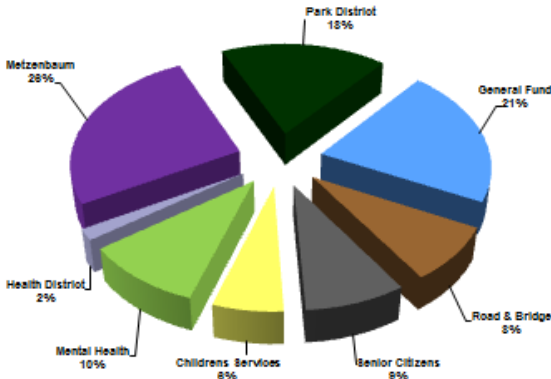


Source – Gauga County Auditor's Office

Mr. Lair expressed that this will show where that 20.47 cents will go by percentage. Commissioner Samide stated that out of every dollar the General Fund sees 21% of 20.47 cents.

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County Tax Breakdown by Percentage



Source – Gauga County Auditor's Office

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Total 2015 Tax Budget - \$108.8 M

General Fund Budget - \$29.4 M

General Fund Requests - \$30.6 M

Mr. Lair stated that what will be discussed is the \$29.4 Million for the General Fund Budget for which \$30.6 Million in requests were received. To make the \$29.4 Million we “guestimate” the carryover balance to start the year with \$4.5 Million with Revenue sources of \$24.9 Million which equals the \$29.4 Million.

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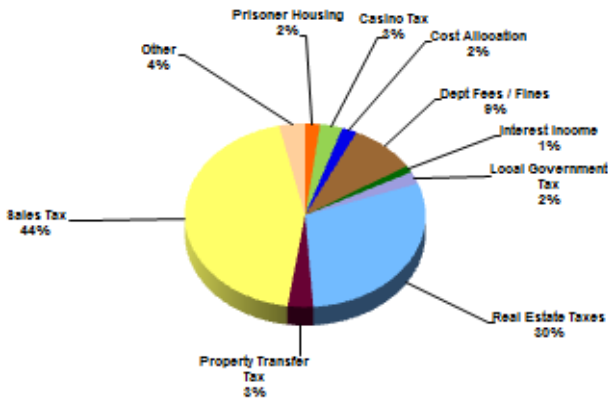


**2015 General Fund Estimated
Available Resources**

Carryover Balance	\$ 4,500,000.00
2015 Revenues	<u>\$ 24,916,948.00</u>
Total Resources	\$ 29,416,948.00

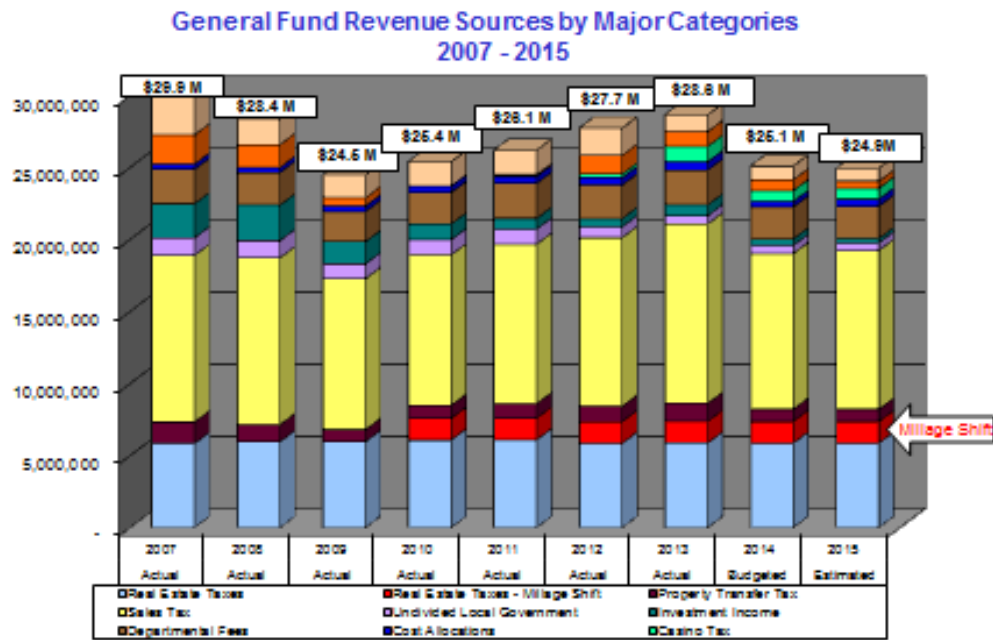
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**General Fund Revenue Sources
by Category**



Mr. Lair stated that about ¾ quarters of the revenue source comes from sales tax and real estate taxes, with the rest coming from property transfer tax, local government tax, interest income, department fees / fines, cost allocation, casino tax, prisoner housing, and other, noting that casino tax and prisoner housing are both areas that cannot be counted on because they are not guaranteed.

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Mr. Lair explained the revenue fund sources from 2007 through 2013. Mr. Lair pointed out the similarities from 2008 to 2013 but different components that make up those numbers. Mr. Lair talked about the \$1.5 Million that was previously set aside for debt retirement that in 2010 had to be put back into the General Fund. While it looks like we have recovered we are still not completely out of the woods. Mr. Lair pointed out casino tax, prisoner housing, and investment income and the other changes that have been seen throughout the years.

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Changes to Available Resources
2012 - 2015

	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Budgeted 2014	Estimated 2015
Unencumbered C/O Balance	\$ 4,229,176	\$ 4,672,349	\$ 7,243,778	\$ 4,500,000
CY Revenue	\$ 27,690,278	\$ 28,633,219	\$ 25,072,900	\$ 24,916,948
Total Resources	\$ 31,919,454	\$ 33,305,568	\$ 32,316,678	\$ 29,416,948
Decrease to CY Revue				(\$ 155,952)

Mr. Lair stated that they are being conservative in the carry over balance and hope to be there at \$4.5 Million, noting that there is an expectation to have a decrease in revenue of \$155,952.00

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G.F. Operating Expenses: \$29.4 M
Increase Net of Transfers: \$365K
(2014 CY budget vs. 2015 Tax budget)

Overall Factors:

- 3.5% wage increases budgeted
- 13% increase to hospitalization costs budgeted
- Juvenile Detention Center cost increases
- Most large equipment requests not funded

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G.F. Operating Expenses: \$29.4 M
Increase Net of Transfers: \$ 365 K
2014 CY budget vs. 2015 Tax budget 1.4%

Salary-Medicare-OPERS – 3.5%	\$ 319,000
Hospitalization cost increases – 13%	\$ 126,000
Juvenile Detention Center cost increase	\$ 139,000
Equipment not funded	\$ (210,000)
Other – miscellaneous reductions	\$ (8,000)
Total	\$ 365,000

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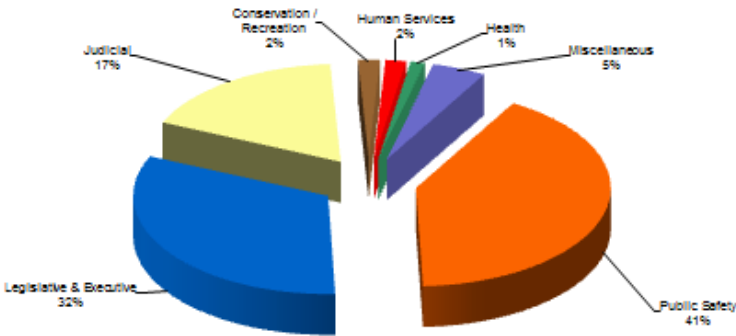
General Fund Operating Expenses
by Category (net of transfers out)

Category	2014	2015	% Change
Public Safety	\$10,680,166	\$10,855,854	1.6%
Legislative & Executive	\$8,475,594	\$8,510,605	.4%
Judicial	\$4,459,441	\$4,622,371	3.7%
Conservation/Recreation	\$518,265	\$478,265	-7.7%
Human Services	\$476,482	\$455,902	-4.3%
Health	\$312,000	\$312,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$1,135,460	\$1,187,630	4.6%
Total	\$26,057,408	\$26,422,627	
Difference		\$365,219	1.4%

Mr. Lair explained that Legislative and Executive includes the Commissioners; Auditor’s and Service offices, Conservation/Recreation includes the OSU extension and Soil and Water; Human Services includes the Veterans, and Health that refers to the Crippled Children’s Fund that is a mandated amount with a cap of \$312,000.00.

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General Fund Operating Expenses
by Category



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Current Tax Budget requirement	\$29,416,948
2015 Estimated Revenues	<u>\$24,916,948</u>
Carryover Requirement	\$ 4,500,000 *

**Actual carryover has ranged from \$3.6 million to \$7.2 million in the last 5 years
Increases to carryover funds are accomplished through a combination of spending less
than current appropriations and exceeding revenue estimates*

Mr. Lair stated that by asking departments to keep expenses down and by having revenue come in that wasn't included in the original budget, we hope to then add to the actual carryover amount.

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Overall Goal:

Fund general increases at or below
2014 levels where possible.

Limit new initiatives to those which
show an immediate return on
investment and added value to Geauga
taxpayers.

Local resident Walter Leagan inquired if the information could be provided to the residents in the County, to which Mr. Lair noted that it would be available for viewing on the video but also on the website. Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:50 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:50 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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