

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 15, 2016**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

*It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*The President of the Board, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

MEETING MINUTES

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 8, 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- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

*Mr. Lair reported on the items approved March 14, 2016 by the County Administrator, including a service Contract Agreement with Platform Cement, Incorporated, for excavating services as needed within the department for the Year 2016. Authorized by Resolution #16-005 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 11, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

COUNTY HOME – INCREASE POSTING - TWO (2) PART-TIME ATTENDANTS (#1504-1) THIRD SHIFT

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to increase the current posting from one to two positions for Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) third (3<sup>rd</sup>) shift. These positions 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CERTIFIED LIST OF GOVERNING BODY AND CONTACT PERSONS – FACILITY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION USDA ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

*Director Gerard Morgan stated that this is an annual report that is required to be submitted to the USDA that outlines who the governing authority is within in the county.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certified List of Governing Body and Contact Persons Regarding the Facility and Financial Information for the USDA Annual Reporting Requirements.*

<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 – REJECT ALL BIDS – RUSSELL PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES – EXCESS OF ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

*Mr. Morgan stated that only one bid had been received and it came in well over the estimated cost. Mr. Morgan explained that they are trying to figure out why the jump from the estimate of \$1.5 million to a bid that was received of \$2.3 million. Mr. Morgan noted that five contractors pulled plans but only one bid was received.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to reject all Bids for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project, as all bids received were in excess of the Engineer's estimate.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE- GEAUGA CONUNTY FAIR CONTRACT

*Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair noted that while there is no cost to utilize the building, we are still required to submit a contract.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Fair Contract for the period September 1, 2016 through September 5, 2016.*

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Revenue Certifications for the Sheriff's 800 Communications Perm Improvement fund and the Court Technology fund for supplemental funding approved by the Board; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for salary and benefits for the Prosecutor's Office; a Supplemental appropriation for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Block Grant for equipment; a Cash transfer for a portion of 2016 funding for Court Technology; a Travel request for the Department of Job and Family Services; a payment to City Blueprint of Toledo for the purchase of survey equipment and software for the Engineer's Office in the amount of \$42,601.66, a payment to Vermeer Sales and Service for the purchase of a SC60TX stump cutter for the Engineer's Department in the amount of \$44,265.06, and a payment to McPhillips Plumbing and Heating for the installation of a replacement boiler at 470 Center Street for the Maintenance Department in the amount of \$23,695.00.*

*Commissioner Claypool stated that he had some questions and concerns in regards to the request from the Prosecutor's office for additional funding in their budget that relates to hiring of an Criminal Investigator to handle internet crimes. Mr. Claypool stated that he is in support of law enforcement, but based on the request would like to ask additional questions. Mr. Claypool noted the salary that will be paid for the remainder of 2016 and expressed the expectation for the future years. Prosecutor Jim Flaiz voiced his surprise about the continued concern from Mr. Claypool, expressing that he handles his budget every year and presents that request to the Board directly and not knowing what the budget request for 2017 will be, noting that some cuts could be made. Mr. Flaiz stated that this is a need, noting that there is no one in the county that can currently handle this capability, and that the counties around us do have it, adding that the new investigator will also do investigation into crimes against children, fraud against the elderly, and the funds will be used to protect the public. Mr. Claypool expressed that this request is being made not knowing how big the problem is, and if it can be handled by only one person, but adding a resource, this increase will eventually see more of an increase, and the question is, will it really accomplish what we want, reflecting on the heroin initiative, and stating that we put a lot of funding into that program, and talk about the things it has accomplished, but have never asked what it really has accomplished. Mr. Claypool asked if Cleveland who has a similar program, if they have accomplished what the program was put into place to do.*

*Mr. Flaiz stated that it is two different conversations, the request before the Board and one about the heroin initiative and we can have that conversation and talk about the things that have stopped happening, but again there are also things that we cannot control. Mr. Flaiz noted that the narcotic unit that was created with heroin initiative funding brought about the biggest bust in the county, and that has resulted in the person being put into prison for thirty years. Mr. Flaiz stated that he cannot show performance on a new concept for our County, we rely on BCI to handle this, however they are being utilized and are so busy that they stated they could start an investigation in 7 to 9 months. Mr. Flaiz noted that this investigator will also be assisting the departments within the County. Mr. Flaiz stated that in the past theft was cash, that is not the cash now, a majority is electronic, joking about the old use of a wiretap, and that now you need a text tap. Mr. Flaiz gave several examples of cases that have been handled, adding that some cases haven't been being pursued because we don't have the resources to do so. Mr. Claypool inquired about where this will go, will it be one or fifteen employees needed to handle this issue in the future.*

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*Commissioner Spidalieri stated that you cannot answer that question, citing his past experience in law enforcement and that fifteen years ago this program was already in place in Shaker Heights. Mr. Spidalieri stated that this is a huge need and while you will never really know what it will stop, but the senior abuse with internet scams and fraud cannot be assigned to an average officer, and you need a dedicated, experienced person to get into this. Mr. Spidalieri applauded Mr. Flaiz for bringing this forward, adding that we need to have this, because this is the trend where the growth in crime is, and that if next year he comes back and asks for more, I will approve it because it is a need. This is not a parenting issue, kids today live with their phones, not their families, and that there is a lot going on, that when a parent finally finds out, it is more often too late. Mr. Spidalieri stated that this is huge for us to be able to have this resource in our County.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that this type of crime is different from other types of crimes, noting that this is a crime of choice. Mr. Spidalieri stated that it is not, with seniors, it is a con game, a shell game of sorts, tricking you into doing this, that the people doing this are professionals and are extreme when doing these crimes.*

*Commissioner Rear interjected and stated that it is not really productive for the Board to second guess and intervene with the people whose job it is to know these things and work on them. What the outcome will be, no one knows that, but is there a problem, asking could it get bigger, and is there someone out there that can be hired to handle this problem? Mr. Rear stated the time to act on something is when it is on sale and available, not six months down the road. Mr. Flaiz stated that he will answer any questions that any of them had, now or in the future. Mr. Flaiz expressed that he feels no one has ever given a more detailed proposal on funds that they are asking for, and if so, he would like to see it. Mr. Flaiz noted that he had spoken to all of them individually, adding that he saw an opportunity to bring this resource to the County, and thinks that in the end, this will be an incredible low cost way to bring it to everyone in the County. Mr. Claypool thanked Mr. Flaiz for having the conversation, asking if the person looking to be hired is the best, and why wasn't it posted, or done through the Sheriff's Office, to which Mr. Flaiz added that individual hiring decisions in his office are not the Boards decision, they only provide him the funds for his budget.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-032 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 15, 2016.*

<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 – ADVERTISE SUMMER HELP (#0101)**

*Mr. Lair explained that this was the annual request to advertise for summer help that is utilized by many departments to assist with tasks that include painting and cleaning. Mr. Lair noted that this is not to hire anyone, just to start the process of advertising.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Summer Help (#0101) for the approximate period of May 1, 2016 (or the end of the school year) through September 30, 2016 (or at the start of school – whichever comes first) for a maximum of twenty-one (21) weeks (840 hours) to be worked. This posting will remain posted until all positions are 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 – ADJUST WAGE SCALE AND COMPENSATION OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS HIRING AUTHORITY**

*Mr. Lair stated that at the beginning of planning for this budget year we were not sure if increases would even be able to be provided, and based on resources at the beginning of the year, the Board allowed for a 2% increase, and this increase will be done by making adjustment to the salary schedule, and includes those under the Board's hiring authority, except for the bargaining unit of Water Resources and the Department of Job and Family Services.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjust the wage scale and compensation of non-bargaining unit employees under the hiring authority of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners, with the exception of the Department of Job and Family Services, effective with 2016 payroll number seven (#7) by an approximate increase of two percent (2%).*

<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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee at the Department of Emergency Services.*

<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>

*It was noted that Director Dale Wedge, Deputy Director – Preparedness Roger Peterson and Mr. Lair would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board returned at 10:11 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Anthony McMillion as the Deputy Director of Planning (#1711) to be effective April 11, 2016 at the rate of \$20.58 per hour with a one year probationary 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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 2, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of February, 2016.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the months ending February, 2016.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

- Thu., 3/17 CRA / TIRC Meetings 8:00 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. for Troy and Parkman, Community Development*
- Fri., 3/18 NOACA Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 3/21 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 3/22 Investment Advisory Committee, 8:45 a.m., Chambers*
- Tue., 3/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 3/22 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors, 1:30 p.m. Warren*
- Tue., 3/22 ADP meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office*
- Thu., 3/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m.*

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*Mon., 3/28 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold a work session at 11:00 a.m.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 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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