

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 27, 2015**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2015.*

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 20, 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations for the Engineer's Ditch and Stormwater funds to appropriate carryover balances; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 payroll funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development; a Travel request for the Commissioners' Office; Carryover contracts A and B for Envirocom for the Thompson Township Sewer Project for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$1,750,000.00; a payment to Trumbull County Treasurer for the pro rata assessment of the 2015 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals expenses in the amount of \$40,343.09; the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 payment to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,566.25; and a payment to the Portage-Geauga County Juvenile Detention Center for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 in the amount of \$147,793.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-011 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 27, 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>

**AUDITOR AND TREASURER – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES –  
NOVEMBER 2014 AND DECEMBER 2014**

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of November, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of November, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of December, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of December, 2014 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<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>

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JAMES URANKAR – MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR – GRANT PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR POSITION**

*Director Michael Mihalisin explained that Mr. Urankar is resigning and going back to the position he originally had come from in Richmond Heights. Mr. Mihalisin stated that Mr. Urankar was a great employee while they had him for the last nine months. Mr. Mihalisin stated that he would like to advertise for his position of Multi-Certified Inspector.*

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of James Urankar, Multi-Certified Inspector, to be effective February 10, 2015.*

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

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Multi-Certified Inspector (#1103). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT – COUNTY HOME – GRANT B-F-14-1AZ-1**

*Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Belconis explained that this was an exemption for a project at the County Home, adding that there will be no environmental disturbance, as the project will be completed inside the building.*

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency, Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project in regards to the Pleasant Hill County Home project, under Grant #B-F-14-1AZ-1 in the amount \$25,538.00.*

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

*Commissioner Claypool asked Ms. Belconis to explain what the Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion means, to which Ms. Belconis stated that there will nothing disturbed environmentally and that we have to inform the State. Ms. Belconis continued by stating that*

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*there are different categories for environmental assessments, that depending upon the type of project, if it is an addition to a building or disturbing soil, then those would fall under different categories and may require an environmental review.*

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT – BURTON LEGION HALL – GRANT B-F-14-1AZ-1  
*Ms. Belconis stated that this project will be done under the #B-F-14-1AZ-1 grant at the Burton Legion Hall and will again be completed inside the building and is exempt from any environmental review.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency, Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project in regards to the Burton Legion Hall project, under Grant #B-F-14-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$50,250.00.*

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUND (RROF) AND CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS IN REGARDS TO PROGRAM INCOME - #B-F-14 – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER.

*Ms. Belconis explained that this release of funds form is required by the State so that they can look over the environmental reviews that have been completed for the projects and determine whether any additional reviews will need to be completed. Ms. Belconis stated that until we receive a release from the State we cannot move forward on the projects, noting that an environmental assessment was completed on the Thompson Community Center project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects in regards to the Program Income, B-F-14 Grant projects for the Thompson Township Community Center.*

<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>

*A brief discussion took place regarding the Thompson Sewer project.*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – REDUCE MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT ON ALL COUNTY AND TOWNSHIPS ROADS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE DURING PERIODS OF FREEZE AND THAW

*County Engineer Joe Cattell asked the Board to approve the reduction of the load limit on the roads to protect the roads as the temperature gets warmer and the frost attempts to escape the roads. There was discussion about this being done annually per the ORC and that the dates are determined by the temperature and that they try to reduce the window of time so that added stress is not placed on traffic. It was noted that the roads are watched for heaving, and temperature is monitored and the dates are adjusted each year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the reduction by 33% to the maximum load limit permitted on all County and Township roads to be effective February 16, 2015 in accordance with Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. This reduction is necessary to minimize damage to the roads during periods of freeze, thaw and excessive moisture.*

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

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**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RAPIDS ROAD (CH 1 – SECTIONS D-F) IN TROY AND BURTON TOWNSHIPS**

*Mr. Cattell asked the Board to approve a resolution to improve Rapids Road, from State Route 422 to the Burton Village Line. Mr. Cattell stated that it is a straight resurfacing project with traffic being maintained. Mr. Cattell explained that the project is just about 5.5 miles, adding that the road surface appears to be taking a beating in the shaded areas near Pond Road. There was a brief discussion regarding accidents on that road, in and around the curves, with most being due to excessive speed and that due to the swamp area around the bridges, straightening the road would be expensive. Mr. Cattell noted that the surface to be put on it has a stronger grip that will improve friction with the vehicles.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-012 to Improve Rapids Road (CH 1, Sections D-F) in Troy and Burton Townships.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: January 27, 2015*

*Resolution: #15-012*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTIONS D-F OF RAPIDS ROAD (CH 1)  
IN TROY AND BURTON TOWNSHIPS**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections D - F of Rapids Road (CH 1) from Main Market Road (US 422) to the Burton Village line in Burton and Troy Townships in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections D - F of Rapids Road (CH 1) from Main Market Road (US 422) to the Burton Village line in Burton and Troy Townships, Geauga County by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Burton and Troy Boards of Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING – CONSTRUCTION OF SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE**

*Mr. Cattell asked the Board to approve the plans and specifications and set a bid opening for the construction of a salt structure. Commissioner Rear inquired about the number of bids they expect to receive, to which Mr. Cattell replied three, with parameters for other bidders as long as the alternatives meet the requirements for storage needs. Mr. Cattell added that if the structure is a variation, it must be stamped by a licensed engineer and they would evaluate that option. Mr. Rear inquired about the cover and Mr. Cattell stated that they are requiring it to be the fabric type.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the plans and specifications for the Construction of a Salt Storage Structure to be located at 12665 Merritt Road, Claridon Township, the Engineer's Highway Maintenance Department and further grant permission to advertise for bids with the opening to be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on January 29, 2015 and on the county website.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT**

*Executive Director Craig Swenson introduced Nancy Seelbach and explained that she headed the Family First Council. Mr. Swenson expressed that the council is a required by statute that has mandated members, ORC 121.37, adding that every county has a council. Mr. Swenson stated that it is a collaborative effort through five partners within the county and really assists with savings and headaches by allocating costs across the county so that the funds are not just coming from Job and Family Services for the children in complicated placements. Mr. Swenson explained that currently ten children in placement are funded by the council and asked the Board to execute the agreement and for their support. Mr. Rear expressed that having been the representative for the last year, he can say that the work that is done is phenomenal, and unfortunate that the work has to be handled, adding that it's hard to hear the hardships and tragedy that these children go through. Mr. Rear added that it is all confidential and often is very hard to hear the stories of the cases. Mr. Swenson gave an example of a situation of a case with which the county was able to save funds, and while they are not all like this, the client needing to be served is the priority.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Job and Family Services, the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Geauga County Juvenile Court for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. This Agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$20,434.00 from the General Fund.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – GAS WELL REVENUE FROM 2014**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that the Commissioners partnered with Cutter Exploration a number of years ago to place gas wells on county property and asked them to consider placing a well on the fairgrounds as a way to help support the Agricultural Society. Mr. Lair stated that this allows those revenues collected in 2014 be transferred to them.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2014 in the amount of \$2,790.35, which is the total gas well revenue received by the County through December 31, 2014 from a well located on the Geauga County fairgrounds property.

<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 – REVISED ORGANIZATION CHARTS – ARCHIVES, BUILDING, COUNTY HOME, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND DOG WARDEN

*Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that these have been revised to remove the name and salary rates of the employees under each position, making it easier if an employee in that position would change to not have the chart be approved by the Board each time.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised Organizational Charts for the departments including: Archives, Building, County Home, Department of Emergency Services, and Dog Warden that removed specific employee names and salary rates.

<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 – 2015 CEBCO HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRANT

*Human Resources Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that for the last three years, CEBCO has provided grant dollars to the counties within the consortium to assist with the promotion of health and wellness to the employees. Ms. Hostutler stated that this year's grant is for \$13,368.00. Mr. Claypool stated that several people from CEBCO came from Columbus and after several discussions he has chosen to support the grant today, but expressed that he was not in favor of the grant, as the evidence he has seen does not show that wellness dollars provide a payback. Mr. Claypool stated that he wanted to support the county and if this was not taken it would go to waste, so he was agreeing with taking it today.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the 2015 CEBCO Health and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$13,368.00 to promote employee health and wellness lifestyles.

<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 – CANCEL SESSION

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Tuesday, February 10, 2015 due to Commissioners Training in Columbus.

<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

*It was noted the Mr. Lair, Linda Burhenne, Assistant Prosecutor Susan Wieland and Director Craig Swenson would be joining them in Executive Session.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. and as a result no action was taken.*

**ADVERTISEMENT – BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

*Mr. Claypool inquired if the Board had received the document that Mr. Lair had put together, noting that the Family Services Planning Committee should be a priority, then Planning Commission. Mr. Claypool suggested that Public Notice be placed in the MapleLeaf, and on the county website and that we should put a time limit on it. There was discussion that the current term had expired on the Family Services Planning Committee and they need to have appointments made so that they can hold a meeting in February. Mr. Claypool asked for agreement to put out Public Notice for Planning Commission, and the Law Library. There was a brief discussion on the appointment to the Western Reserve RC & D and what the options to withdraw might be.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

*Local resident Mike Petruziello asked what happened with the NOACA appointments and why the County Engineer is not on the Board for the County. Mr. Petruziello stated that the public needs an explanation as to why a two-time voted out person was appointed to an alternate position. Commissioner Rear stated that he put her back on; she was the most experienced and she is a resident of the County. Mr. Rear stated that he appointed the County Engineer last year as his alternate, and in the course of the year the Engineer only attended three meetings, and several times Deputy Engineers were appointed as alternate to the alternate, and several meetings no one had attended because they didn't notify us in enough time to appoint an alternate. Mr. Rear stated that if he is not there, or attending then it is not an asset just having him on paper. Mr. Rear stated that if we are going to discuss Geauga County issues, then we need to have someone from Geauga County making those decisions for us. Mr. Claypool stated that from an overall County Engineer position, a resolution was passed last week and put forward to NOACA that a minimum standard be the three Commissioners and the County Engineer be included as well. Mr. Claypool stated that previous requests had been made to NOACA and that we need to clarify which one that we wish to have them accept, adding that NOACA had accepted it and put it on the books for approval. Mr. Rear stated that the resolution that Mr. Claypool was discussing was put forth to them regarding those positions and a rotation for the County Engineer to be seated. Mr. Rear stated that there was discussion that an alternate needed to be an employee or elected official. Mr. Claypool stated that he and Ms. Laurie had attended the NOACA meeting last Friday, adding that his own alternate is Linda Burhenne, who is a Geauga County employee but lives in Lake County, but she has served with distinction for previous Commissioners on the Board, and feels comfortable having her as his alternate and representing him at that table, if she ever needed to attend for him. Mr. Claypool expressed concern over the things that Ms. Samide voted for at that meeting, adding that he felt it undermined the values of Geauga County. Mr. Claypool stated that each of the Commissioners have their own right to choose who they want as their alternate. Local resident Tom Jones inquired about Mr. Spidalieri's opinion, to which he responded by stating that he agreed with Mr. Claypool. Mr. Petruziello inquired if a plan was being worked on to figure out a way to leave NOACA and have the representatives in DC get our federal dollars back for us. Mr. Claypool explained that he was doing some homework, but that we need to act in the best interest for Geauga County, noting that while not favorable the best interest might be to stay with NOACA. Mr. Claypool stated that there is talk of a an increase to the Federal Gas Tax which is what the MPO's want, but that it is better to consider local tax not Federal tax, that we need to solve the problem at hand, but they will do what is in the best interest for them, not Geauga. Mr. Rear expressed that the Board instructed Mr. Claypool to find Geauga a way to get out but keep our funding, because he too opposed about 95% of what they do, but doesn't want to have to go to the taxpayers and ask for more money to cover the money that they will lose if we leave NOACA. There was discussion regarding alternates and Mr. Claypool expressed that the County Engineer would be a better choice as an alternate for NOACA and the Mr. Rear noted that if it was so important, the last Commissioner who chose their alternate could have chosen him, but didn't. Local residents Bob and Esther Lasko expressed that they would like to see Geauga County out of NOACA, and asked that the Board consider microphones so that those in the audience could hear what was being discussed.*

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *The 2014 Annual Inventory of all materials, machinery, tools and other county supplies pursuant to ORC 305.18 for the following: Department on Aging, Board of Elections, Building, CASA, Community Development, County Home, Department of Emergency Services, County Engineer, Maintenance, Mental Health, Planning, Juvenile / Probate Court, Prosecutor, Recorder, Soil and Water, Transit, and Water Resources.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending December, 2014.*
- c) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of December, 2014, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

- Thu., 1/29 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 6:30 p.m.*
- Fri., 1/30 NOACA – Subcommittee meetings, Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:30 a.m., and Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Cleveland*
- Tue., 2/3 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
- Wed., 2/4 NEO Consortium COG Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Building #8*
- Sun – Tues 2/8- 2/10 Commissioners Training Seminar, Sheraton Columbus*
- Mon., 2/9 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m., Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 2/10 The Commissioners' regular session was cancelled*
- Tue., 2/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Thu., 2/12 NOACA – Planning and Programming, 11:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Fri., 2/13 NOACA – External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Fri., 2/13 Leadership Geauga Government Day, Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. St. Mary's Party Center*
- Mon., 2/16 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Tue., 2/17 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 2/20 NOACA – Transit Council 9:00 a.m., Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory 10:30 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 2/23 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m., Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 2/24 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
- Thu., 2/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session, beginning at 6:30 p.m.*
- Fri., 2/27 NOACA – Finance/Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., and Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
REAR MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:42 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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