

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**October 25, 2016**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 25, 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 October 4, 2016.*

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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 approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 13, 2016.*

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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> |

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Lair reported on the items approved October 21, 2016 by the County Administrator, including, concurring with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License requested by Damnet LLC, d.b.a. Bainbridge Food Mart, as authorized by Resolution #16-097 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was amended and approved July 12, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator II Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including a Revenue De-Certification for the Department of Job and Family Services Workforce Investment Act; an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund Contingency to the Building Department for a vehicle purchase; an Appropriation transfer from the Board of Elections to move funds from contracted services to salaries; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Common Pleas Computerization for the completion of the Courtview project; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court and Community Development; a Contract with Process Control Services in the amount of \$29,080.00 for programming services at McFarland for the Department of Water Resources; a payment to OSU for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding in the amount of \$68,566.25; a payment to NOACA for Dues in the amount of \$25,419.00, a payment to Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the amount of \$171,405.00, a payment to Raftelis Financial Consultants for a rate study in the amount of \$10,460.66 for the Department of Water Resources.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-143 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 25, 2016.*

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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> |

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REVISION TO 2016 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE**

*Ms. Rasic stated that the Court had let us know that Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. was when they had available to hold their budget hearing, and that is the last hearing that is needed to be held.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to the revised 2016 Budget Hearing Schedule.*

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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> |

*OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EXECUTE TITLE – LIEN DISCHARGE – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN – SUNRISE SPRINGS*

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek asked the Board to execute the lien discharge for Sunrise Springs for a loan that was made for the purchase of a truck, as the loan has been paid off.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Title, for a Lien Discharge, as the Local Revolving Loan Fund loan for Sunrise Springs Water Company for the purchase of a Peterbilt water delivery truck in the amount of \$60,000.00 has been satisfied.*

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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> |

*OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGES – CHE SCOTT – DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE, REVOLVING LOAN FUND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY REPAIR*

*Ms. Stusek asked the Board to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgages for several loans from different programs for the same client as they have been satisfied. Ms. Stusek stated that some of the loans reduce and others do not based on the type of program the funds come from per the State.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Che Scott for down payment assistance, under Grant #B-C-05-026-1 for property located at 16565 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg as the mortgage in the amount of \$23,440.00 has been satisfied.*

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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 approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Che Scott for rehabilitation assistance, under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 for property located at 16565 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg as the mortgage in the amount of \$26,825.00 has been satisfied.*

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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 approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Che Scott under the Revolving Loan Fund Infrastructure program for property located at 16565 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg as the mortgage in the amount of \$14,705.00 has been satisfied.*

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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 approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Che Scott under the Emergency Repair program for property located at 16565 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg as the mortgage in the amount of \$4,411.00 has been satisfied.*

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

COUNTY HOME – HIRE WILLOW FLETCHER – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)  
*Director Karen DeCola asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Fletcher as a Part-time Attendant on second shift.*

*Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Willow Fletcher to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) at the rate of \$11.24 per hour with a one year probationary period, which offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, and will then be effective October 31, 2016.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - AMENDMENT TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AGREEMENT – RESURFACING OF AQUILLA ROAD – EXECUTE APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION NO. 1 – FINAL – RELEASE FUNDS

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that when the original agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission was executed we did not receive the full funding for the project and since that time additional funds have become available and we are now able to get the full amount for the project. Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the amendment and then approve the release of funds for the full amount for the resurfacing of Aquilla Road.*

*Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Amendment to Project Agreement, for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Section C) in Burton and Claridon Townships, increasing the original Ohio Public Works Commission portion in the amount of \$11,657.00 for a total amount of \$275,000.00.*

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

*Motion:           by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification No. 1, Final in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Section C) in the amount of \$275,000.00.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBER – WALTER M. CLAYPOOL AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – MAKE APPLICATION TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – CLARIDON TROY ROAD PROJECT, AUBURN ROAD PROJECT, MULBERRY ROAD PROJECT, AND VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar answered a question of Commissioner Claypool regarding the grant dollars for the Geauga County from Ohio Public Works, noting that we normally do receive the full amounts for the projects, and have been very successful about getting funding for county, township and city roads as well as funding for water and wastewater projects throughout the county.*

*Mr. Hajjar explained that today we are asking a Chief Executive Officer be selected for three county road resurfacing projects and a reserve bridge replacement. Mr. Hajjar stated that they include Sections F-J of Claridon-Troy Road in Claridon and Hambden Townships, Section P of*

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*Auburn Road between Wilson Mills and Thwing Road, Sections A-D of Mulberry Road from the Cuyahoga County line to State Route 306, and a bridge on Valentine Road in Thompson Township. Mr. Hajjar stated that this officer would sign the application and payments throughout the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-144 which appoints Board Member, Walter M. Claypool, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Claridon-Troy Road (CH 3, Sections F-H) project in Claridon and Hambden Townships, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance.*

*Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 25, 2016*

*Resolution: #16-144*

*Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners authorize a Member of the Board, Walter M. Claypool, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled RS-3FH-17, Claridon-Troy Road, Sections F - H, Resurfacing. This project is located in Claridon and Hambden Townships.*

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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 approve and execute Resolution #16-145 which appoints Board Member, Walter M. Claypool, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Auburn Road (CH 4, Section P) project in Munson Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance.*

*Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 25, 2016*

*Resolution: #16-145*

*Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners authorize a Member of the Board, Walter M. Claypool, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled RS-4P-17, Auburn Road, Section P, Resurfacing. This project is located in Claridon and Hambden Townships.*

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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 approve and execute Resolution #16-146 which appoints Board Member, Walter M. Claypool, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Mulberry Road (CH 39, Sections A-D) project in Chester Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance.*

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*Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 25, 2016*  
*Resolution: #16-146*

*Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners authorize a Member of the Board, Walter M. Claypool, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled RS-39AD-17, Mulberry Road, Sections A –D, Resurfacing. This project is located in Chester Township.*

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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 approve and execute Resolution #16-147 which appoints Board Member, Walter M. Claypool, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Valentine Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #52-0.21) project in Thompson Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance.*

*Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 25, 2016*  
*Resolution: #16-147*

*Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners authorize a Member of the Board, Walter M. Claypool to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled BR-52-0.21-17 Valentine Road Bridge Replacement. This project is located in Thompson Township.*

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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> |

**PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT**

*The following two items were on the agenda for approval and the Board was not ready to move on them and they were pulled from the agenda. Mr. Claypool stated that he would review the paperwork and be prepared next week:*

*The Probate / Juvenile Court is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) (#2013-JB-014-B226) third quarter reimbursement report.*

*The Probate / Juvenile Court is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the FY2017 DYS RECLAIM Grant Amendment, Attachment A, Page 2 to adjust funds and Attachment B – program overview.*

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – APEX CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED – COURTHOUSE BASEMENT REHAB PROJECT**

*Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the contract with Apex Construction for the Courthouse Basement Rehab project, noting that the project has a 90 day completion and will start the middle of November. Mr. Vernick expressed that he didn't feel it would take the full 90 days but that is the timeframe given in the contract.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Apex Construction and Management Company, Incorporated for the Courthouse Basement Rehab project in the amount of \$114,800.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.*

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

*SHERIFF'S OFFICE – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORM*

*Sheriff Dan McClelland stated that they had made application for the VOCA and SVAA grant and are asking the Board to accept the grant that covers the costs for the Victim Advocate program, that allows Deputy Jordan to assist victims from incidents that include a burglary or a traffic accident or a homicide.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) Grant Award and Acceptance Form in the amount of \$93,521.75 from Grant #2017-VOCA-43552248, (\$71,999.68 Federal VOCA Funds, \$14,831.72 Local match from County General Fund, and \$3,164.70 In kind match), and \$3,255.65 from Grant #2017-SVAA-43552252 with no local match, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.*

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RECLASSIFY ROBERT TROPF – FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) – CLOSE POSTING FOR OPERATOR I (#2326)*

*Director Gerard Morgan explained that they had an opening at the garage for Operator and an employee has chosen to move from the overnight shift to a dayshift position, which will leave an opening and would like to reclassify Mr. Tropf who is currently part-time to full-time and close the posting for the Operator I.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the reclassification of Robert Tropf from Part-time Maintenance Worker to Full-time Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective October 30, 2016 at the rate of \$16.67 per hour with a 180 day probationary period.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to close the current posting for the position of Operator I (#2326), as the position will not be filled at this time.*

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBER, WALTER M. CLAYPOOL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – MAKE APPLICATION TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – BAINBRIDGE TRUNK MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT*

*Mr. Morgan explained that this request is their version of what the County Engineer's Office was discussing for funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission that will be used for the Bainbridge Trunk Main Relocation, and asks that Mr. Claypool be designated as the Chief Executive Officer and to execute the application for funding.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-148 authorizing Walter M. Claypool, Member of the Board, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute Contracts as Required for the Bainbridge Trunk Main Relocation Project, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: October 25, 2016*  
*Resolution: #16-148*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WALTER M. CLAYPOOL, MEMBER OF THE BOARD, TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

*WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County is planning to make capital improvements to Bainbridge Trunk Main Relocation Project (P1601); and*

*WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners:*

*Section 1: That Walter M. Claypool, Member is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above*

*Section 2: That Walter M. Claypool, Member is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.*

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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> |

**DISCUSSION – PORTAGE GEAUGA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

*Mr. Claypool brought up a letter that had been received from the Portage County Commissioners stating their reluctance to move forward in contracting bed space at the detention center, but feels that we should continue to move forward in exploring the options.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri commented that he would like to get some answers for a series of questions, that include what we paid for a portion of this facility, what we owe on it, noting the quarterly payment on the financials today of \$171,000.00, which would mean that three other payments have been made this year and would total around \$800,000.00. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that someone was influencing a decision by the other Board of Commissioners, and that he was disgusted that it is not fiscal responsibility, and that individuals at the facility are telling the Portage Commissioners when the sun is rising and setting every day and that they are not looking at the full picture. Mr. Spidalieri stated that maybe we need to look at our options and start paying a per day rate, because it wouldn't come close to what we are paying yearly.*

*Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to have a meeting with Mr. Rehnert to have a discussion about this, including the Portage County Commissioners. Mr. Spidalieri stated that we as a county are getting raked through the coals for what is being utilized by our county at the detention center versus what we are paying for the year. Mr. Spidalieri expressed his agitation, adding that it's easy to pass inspection when the furniture isn't being used because you don't have the population using the center. Mr. Spidalieri asked what was being done, adding that*

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*there are some people who want to coast without causing any interruptions, and we really need to look at this further. There was discussion about putting together a list of questions that include the number of bed days per the number of actual participation by Geauga County, and look at what our actual daily rate is. While we have heard from the Court and understand that they need a place to send juveniles to, we have to look at the finances, because we could be using these funds towards another facility that we are in need of for youth housing.*

*Mr. Claypool added that he would like to hear more about the programs that the Judge is using as alternative to sending them to the facility. Commissioner Rear added that he didn't know enough about the law to make a statement, adding that he does have concern, along with questions, citing that the Commissioners are not in charge, two Judges are in charge. Discussion took place regarding the 24 hour operation costs, including the safety center, and stating that the "extra" funds that are brought in as revenue isn't really extra, but more of an amount that comes off the top of the cost of operating the facility. Mr. Spidalieri stated that our responsibility is affording a location that Judges can sentence to, but is ludicrous to continue to pour funds into a facility that is being underutilized. It was agreed that a list of questions was going to be compiled to send to Mr. Rehnert asking for information and then a meeting would be arranged to go over the information.*

**DISCUSSION – MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD - VACANCY POSITIONS**

*Mr. Claypool also brought up the issue of appointments to Mental Health Board, noting that the Commissioners now have two vacant seats and that they will need to move forward in filling them. Mr. Claypool stated that he had provided copies to the other Board members of some resumes and applications that had been received for consideration. Mr. Rear expressed that one applicant on paper appeared to be qualified, and there was a question on another in regards to the address being out of the county. There was a brief discussion about posting to the website and doing a press release in regards to the vacancies, and the attendance requirements of the Board members, and the Board of Mental Health's responsibility to notify the Commissioners of attendance of its appointed members. Mr. Spidalieri noted that he had contacted Mr. Scott in regards to his attendance as a Board member on the Mental Health Board, and Mr. Scoott subsequently resigned from his position. Mr. Claypool noted that this is very important and that they need to take this position seriously because they are dealing with a sensitive population right now and there is a great need for consistency.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) 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 September, 2016, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

- Tue., 11/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Thu., 11/3 Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Dinner and Election, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds School Building*
- Tue., 11/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 11/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 11/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Centerville Mills Dining Mills Hall*
- Fri., 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Veteran's Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Tue., 11/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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*Mon., 11/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services*

*Tue., 11/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 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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