

Commissioners' Journal
December 29, 2015

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 29, 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 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers for various funds for year-end OPERS payment processing; Supplemental De-Appropriations for various funds for year-end compliance requirements; and Cash transfers out of the General Fund for debt and capital project funding.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-184 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 29, 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>

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – RE-CLASSIFICATION OF ELEANOR BEHM – MICROGRAPHICS SPECIALIST (#2605)

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne asked the Board to re-classify Ms. Behm to take over the position of Micrographics Specialist to fill the position being vacated by Ms. Brandeberry.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the re-classification of Eleanor Behm to the position of Micrographics Specialist (#2605) to be effective January 3, 2016 at a rate of \$15.86 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$16.69 per hour.

<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>

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – ADVERTISE POSITION – ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CLERK (#2607)

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to advertise to fill the Archives and Records Clerk position.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Archives and Records Clerk (#2607). 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 – TWO (2) SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – CAROL BRADSHAW AND PEARL DULL – REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad explained that these mortgages are for programs of down payment assistance and the rehabilitation of property which are no longer used, and the mortgages that were placed have been satisfied.

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute two (2) Satisfactions of Mortgages for Carol L. Bradshaw and Pearl Dull for rehabilitation of property and down payment assistance under Grant #B-C-01-026-2 for property located at 14287 Ravenna Road, Newbury as the mortgages in the amount of \$2,850.00 and \$4,500.00 have been satisfied.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REVISED LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS – PATTIE HOLDINGS, LLC

Director Anita Stocker explained that several documents from last week need to be re-signed due to a mistake on her part, that the name that went through originally was Pattie Holdings, Limited, and should have been Pattie Holdings, LLC.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the revised legal binding documents for the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan for Pattie Holdings, LLC for the purchase of land and buildings located at 15533 Chillicothe Road, Russell Township in the amount of \$193,000.00 for ten (10) years (120 months) at three and one-half percent (3.5) interest, including: a Mortgage for 15495 Chillicothe Road, a Mortgage for 15511 Chillicothe Road, a Mortgage for 15533 Chillicothe Road and Promissory Note.

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

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – CAREY YANCEY – PART-TIME ATTENDANT
County Administrator David Lair asked the Board to accept the resignation of Ms. Yancey.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Carey Yancey, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective December 21, 2015.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS TO RECONSTRUCT HASKINS ROAD BRIDGE, VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE, TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE, ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE AND BUTTERNUT ROAD BRIDGE

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that today there are five resolutions to reconstruct five county bridges as part of the maintenance and improvement plan. Mr. Hajjar stated that they are not scheduled for replacement at this time, but would like to move forward on the design work so that when they come up in the rotation they will be prepped and ready. Mr. Hajjar noted that they will most likely be completed in the next three to five years.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-185 to Reconstruct the Haskins Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-T0191-0048, SFN 2832445) in Bainbridge Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 29, 2015
Resolution: 15-185

*RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE HASKINS ROAD BRIDGE,
(STRUCTURE GEA-T0191-0048 SFN 2832445) IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River on Haskins Road at mile marker 0.48, and the grading, paving, widening,

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and draining of a portion of Haskins Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge 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 public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Haskins Road Bridge, Structure GEA-T0191-0048, SFN 2832445, over the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River in Bainbridge Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 0.48 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Haskins Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.

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 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 apportioned 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 for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Haskins Road, 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 Commissioner's 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 Bainbridge Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-186 to Reconstruct the Valentine Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-T0052-0021, SFN 2831848) in Thompson Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 29, 2015

Resolution: 15-186

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE,
(STRUCTURE GEA-T0052-0021 SFN 2831848) IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Orton Creek on Valentine Road at mile marker 0.21, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Valentine Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Valentine Road Bridge, Structure GEA-T0052-0021, SFN 2831848, over Orton Creek in Thompson Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 0.21 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Valentine Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.

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 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 apportioned 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 for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Valentine Road, 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 Commissioner's 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 Thompson Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-187 to Reconstruct the Tilden Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-T0208-0185, SFN 2831392) in Troy Township.

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Resolution: 15-187

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE,
(STRUCTURE GEA-T0208-0185 SFN 2831392) IN TROY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Sawyer Brook on Tilden Road at mile marker 1.85, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Tilden Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge 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 public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Tilden Road Bridge, Structure GEA-T0208-0185, SFN 2831392, over Sawyer Brook in Troy Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation

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of a new bridge structure at mile marker 1.85 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Tilden Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.

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 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 apportioned 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 for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Tilden Road, 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 Commissioner's 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 Troy Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-188 to Reconstruct the Robinson Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-T0076-0188, SFN 2831104) in Chardon Township.

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Resolution: 15-188

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE,
(STRUCTURE GEA-T0076-0188 SFN 2831104) IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Big Creek on Robinson Road at mile marker 1.88, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Robinson Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge 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 public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Robinson Road Bridge, Structure GEA-T0076-0188, SFN 2831104, over Big Creek in Chardon Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 1.88 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Robinson Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.

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

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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 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 apportioned 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 for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Robinson Road, 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 Commissioner's 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 Chardon Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-189 to Reconstruct the Butternut Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-C0021-0032, SFN 2830434) in Munson Township.

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Resolution: 15-189

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE BUTTERNUT ROAD BRIDGE,
(STRUCTURE GEA-C0021-0032 SFN 2830434) IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the Chagrin River on Butternut Road at mile marker 0.32, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Butternut Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge 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 public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Butternut Road Bridge, Structure GEA-C0021-0032, SFN 2830434, over the Chagrin River in Munson Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 0.32 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Butternut Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.

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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 apportioned 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 for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Bitternut Road, 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 Commissioner's 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 Munson Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE CAVES ROAD (CH 30, SECTIONS A-F) CHESTER AND RUSSELL TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Hajjar stated that this resolution is for the improvement of Caves Road, to do drainage improvements from State Route 87 to Wilson Mills Road. Mr. Hajjar explained that this road originally was a Township Road and is now County Highway 30, noting that many of the culverts are short and past their service life which can create current and future issues that they would like to address comprehensively and would like to move forward with the design for 2016. There was a brief discussion regarding whether it would need to be widened, and at this time would be left as is if it serves the traffic volume and speed. Mr. Claypool stated that he had received a call of concern because a resident saw surveying equipment, and that if there was ever any thought of widening it, the Board would need a bigger room, and that he himself likes it the width it is because he rides his bike on that road and it keeps the traffic at a lower speed.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Resolution #15-190 to Improve Caves Road (CH 30, Section A-F) in Chester and Russell Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 29, 2015

Resolution: 15-190

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTIONS A – F OF CAVES ROAD (CH 30)
IN CHESTER AND RUSSELL TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Sections A – F of Caves Road (CH 30) from Kinsman Road (SR 87) to Wilson Mills Road (CH 8) in Chester and Russell Townships in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.

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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 Chester and Russell Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – RE-CLASSIFICATION OF RIK WAREHAM – GROUNDS SUPERVISOR (#1913)

Director Glen Vernick explained that this new position of Grounds Supervisor will relieve some of the workload on Mr. Newsome, as the grounds will be overseen by this new position, including the tower sites, and the contractors handling the snowplowing. Mr. Vernick asked the Board to re-classify Mr. Wareham to this position of Grounds Supervisor.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the reclassification of Rik Wareham to the position of Grounds Supervisor (#1913) to be effective January 4, 2016 at a rate of \$18.03 per hour. After successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$18.97 per hour.

<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>

**Mr. Claypool inquired about the probationary period and the rate of pay during that period, expressing that he would like to see it clarified to be moved to the higher rate upon hire, as the probationary period is the significant portion of the hire.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL J. FOLKMAN – ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair noted that Michael Folkman is a member of Troop #68 in Painesville, however he is a senior at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, and plans to pursue a career in Chemical Engineering upon graduation.

Mr. Claypool read the following resolution:

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*A RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL J. FOLKMAN FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Folkman is a member of Boy Scout Troop #68, Painesville, Ohio, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Folkman provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Folkman's Eagle Scout project consisted of building eight (8) sets of shelving units for the Heart to Hands, a non-profit organization located at the Prince of Peace Church in Chesterland, Ohio as a way for them to store the collected items for distribution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Michael J. Folkman for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-191 Honoring Michael J. Folkman for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award of advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

<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) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for November 18, 2015.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 16, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- 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 November, 2015, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 12/29 The Commissioners will hold a work session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss items for 2016 and their Annual Re-Organizational meeting.

*Fri., 1/1 **The County Offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

Tue., 1/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Mon., 1/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include their Annual Re-Organization Meeting.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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