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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 30, 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 June 23, 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 approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 25, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PROMOTE NATALIE DOLEZAL –FULL-TIME SITE COORDINATOR (#1004)

Director Jessica Boalt explained that Ms. Dolezal has been with the department for two years, starting as assistant site coordinator at West Geauga and then moved to the Chardon center as ancillary program coordinator and would like to get back to her recreational roots, noting that she has a degree in recreation, and feels she would be a great fit at the Chagrin Falls Park center.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion of Natalie Dolezal to the position of Full-time Site Coordinator (#1004) to be effective August 3, 2015 at a rate of \$18.03 per hour. After the 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE = FULL-TIME INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANT (#1017)

Ms. Boalt stated that she would like to post for the full-time Information and Referral Assistant.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Information and Referral Assistant (#1017). 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Community and Economic Development fund; an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency Fund for Municipal Court drug testing expenses offset by the reduction to annual funding for the Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers; Supplemental Appropriations for the transfer of unused project funds to the Water Resources County Sewer

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Improvement fund; a Contract for Business Smarts for the replacement of (2) document imaging servers for the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$26,000.00; one Then and Now for the Prosecutor's Office and a Travel request for the Commissioners' Office; Payments for 2015 funding for the Geauga County Historical Society, Lake Geauga Recovery Centers and Destination Geauga; a payment to Kucera International Incorporated for aerial mapping for the Chardon Township – Henning Drive sewer project in the amount of \$15,200.00; a payment to Ravenwood Center for the 3rd Quarter 2015 funding for the Youth Center in the amount of \$104,105.00; and a payment to Keystone US Management for the purchase of closed circuit TV equipment for the Safety Center in the amount of \$32,987.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-085 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 30, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CONTRACTS – MARKS BUILDING COMPANY – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REHABILITATION

Program Administrator Joni Stusek asked the Board to execute the contracts for Marks Building Company for the rehabilitation of the Thompson Township community center, noting that the funds for the project are coming from two sources, a portion is from allocation program funds from the State and the rest is from program income waiver funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contracts with Marks Building Company for the Thompson Township Community Center Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$234,338.00, \$66,830.00 for Phase I under Allocation Grant #B-F-14-1AZ-1 and \$167,508.00 for Phase II and Alternates under Revolving Loan Fund Waiver Funds.

<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 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT EXTENSION – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP SEWER CENTER PROJECT

Ms. Stusek explained that previously the Board executed a letter asking for an extension for the grant for the tie-ins for the Thompson sewer project and before you today is the paperwork granting that extension for an additional three months.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Public Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement Extension (Grant #B-W-13-1AZ-1) for the Thompson Township Sewer Center Project extending the date of completion from August 31, 2015 to November 30, 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>

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – LEASE AGREEMENT – EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

Director Glen Vernick explained that this lease for the Educational Service Center is just for building #2, that in the past a section of building #8 had been included, but they no longer need that space. It was noted that there is a 3% increase each year.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Educational Service Center and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the rental space

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located at 470 Center Street, Building #2 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$63,872.76 for the first year (2015-2016), \$65,904.00 for the second year (2016-2017) and \$67,816.20 for the third year (2017-2018).

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – RUPLE PAVING, SEALCOATING AND LINE STRIPING – 470 CENTER STREET PARKING LOTS

Mr. Vernick stated that this is to repair the parking lot from the water main break that will include 8 inches of reinforced concrete; after that sets, they are going to grind down 1 ½ inches between the speed bumps and adjust pitch and then resurface the entire area.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Ruple Paving, Sealcoating and Line striping to perform Asphalt grinding and repaving of 470 Center Street Buildings #4, #5, and #6 parking lots for the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$38,400.00.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – RESCIND MOTION TO HIRE – MICHAEL WIRICK

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to rescind the motion to hire Mr. Wirick, he has accepted another position at a higher rate.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to rescind the motion from June 16, 2015 that read: approve hiring Michael Wirick to the position of Summer Help (#0101) to be effective June 29, 2015 through September 30, 2015 (or the start of school, whichever comes first) at a rate of \$8.25 per hour.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – HIRE JOHN A. BENBOW – SENIOR TRADES MECHANIC (#1905)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve hiring Mr. Benbow to the Senior Trades Mechanic, noting that he had been working for the Newbury School District and feel that he would be a great fit for this position.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring John A. Benbow to the position of Senior Trades Mechanic (#1905) to be effective July 13, 2015 at a rate of \$13.70 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$14.42 per hour.

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

There was a brief discussion on the time frame of when the parking lot will be completed.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE DISCUSSIONS CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER

Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan explained that they would like to start discussion with the City of Cleveland Division of Water to expand the direct service area to include a parcel on Pettibone Road. Mr. Morgan stated that when Parkside Church was built we expanded it to include them, but a parcel in between, owned by the VFW didn't want to be included, however since that time the Parkside Church has purchased the VFW parcel and now would like to have it included.

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the department to begin discussions with the City of Cleveland Division of Water for an expansion to the Direct Service Agreement for the addition of permanent parcel #02-380200 (7040 Pettibone Road) in Bainbridge Township.

<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 – ACKNOWLEDGE FISCAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATES AND EXECUTE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE, SERIES 2015

County Administrator David Lair explained that the following items relate the issuance of Notes for 2015, that include the radio communication system which was originally \$4.5 million and the county has been paying that off at a rate of \$500,000.00 each year; the current \$3 million note will mature this year and a payment of \$500,000.00 will be made this year leaving a \$2.5 million balance remaining. The other notes are in the amount \$800,000.00 against construction costs made within 60 days of the issuance of the debt, for the Engineer's Office addition in the amount of \$315,000.00 and the salt storage structure in the amount of \$485,000.00, which will allow us to put those funds in the General Fund construction account for various projects that will need to be completed this summer. Mr. Lair expressed that the County Engineer is paying back 78% of the construction costs over the next 15 years, and this will allow us to have the funding to pay back the new debt. There was a brief discussion about the Job and Family Services parking lot needing to be redone this summer and that over time the funds used for this project will be paid back in rental payments of the building and facilities.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate in regards to the \$2,500,000.00 Public Safety Communications System Improvement Notes, Series 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 approve and execute Resolution #15-086 Providing for the Issuance of Notes of the County of Geauga, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$2,500,000.00, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying Costs of Acquiring and Installing a Public Safety Communications System.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 30, 2015

Resolution: #15-086

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 30, 2015, commencing at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Walter M. Claypool Ralph Spidalieri Blake A. Rear

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-086

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF GEAUGA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-103, adopted June 24, 2014, notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, dated August 12, 2014 and maturing August 12, 2015, in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 (the "Outstanding Notes") were issued for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing a public safety communications system ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that the County should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3, together with other funds available to the County; and

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

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

Section 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and installing a public safety communications system (the Bonds).

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2016, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 5.5% per year, payable semi-annually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in fifteen annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2017.

Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Board determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to retire, together with other funds available to the County, the Outstanding Notes. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 4.0% per year (computed on a 360-day per year basis) to be determined by the County Auditor in his certificate awarding the Notes and authorized in Section 6 hereof (the Certificate of Award), payable at maturity, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than nine months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award.

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

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

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, if it is determined by the County Auditor to be advantageous to the County, the Notes may be issued in book entry form for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized: (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered typewritten Note and registered in the name of a

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depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of a depository; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the depository and its participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the depository and its participants subject to the terms of this Resolution; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The County hereby represents that the Outstanding Notes (the Refunded Obligation) were designated or deemed designated, and qualified, as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The County hereby covenants that it will redeem the Refunded Obligation from proceeds of, and within 90 days after issuance of, the Notes, and represents that all other conditions are met for treating the amount of the Notes not in excess of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligation outstanding immediately prior to the redemption of the Refunded Obligation as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" without necessity for further designation and as not to be taken into account under subparagraph (D) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code pursuant to subparagraph (D)(ii) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate in regards to the \$315,000.00 Building Addition for Administrative Offices and Functions of the County Engineer's Department Improvement Notes, Series 2015.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-087 Providing for the Issuance of Notes of the County of Geauga, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$315,000.00, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the Costs of Constructing a Building Addition for the Administrative Offices and Functions of the County Engineer's Department.*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: *June 30, 2015*
Resolution: *#15-087*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 30, 2015, commencing at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Walter M. Claypool Ralph Spidalieri Blake A. Rear

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-087

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF GEAUGA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$315,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING A BUILDING ADDITION FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the County Auditor, as fiscal officer, has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Project is at least five years, and that the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds is 30 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes is 20 years;

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

Section 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$315,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing a building addition for the administrative offices and functions of the County Engineer's Department (the Bonds).

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2016, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 5.5% per year, payable semi-annually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2017.

Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Board determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$315,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 4.0% per year (computed on a

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360-day per year basis) to be determined by the County Auditor in his certificate awarding the Notes and authorized in Section 6 hereof (the Certificate of Award), payable at maturity, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than nine months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed,

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certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 12. This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County of Geauga have been

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performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

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

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

<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 acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate in regards to the \$485,000.00 Construction of a Salt Storage Structure Improvement Notes, Series 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 approve and execute Resolution #15-088 Providing for the Issuance of Notes of the County of Geauga, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$485,000.00, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of Constructing a Salt Storage Structure.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 30, 2015
Resolution: #15-088

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 30, 2015, commencing at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Walter M. Claypool Ralph Spidalieri Blake A. Rear

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-088

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF GEAUGA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$485,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING A SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the County Auditor, as fiscal officer, has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Project is at least five years, and that the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds is 30 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes is 20 years;

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

Section 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$485,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing a salt storage structure (the Bonds).

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Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2016, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 5.5% per year, payable semi-annually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2017.

Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Board determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$485,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 4.0% per year (computed on a 360-day per year basis) to be determined by the County Auditor in his certificate awarding the Notes and authorized in Section 6 hereof (the Certificate of Award), payable at maturity, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than nine months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award.

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

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

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

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

Section 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall

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be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.

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

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

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

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

<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. Lair stated that an agreement will be coming before the Board for a new advisor that will be assisting in going out to bid for the interest rate on the notes.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PROMOTE AND APPOINT GERARD MORGAN – DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Lair recommended the Board to approve the promotion and appointment of Mr. Morgan as Director. Mr. Lair explained that Mr. Morgan is highly qualified, having both a professional engineer designation and law degree. Mr. Morgan will remain his title of Sanitary Engineer. Commissioner Claypool expressed that they are very fortunate to have him, noting that had just recently learned about his law degree.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion and appointment of Gerard Morgan, to the position of Director of the Department of Water Resources (#2302), retaining title of Sanitary Engineer, to be effective August 1, 2015 at the rate of \$35.48 per hour (Grade 17, Step 5).

<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 – APPROVE HIRING CHRISTINA M. REIGLE – PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (#1319-1)

Mr. Lair explained that there was an opening in the office for Administrative Assistant due to a shift of personnel in the office. Mr. Lair stated that the Board conducted interviews and Ms. Reigle demonstrated the required skills and he is happy to recommend her to the Board. Mr. Claypool stated that he had met with Ms. Reigle.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Christina M. Reigle to the position of Part-time Administrative Assistant (#1319-1) to be effective July 7, 2015 at a rate of \$12.64 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 probationary period the rate will increase to \$13.30 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>

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GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – STATE OF LIBRARY UPDATE

Director Deborah O'Connor stated that Raymond Rundelli, current President of the Board of Trustees, would like to address the Board today, adding that several other members were present, including Kate Pitrone, Karen Delano and that Joshua Hutchinson was on his way. Mr. Rundelli explained that Ms. O'Connor has been with the Library for thirty years, twenty-five years as Director and she is retiring, so the Board is trying to become more active and engaging with County Government. Mr. Rundelli expressed that the State of the Library is sound despite cut backs in funding by the State, and then unintended reduction of tax relief as it shrinks the general fund. The last levy was sought only after the library took every measure to control expenses. Since that levy passed the library has been working to do capital improvements and repairs. Mr. Rundelli expressed that the library is very successful and has the highest per capita circulation in the state of Ohio, and their bookmobile circulates more than three times the amount of any other highly used bookmobile in the State. Mr. Rundelli expressed that the library is well-supported within the community, they have the library foundation that has more than 100 members, seven friends of library groups that have over 1,000 members, and 100 local residents that volunteer their service in the library. Mr. Rundelli explained that even though the Ledgemont Schools have merged, the Thompson station in the Ledgemont Elementary School will stay. Mr. Rundelli stated that the Newbury station is being moved from the old school library to the auditorium building. The book mobile service is being expanded with new service areas. Mr. Rundelli expressed that the library has purchased property next to both the Bainbridge and Chardon branch facilities that will allow them to grow. Mr. Rundelli stated that the Bainbridge facility is undersized and is maxed out, but the library would go to the voters of Auburn and Bainbridge for permission to expand. Mr. Rundelli expressed that at the upcoming budget hearing there will be explanation regarding the carryover balance from last year, which was anticipated by a back log of projects that needed to be completed.

Mr. Rundelli expressed that there is an upcoming Board appointment and that they have made a recommendation that Karen Delano who has been on the Board of Trustees for twenty-four years continue for another seven year term. Mr. Rundelli stated that it is the Commissioners appointment but that they would like the Board to consider the recommendation of the re-appointment. The library runs very smooth and is very effective. Mr. Rundelli expressed that they are at a critical juncture because Ms. O'Connor is leaving at the end of September and they need to select a new Director.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION OF GEAUGA COUNTY 2016 TAX BUDGET

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

<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 opened the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. and County Administrator David Lair and Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney presented the following information:

Mr. Lair introduced Heidi Delaney, Budget and Finance Manager who has been with the county for over nine years, and would be presenting the majority of the information presented for the tax budget hearing. Mr. Lair noted that by law, the Commissioners had to adopt a tax budget for the following calendar year and present it to the County Auditor by July 15th. In April of each year, departments are asked to input budgetary requests for the New Year into the Auditor's system. Guidelines are provided each year regarding allowable increases in salaries and employee benefit costs, and in their budgetary submissions, departments are asked to keep within those guidelines. Because of flat revenues and expense increases in many categories which are unavoidable, departments this year have been instructed to provide for no increase in their salary budget, but have been instructed to increase their hospitalization budget by twelve percent. Mr. Lair added that the following presentation will focus primarily on the county General Fund; while the county has over 100 funds, it is the county General Fund that provides the Board of County Commissioners with the most discretion in spending decisions.

Geauga County Government
2016 Tax Budget



Tax Budget Guidelines:

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

Mr. Lair continued, reviewing the overall tax budget guidelines, explaining that a conservative estimate means that the county estimates revenues lower than expected, and expenditures higher than expected, assuming in the plan that all monies appropriated will be spent, whereas in reality expenditures generally do not exceed ninety percent of appropriations overall. Mr. Lair explained the final bullet point by stating that the tax budget is not the final official budget that will govern actual spending next year, as the amounts approved in the permanent appropriation generally established in December and amended by supplemental appropriations early next year when actual balances are known can vary, with some accounts being approved at higher levels than are currently shown in the tax budget while other accounts may ultimately be reduced.

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2016 Tax Budget

In Geauga County, for every one dollar in property tax that a homeowner pays, on the average **20.62 cents is used to fund County programs**. The local community, the local school district, JVS, and Library use the remaining 79.38 cents.

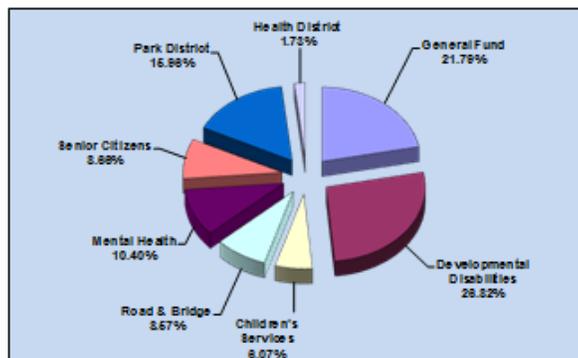


Source – Geauga County Auditor's Office

Ms. Delaney explained that she provided this slide to illustrate to the public the relatively small percentage of property tax revenue that goes to fund county programs, slightly fewer than twenty one percent, with the remainder going to local schools, joint vocational district, and library. Mr. Lair and Ms. Delaney added that residents can visit the Auditor's REALink website to see the actual breakdown for their own property.

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County Tax Breakdown by Percentage



Of the 20.62 cents of every property tax dollar paid by County homeowners for County purposes, the proceeds are allocated in the above manner as directed by the vote of County Residents.

Source – Geauga County Auditor's Office

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Ms. Delaney continued, noting that this slide showed a further breakdown of the county portion of property taxes, showing by percentage how much each county department with property tax levy funding received. She noted that slightly under twenty two percent of the property tax total coming to the county was received by the General Fund, which would be the primary topic of today's budget hearing. She added that the Park District and the Health District by law are not contained in the budget under the Board of County Commissioners' control, so the totals received by those agencies would not be included in the budget totals that she was about to present. Mr. Lair added that the libraries which also receive property tax revenue not reflected on the earlier slide as "county" property tax levy, and their budgets are also not part of the County Commissioners' budget. Mr. Lair also mentioned that of the county property tax levy shown on this slide, all monies except the General Fund revenues from 2.5 mills of inside millage are collected as a result of votes by a majority of Geauga voters to approve collection of property taxes for the various purposes shown. Ms. Delaney added that the General Fund portion of property taxes comes out to an average of about four and a half cents for every dollar of property tax.

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Total 2016 Tax Budget - \$112.4 M

General Fund Budget - \$30.5 M

General Fund Requests - \$31.9 M

Ms. Delaney noted that there are currently over one hundred and fifty funds in total in the overall commissioners' budget currently totaling \$112.4 million for the 2016 Tax Budget. Most of these funds are special revenue funds, whereas the General Fund provides more discretion, with requests from departments currently totaling \$31.9 million, versus a proposed budget based on estimated resources of \$30.5 million.

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2016 General Fund Estimated Available Resources

Carryover Balance \$ 4,500,000.00

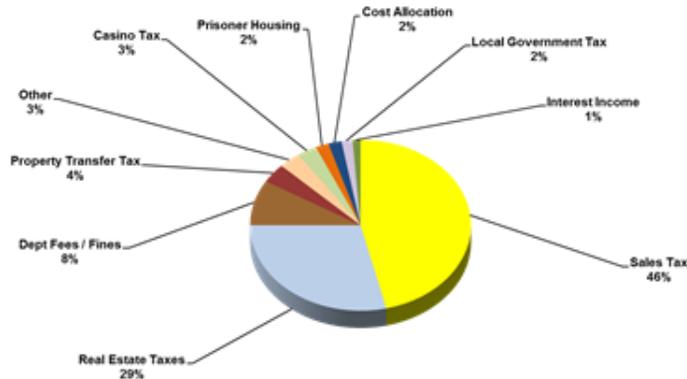
2016 Revenues \$ 25,959,074.00

Total Resources \$ 30,459,074.00

Ms. Delaney continued, explaining that "resources" as ultimately certified by the Budget Commission are comprised of an unencumbered carryover balance from the previous year plus estimated revenues for the new year. Following conservative estimating practices, both the amount available for carryover at the beginning of the year and the amount received from various sources into the General Fund are deliberately estimated on the low side.

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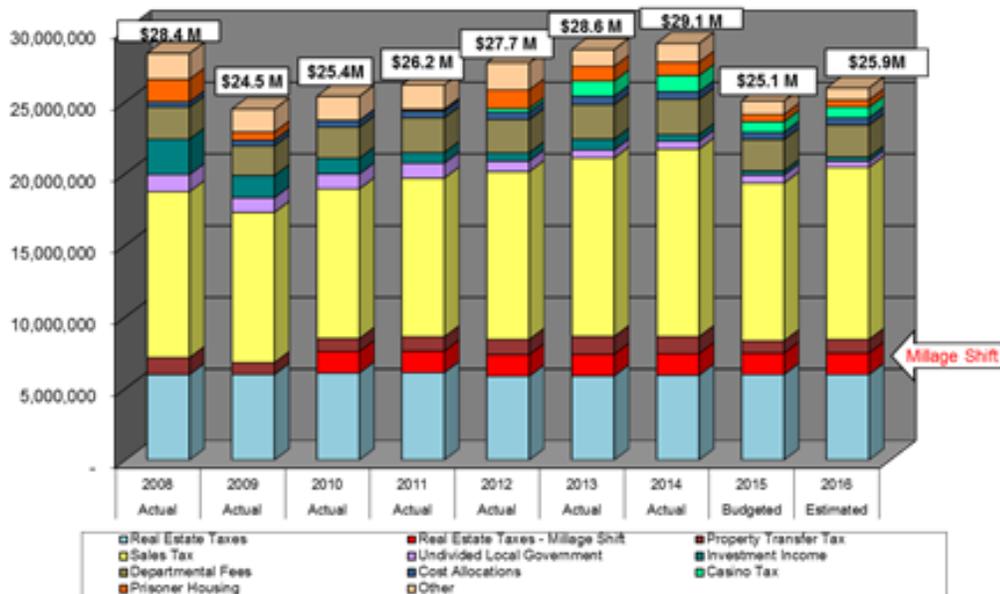
General Fund Revenue Sources
by Category



Ms. Delaney reviewed a slide illustrating General Fund revenue sources and listing their percentage contribution to the overall total, noting that Sales Tax and Real Estate Tax contribute approximately seventy five percent of the General Fund's total receipts, and describing in detail the other sources listed.

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General Fund Revenue Sources by Major Categories
2008 - 2016



Mr. Lair described the slide illustrating General Fund revenue receipts by major category over time from 2008 through 2014 actual, with 2015 and 2016 estimates provided, mentioning that he had spent some time on essentially the same slide at the Budget Summit held on April 15th. He directed attention to the projected drop in revenue for 2015 and 2016, explaining that this drop was primarily due to conservative revenue estimate forecasts, noting that while revenue levels for this year and next will be fairly consistent with 2014 actual numbers, forecasts for purposes of certification of future revenue by the Budget Commission need to be kept conservative. The experience in 2009, when forecasted and certified revenue estimates were not met, due largely to an unexpected elimination of prisoner housing revenue early in the year, and which resulted in de-appropriations being required, was mentioned as an example of why revenue forecasts must be kept very conservative.

Mr. Lair continued by stating that what he liked to emphasize on this slide was a comparison of revenues for the year 2008, versus current revenues through 2014, noting that on the surface, a 2014 total of \$29.1 million appears to be comparable to the 2008 total of \$28.4 million, but only

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a total increase of 2.5 percent over a period of six years. He continued that inflation alone negates that much of an increase, but what makes the situation worse is to realize that back in 2008, that total didn't include about \$1.5 million dollars' worth of revenue which the Commissioners had directed the Auditor to divert from the General Fund directly into a special debt retirement fund, in order to aggressively pay down the debt associated with the construction of the Safety Center in 2005. With General Fund revenue still down in 2010 following a major reduction in 2009, the Commissioners directed the Auditor to no longer divert this money into Debt Retirement, which is reflected in this chart by the red-colored slice labeled "Millage Shift", \$1.5 million dollars per year of money formerly earmarked for debt retirement now being placed in the General Fund to meet current operations. Mr. Lair added that this change means that each year the Commissioners must make a specific transfer of money from the General Fund to Debt Retirement large enough to ensure that resources are available to meet at least minimum pay down requirements on General Fund debt. Mr. Lair stated that because of this change, to properly compare 2014 revenues to 2009, one has to subtract the \$1.5 million dollar debt retirement provision in place in 2009 from the 2014 total; this results in a net 2014 revenue of only \$27.6 million, or \$800 below the 2008 total in order to make it directly comparable.

Mr. Lair stated that while we don't have the comparable expenditures slide from the Budget Summit in this presentation, from that information we know that expenditures from 2008 to 2014 rose 7.07%, which is pretty good, probably less than half the rate of inflation over that six year period, but when revenues have only risen 2.5 percent – disregarding the actual decrease described due to the millage shift, we have severe problem, and a trend that obviously can't continue. He reminded the audience that what we are talking about is the General Fund, which is the only significant source of resources where the Commissioners have the ability to meet and address growing needs. While the overall budget of the county is much larger than just the General Fund, most of the rest of the budget is comprised of special revenue funds restricted in their use to very specific purposes.

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Changes to Available Resources 2013 - 2016

	Actual <u>2013</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Budgeted <u>2015</u>	Estimated <u>2016</u>
Unencumbered C/O Balance	\$ 4,672,349	\$ 7,243,778	\$ 6,764,300	\$ 4,500,000
CY Revenue	\$ 28,633,219	\$ 29,060,939	\$ 25,051,623	\$ 25,959,074
Total Resources	\$ 33,305,568	\$ 36,304,717	\$ 31,815,923	\$ 30,459,074
Increase to CY Revenue				\$ 904,451

Ms. Delaney reviewed changes to available General Fund resources over recent years, noting the big change which increased carryover from 2013 to 2014 was due to the fact that a significant payment was made at 2012 year end toward the debt retirement fund which reduced the carryover balance for 2013, and a comparably large payment was not made at the end of 2013, resulting in a larger beginning balance for 2014, maintained in part because of uncertain funding requirements in the face of new challenges to the budget. A similar and relatively small debt retirement transfer was made at the end of 2014, which resulted in 2015 beginning balance not too dissimilar from 2014.

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**2016 Revenue Estimate up by \$904K,
based on conservative estimates**

Sales Tax Revenue	\$	1,000,000
Property Transfer Tax	\$	100,000
Local Government Tax	\$ (140,000)
Other Revenue	\$ (<u>56,000)</u>
Net Change In Estimated Revenues	\$	904,000

Ms. Delaney continued with an explanation of the projected \$904,000 increase in revenue for 2016 as compared to 2015, made up primarily of an increase in estimated revenue for the county sales tax from \$11 million to \$12 million.

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G.F. Operating Expenses: \$30.5 M

Increase Net of Transfers: \$291K

(2015 CY budget vs. 2016 Tax budget)

Overall

Factors:

0% wage increases budgeted except where mandated by labor agreements

12% increase to hospitalization costs budgeted

Most large equipment requests not funded

Ms. Delaney next covered expense projections for next year, with primary factors being increases in budgeted hospitalization and labor increases where mandated by union contracts, with no other salary line item accounts being increased for this tax budget. Ms. Delaney noted the twelve percent budgeted increase for hospitalization, and Mr. Lair added that unlike prior years where the county's participation in the CEBCO benefits consortium had resulted in single-digit increases well below the budget estimate, preliminary claims data for this year indicates that the county's renewal increase for 2016 may be right at or slightly above the 12% budgetary estimate. Ms. Delaney also mentioned that part of the departmental requests that were not approved for the tax budget include most requests for capital equipment, with these requests being reviewed at budget hearing time and any approval subject to actual resources appearing to be available at permanent and supplemental appropriation time.

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G.F. Operating Expenses: \$30.5 M
Increase Net of Transfers: \$ 291 K
2015 CY budget vs. 2016 Tax budget 1.1%

Hospitalization cost increases – 12%	\$ 271,700
Salary-Medicare-OPERS	\$ 197,000
Equipment not funded	\$ (20,000)
Other – miscellaneous reductions	\$ (157,700)
Total	\$ 291,000

Ms. Delaney next provided some detail on the specific major expense items contributing to the overall projected budgetary increase.

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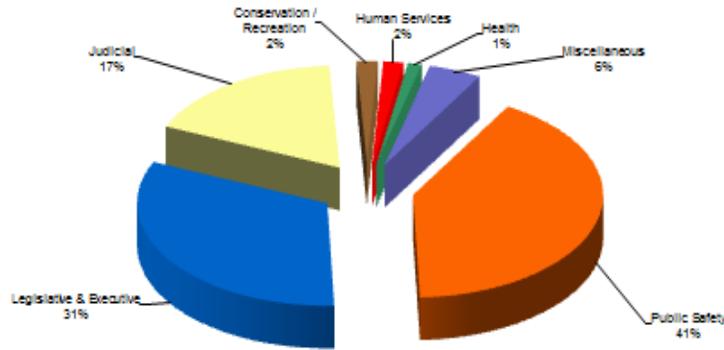
General Fund Operating Expenses by Category (net of transfers out)

Category	2015	2016	% Change
Public Safety	\$10,821,393	\$11,112,472	2.7%
Legislative & Executive	\$8,458,992	\$8,583,313	1.5%
Judicial	\$4,622,985	\$4,685,096	1.3%
Conservation/Recreation	\$478,265	\$453,265	-5.2%
Human Services	\$463,717	\$461,392	-5%
Health	\$312,000	\$312,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$1,850,768	\$1,691,610	-8.6%
Total	\$27,008,120	\$27,299,148	
Difference		\$291,028	1.1%

Ms. Delaney next reviewed a slide which categorized the overall General Fund budgetary increase by governmental sector, reviewing individual departments included in each sector.

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General Fund Operating Expenses by Category



Ms. Delaney then provided a graphical illustration showing the relative spending of overall General Fund resources by governmental sector, noting that Public Safety spending made up the largest portion of General Fund spending, followed by the Legislative & Executive, then by Judicial.

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Current Tax Budget requirement	\$30,459,074
2016 Estimated Revenues	<u>\$25,959,074</u>
Carryover Requirement	\$ 4,500,000*

**Actual unencumbered carryover has ranged from \$3.7 million to \$7.2 million in the last 5 years
Increases to carryover funds are accomplished through a combination of spending less than
current appropriations and exceeding revenue estimates*

Ms. Delaney concluded her review of General Fund revenues and expenditures by noting that the Tax Budget as recommended for adoption requires \$30.4 million dollars in resources overall; with estimated revenues established at \$25.9 million dollars, there will need to be an unencumbered carryover balance of at least \$4.5 million dollars in order to begin 2016 with a balanced budget. She added that meeting or exceeding that carryover figure will require a combination of keeping final expenditures and encumbrances for 2015 well below total appropriated amounts, and receiving revenues for the remainder of the year that exceed current certified estimates.

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Overall Goal:

Fund general increases at or below 2015 levels where possible.

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

Mr. Lair concluded the Tax Budget presentation by stating that as always, the goal is to keep expenditures at or below current levels; as was covered in the presentation spending growth cannot be sustained if revenue receipts are essentially static. In terms of limiting new initiatives to those which show an immediate return on investment, Mr. Lair referred to the advancing of General Fund dollars to the County Engineer for his office relocation and salt storage facility projects mentioned earlier in today's meeting, noting that both of these projects will provide a clear return on investment for the County Engineer and county taxpayers, and were good examples of initiatives where the funding of a specific project with an excellent rate of return made good sense.

Ms. Diane Jones asked a question regarding possible settlement from salt suppliers based on court action and the effect that might have on the budget; Mr. Lair responded that the Commissioners' office has not received any specific news in this regard, but in any event, any sort of settlement received by the county for being overcharged for salt would ultimately be credited back to the specific County Engineer's fund from which the salt was originally purchased, which would not have any beneficial effect on the General Fund. Mr. Rear added that one of the motivating factors for the Commissioners' support of helping to initially fund the salt storage structure was to allow for larger quantity purchase of salt at times when the price of salt was low, and if the settlement being contemplated against salt suppliers included potential settlement in the form of additional salt, the upcoming completion of the salt storage facility would facilitate storage of that salt. He added that the financing support of this facility for the Engineer was done with the understanding that the Engineer would probably not have the wherewithal to immediately fill it to capacity, but rather to increase amounts stored there as resources allowed and hopefully also benefit from the possibility of a mild winter limiting how much salt needed to be used.

Ms. Nancy McArthur mentioned the pending signature of the new state budget, and inquired as to the basis for the county's budgetary estimates of Local Government funding; to which Ms. Delaney replied the estimates used were from the County Auditor's office and Mr. Lair adding that he had not heard of any fundamental changes being contemplated by the state in their new budget in regards to level of Local Government funding.

Ms. Deborah O'Connor of the Geauga County Public Library added that she hadn't heard any specific news regarding Local Government funding to libraries.

Being no further comments or questions the Public Hearing was closed at 10:13 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHARDON MUNICIPAL COURT, CIVIL DIVISION, CONSENT JUDGEMENT ENTRY

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Laura LaChapelle explained that this involves a distribution of proceeds in a foreclosure case, where proceeds were given to an individual that should have not received them and have entered into an Agreement with that individual for the recovery of those funds, and this consent judgement entry needs to be executed by the Board and filed with the Court.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Chardon Municipal Court, Civil Division, Consent Judgement Entry between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Wanda Kay Myers.

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

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION – GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ms. O'Connor expressed that a year ago there was a difficult time with the Board appointment, and that she would like to work with the Board on the process of selecting people to those positions. Ms. O'Connor explained that they look for someone who knows the library, that they want a wide diversity on the Board, along with a variety of experience, along with members that have kids in school. Ms. O'Connor added that a qualification includes having and using a library card and using the library. Ms. O'Connor expressed that they want to have and keep an active Board, adding that they have almost perfect attendance with those members. Mr. Claypool inquired about the length of the term, to which it was noted that it is established by law, for seven, seven year terms. Ms. O'Connor briefly explained that the Board of Trustees has a President, and the Library pays a Director. Ms. O'Connor explained that there is a misconception that libraries are going to become extinct, but there are two big reasons that they will not. First, libraries are the great equalizer that was started by Benjamin Franklin, where you pay a little and get a lot. Second, we are essentially two libraries – one with traditional books and second with technology, noting that the library organizes knowledge in many forms. Ms. O'Connor expressed that they leverage resources to get the information that people need, that libraries are not going away, and she feels that they will play an important role in the future. Ms. O'Connor expressed that she feels that libraries are more important today than when she started, and that they want to continue to work together to get good Board members that spend money wisely for the purpose for which it was given. Ms. O'Connor explained that she just signed a purchase order to allow for book returns at all the senior centers in Geauga County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for May 20, 2015.*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 17, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 7/3 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Tue., 7/7 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Wed., 7/8 Geauga County Township Association Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Welshfield Inn Banquet Center, Troy Township*
- Mon., 7/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 7/14 The Commissioners' Office will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 7/14 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center, Board meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Geauga County*
- Tue., 7/14 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Mon., 7/20 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Mon., 7/20 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 7/21 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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Thu., 7/23 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 6:30 pm.

Tue., 7/28 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear to adjourn the meeting at 10.29 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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