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November 8, 2016

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

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

The President of the Board, Walter M. Claypool opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 1, 2015.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator II Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations for Auditor REAF Fund for Contract Services, Community Development Revolving Loan Fund and Dog Warden for Salaries, Benefits for the remainder of the year; Cash Transfers from Engineers Building fund to Note Retirement Fund and from General Fund to Note Retirement Fund for 2016 Principal Payment for Human Services Building; Travel Encumbrances from job and Family Services; Payment Vouchers of \$23,476.00 to Preston Ford for Building Departments new vehicle, \$97,128.14 to State of Ohio for Common Pleas Court for unspent Smart Grant Funds, \$63,009.70 to Concord Road Equipment for an Engineers Truck, \$36,253.00 to Braun Corporation for a Transit Vehicle Purchase and \$24,523.21 to Jack Gibson Construction for Water Resources for Russell Park Plant Upgrades.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-150 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 8, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk read the following statement:

The Commissioners' Office will report on the items approved November 4, 2016 by the County Administrator, authorized by Resolution #16-097 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was amended and approved July 12, 2016 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30. County Administrator Dave Lair stated that on behalf of the Board he accepted the resignations of part-time transit drivers, Thomas Rudar and Michael Seyer effective November 1, 2016. Mr. Lair also stated that he concurred with Parkman Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing for the liquor license of Mary C. James, Macs Tavern and Patio located at 16066 Main Market Street.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE NATHAN GORTON – PART-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board for permission to hire Nathan Gorton as a part-time Recreation Assistant. Ms. Boalt stated that Nathan is currently enrolled in on-line college and has spent many hours in the Chardon community at local nursing homes and food pantries.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Nathan Gorton to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) at the rate of \$13.57 per hour with a one year probationary period, which offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the

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required pre-employment conditions, and will then be effective November 14, 2016.

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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT – PETERSEN CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING – GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT ADA ENTRYWAY PROJECT – AM DOOR AND SUPPLY COMPANY – GEAUGA COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ADA DOOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad stated that there are two Notice of Commencements to be executed. Ms. Conrad informed the Board that Petersen Construction and Contracting will be doing the construction of the ADA entryway project at the airport and AM Door and Supply Company would be improving the ADA doors at various county buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Commencement for Petersen Construction and Contracting for services to be performed at 15421 Old State Road, Middlefield for the Geauga County Airport ADA Entryway project, under Grant #B-F-15-1AZ-1.

<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 authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Commencement for AM Door and Supply Company for services to be performed for the Geauga County Buildings and Grounds ADA Door Improvements project, under Grant #B-F-15-1AZ-1.

<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>

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGES

Program Administrator Joni Stusek discussed the following agenda items and after further Review Mr. Claypool recommended the following items be removed from the agenda until further information is provided.

The Office of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property located at 12131 Taylor Wells Road, Chardon under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 as the mortgage from ultimate property owner, Brian and Tammy Wendl, in the amount of \$25,000.00 has been satisfied.

The Office of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property located at 15905 Ridgewood Drive, Middlefield under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 as the mortgage from ultimate property owner, Edwin and Roseanne Williamson, in the amount of \$25,000.00 has been satisfied.

The Office of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property located at 14700 Northview Drive, Middlefield under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1 as the mortgage from ultimate property owner, Carolyn Miller, in the amount of \$8,050.00 has been satisfied.

The Office of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Roland and Laurie Marcy for property located at 13543 Hotchkiss Road, Burton under Grant #B-C-01-026-2, as the work for which the mortgage in the amount of \$19,850.00 was placed was never completed and a work Stop Order was issued by the Prosecutor's Office when the property entered into foreclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SUBMISSION LIST OF DELINQUENT SEWER USER FEES, WATER FEES, TAP-IN INSTALLMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATION TO THE GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR

Director Gerald Morgan stated that the annual certifications for the delinquent sewer and water fees have been received. Mr. Morgan announced that there are a total of 581 certifications this year compared to 590 last year. Commissioner Spidalieri asked for the total amount of sewer and water fees outstanding. Mr. Morgan replied that \$425,362.00 is currently outstanding.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the submission of the list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$425,363.35 (\$401,286.55 arrearage and \$24,076.80 penalty).

<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 – RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL ILARIO TAKACS FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT

Mr. Claypool read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 16-151

Date: November 8, 2016

A RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL TAKACS FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Ilario Takacs is a member of Boy Scout Troop #99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ilario Takacs provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ilario Takacs's Eagle Scout project consisted of constructing a prayer path, that included a staircase into the woods, a gravel pathway with a handrail and stations at St. Helens Church in Newbury.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Daniel Ilario Takacs for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

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

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Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #16-151 Honoring Daniel Ilario Takacs for Achieving Eagle Scout, the highest award bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016 – WINTER CONFERENCE

Mr. Claypool requested the cancellation of the regular meeting of December 6, 2016 due to the CCAO winter conference.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016, due to Winter Conference.

<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 – SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

Mr. Claypool stated that a replacement meeting needed to be established on December 8, 2016.

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule a regular meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

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

DISCUSSION – GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT

Mr. Lair stated that a letter was received from the Geauga County Airport regarding the 2016-2017 airport budget, asking that the airport be permitted to use dollars budgeted for grant match projects instead be used for paving projects not eligible for 95% FAA funding. Commissioner Spidalieri expressed that a structured project schedule of improvements should be established as well as exploring future plans for the airport. Mr. Spidalieri would like to see what options of opportunity are available for the Geauga County residents and local businesses that the airport could provide or encourage as well, and Commissioner Claypool and Rear expressed agreement with this idea. Mr. Spidalieri added that following 9-11, aviation in this county changed, and the effects of added security on commercial travel has led to the growth of private business travel serving those who feel that "time is money". He added that some of these business charter services might be able to utilize Geauga Airport, but if the option of growing the airport isn't explored, we really won't know the potential. He asked that since a portion of each airline ticket contains fees from which the FAA generates grant dollars, why not try to bring more of the money paid by Geauga county residents back into the county.

Mr. Spidalieri added that the airport provides an opportunity for Geauga youth to get into the aviation field, and it would be good to build on the good programs that the Geauga EAA already has in place. He suggested that the Commissioners reach out to the Airport Authority so that everyone could evaluate the airport in a forward-thinking manner.

Mr. Claypool stated that the existing Airport Authority needs to be a little more descriptive of their plans, rather than agreeing to a blanket approval of their request to shift grant match dollars to non-grant eligible paving projects.

Mr. Spidalieri and Mr. Claypool both expressed agreement with the idea of reviewing alternative airport consultants, as Mr. Lair had indicated that the current consultants had been in place for many years and perhaps a fresh set of eyes would be beneficial to maximizing the potential of the airport, while recognizing the physical limitations of the airport's location between routes 608 and 528. Mr. Claypool continued that while we need to look at new alternatives, we have to protect what we have in terms of an active EAA group, glider club and Medivac. Mr. Spidalieri

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stated that everyone wants to be proud of the airport, and right now he feels it is under-utilized. He added that we have the ability of taking something to the next level and produce results. Mr. Claypool expressed agreement, and all three Commissioners agreed that the intent of considering a fresh look at alternatives for an airport consultant was in no way a criticism of the board members of the Airport Authority. It was agreed that Mr. Lair would contact Ms. Fulop and communicate the Commissioners' interest in having a new RFQ for an airport planning consultant created.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 26, 2016 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of October, 2016.*

MEETINGS

- Tue., 11/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

- Wed., 11/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Centerville Mills Dining Mills Hall*

- Fri., 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Veteran's Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

- Tue., 11/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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

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

- Thu., 11/24 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

- Fri., 11/25 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will Be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

- Tue., 11/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Walter M. Claypool

Ralph Spidalieri

Blake A. Rear

~~*Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk*~~
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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