

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 12, 2015**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 12, 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 9:00 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 May 5, 2015.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for appropriations for the Veterans Office for copier lease payoff funds deposited into the General Fund; Contracts for the Board of Developmental Disabilities for capital improvements including the replacement of five (5) HVAC units from R & D Heating in the amount of \$49,750.00, additional and replacement concrete walkways from Dry-More Construction in the amount of \$15,000.00, and the annual crack sealing of all parking lots from Industrial Surface Sealer in the amount of \$10,355.00; a Travel request for the Recorder's Office; a payment to ESRI Incorporated for GIS Mapping annual maintenance agreement for the Auditor's Office totaling \$21,000.00, a payment to Itersource Corp for the switch to pictometry installation build phase for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$12,000.00, a payment to MT Business Technologies for the purchase of three (3) Ricoh copiers for Court Technology in the amount of \$25,076.80, a payment to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of four (4) replacement vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office Social Security Task Force in the amount of \$110,752.00, Payments to EnviroCom Construction for pay request #9 for Contracts A and B for the Department of Water Resources Thompson Township sewer project totaling \$177,774.89, and a payment to the Treasurer of State for the relocation of sanitary sewer project for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$40,860.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-064 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 12, 2015.*

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

**LAKE GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTER**

*President and CEO of Lake-Gauga Recovery Centers, Melanie Blasko presented the following overview of information: Geauga County Jail Treatment Program Utilization:*

*Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year total FY2015 (7/1/14 – 5/7/15\*)*

<i>Services</i>	<i>First Quarter</i>	<i>Second Quarter</i>	<i>Third Quarter</i>	<i>Fourth Quarter</i>	<i>2015 Year To Date Totals</i>
<i>Assessments</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>134</i>
<i>Group Counseling*</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>134</i>

*\*Group Counseling 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr: 25, men, 16 women*

*\*Group Counseling 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr: 14 men, 10 women*

*\*Group Counseling 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr: 24 men, 11 women*

*\*Group Counseling 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr: 22 men, 12 women (4/1/14 – 5/7/15)*  
*85 men (63%, 49 women (37%))*

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**FY 2015:** 44% of men and 64% of women discharged from JTP had a diagnosis of Opioid Dependence  
79% of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans goals, average length of stay of 5 weeks

Commissioner Claypool asked Ms. Blasko to define successful completion of treatment, to which Ms. Blasko explained that when they enter the treatment plan there set goals to complete and when they complete all of those goals set in place, they have then completed the program.

*JTP Aftercare Group:* In April 2014, LGRC introduced a separate outpatient Aftercare Group specifically for JPT clients only\*. (Clients completing JTP may then participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House)

- 34 clients have participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY15
- 23 out of 24 (96%) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare met their treatment plans goals
- 10 clients are currently active in our JTP Aftercare

Ms. Blasko explained that they have the ability to do drug testing at any time, which allows for greater accountability in the program.

*Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year total FY2014*

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	2014 Year Totals
Assessments	40	38	33	42	153
Group Counseling*	26	38	40	46	150

\*Group Counseling 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr: 21 men, 5 women

\*Group Counseling 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr: 33 men, 5 women

\*Group Counseling 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr: 26 men, 14 women

\*Group Counseling 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr: 24 men, 22 women

**104 men (69%), 46 women (31%)**

**FY2014:** 42% of men and 51% of women discharged from JTP had a diagnosis of Opioid Dependence  
82% of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans goals, average length of stay of 5 weeks

In April 2014, LGRC introduced a separate outpatient Aftercare Group, specifically for JPT clients only\* (\*Clients completing JTP may then participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House), upon discharge from JTP and the Geauga Safety Center)

- Out of 7 participants in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY14, 6 (86%) met their treatment plans goals

**Referrals:** Over the past several years, 75% - 80% of clients participating in JTP were referred by Chardon Municipal Court, 15% - 20% were referred by Common Pleas Court, and 3%-5% were referred by Juvenile Court.

Ms. Blasko stated that after they have completed Jail Treatment they need additional treatment, and they are then referred to residential treatment which is funded through Mental Health and Recovery Services or Medicaid.

**Residential Treatment (Lake House, Oak House)**

- FY14, 72% of women and 70% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, exceeding the national average of 40-44%. (4 men from JTP, 3 women from JTP)
- FY15, (As of 3/31/15) 59% of women and 65% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, exceeding the national average of 40-44%. (2 men from JTP, 3 women from JTP)

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- One year after completing residential treatment, 80% of men and 65% of women were still sober and reported an improved quality of life. (For those residents completing treatment in FY13)
- Six months after completing residential treatment, 70% of men and 75% of women were still sober and reported an improved quality of life. (For those residents completing treatment in FY14, one year is not completed yet).
- Welcomed the 9<sup>th</sup> drug-free baby born to residents at Oak House.

**Geauga County Jail Treatment Program: Six Months Follow-up Report**

Track former clients that completed the Jail Treatment Program, track at least six months after completion of program.

Results: Completion of treatment period: January 1999 (program inception) through June 2014 (14 years).

Number of Clients,

<i>Number Contacted*</i>	<i>Reported Relapse*</i>	<i>Reported Sober*</i>	<i>Reported Re-arrests*</i>
<i>Since inception 1/99:</i>			
931 (75%) clients contacted out of 1235 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	325 (35%) former clients (9 former clients - deceased)	597 (64%) former clients	175 (19%) former clients

*FY14: July 2013 – June 2014:*

70 (70%) clients contacted out of 100 former clients during this period	17 (24%) former (2 former clients – deceased)	51 (73%) former	5 (7%) former clients
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- *Number of Clients, Number Contacted:* We attempt to track former clients through Jail records, conversations with probation officer, self-reports from former clients, and some former clients we are unable to track.
- *Reported Relapse:* Contact indicates former client relapsed, are currently using alcohol and /or other drugs
- *Reported Sober:* Contact indicates former client is currently sober
- *Reported Re-arrests:* Contact indicates former client has been re-arrested for AOD offenses.

Track former clients that completed the Jail Treatment Program, track at least six months after completion of program.

Results: Completion of treatment period: January 1999 (Program Inception) through June 2013 (13 Years).

<i>Number Contacted*</i>	<i>Reported Relapse*</i>	<i>Reported Sober*</i>	<i>Reported Re-arrests*</i>
861 (75%) clients contacted out of 1135 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	308 (36%) former clients (7 former clients – deceased)	546 (63%) former clients	171 (20%) former clients

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- *Reported Relapse:* Contact indicates former client has relapsed, are currently using alcohol and / or other drugs.
- *Reported Sober:* Contact indicates former client is currently sober
- *Reported Re-arrests:* Contact indicates former client has been re-arrested for AOD offenses

**Future Goals for FY 16:**

- Construction of the new Oak House to better accommodate women with children
- Repurposing of the current Oak House as the “new” Lake House for men, increasing beds for men by 50%
- Repurposing the current Lake House as a Recovery House for men
- Obtain a Recovery House for men in Geauga County

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- *Develop and implement Medical Somatic Services (hire a nurse practitioner in order to offer the ambulatory detox and Medication Assisted Treatment on-site).*

*Chief Financial Officer Tom Tuttle explained that in 2014 the Board funded \$41,200.00 that funded three days out of the week for a counselor that provides direct service in the jail treatment program. This year is a little different since Mr. Michelson retired at the end of January, noting Ms. Kramer replaced him and they are still currently looking for a replacement. Mr. Tuttle explained that this year they only require 8 of the 12 months at a cost of \$27,472.00 funding for the year. Mr. Tuttle added that there is travel involved in the position and is included in the cost. This amount is 60% of the total cost for the year.*

*Commissioner Rear noted that the numbers speak favorably to the program. There was a brief discussion regarding the numbers, to which Ms. Blasko explained that the people interested in the program are well screened to only place those that really want the help. Ms. Blasko expressed that in the eleven years that she has been with the agency, and only recently in the last few years that they have had to have a column for deceased. Ms. Blasko expressed that success is measured in different ways. Ms. Blasko explained that Judge Stupica requested some of the funding not being used to instead be used to purchase drug testing kits, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to which they are completely supportive of that use.*

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE BIDS – HOME CARE SERVICES: ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING PROGRAM TO GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER**

*Director Jessica Boalt explained that they have changed the name of the Home Maker Personal Care Services program to Assistance with Daily Living to make it represent the program more accurately. Ms. Boalt stated that they contract with home health care providers to provide services that include personal care like bathing, dressing, home making services like meal preparation, sanitary environment and some assistance with laundry. Ms. Boalt stated that the program has been modified to really focus on the frail individuals that qualify for nursing home placement but are able to stay in their homes. This year they can receive up to four hours a week for personal care like bathing and for home tasks will receive up to two hours a week. Ms. Boalt stated that there is an assessment that has also been added this year as a way to determine those that will qualify.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for bids for Home Care Services: Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over to be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on May 14, 2015, May 21, 2015 and on the county website.*

<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 – HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT – GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO GEAUGA SENIORS AGE 60 AND OVER**

*Ms. Boalt stated that the department has been working with the Health District to provide services for seniors, explaining that the Health Department comes to the center and spend time with the seniors in the Adult Day Services program, where they provide two hours a week of education, take blood pressures, weight and pulse ox, as a way to track the progression of Alzheimer's and dementia. Ms. Boalt stated that the Health Department also provides screening to the other seniors when they have completed services with the Adult Day Services program.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Health Services Agreement with the Geauga County Board of Health to provide professional health care services for Geauga Seniors Age 60 and over for the Adult Day Service program and other visiting Seniors at the Chardon Center location for the period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$400.00 per month.*

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT WILSON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE – CHESTER TOWNSHIP

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt stated that they are already thinking about projects for next year, with the first being the Wilson Mills Road Bridge that is located just west of Heath Road. Mr. Haupt stated that it was originally constructed in 1931 and is currently rated a four and has reached the end of its life. Mr. Claypool inquired about the process for determining the end of the life of a bridge to which Mr. Haupt explained that inspection guidelines are provided by both Federal and ODOT, and we follow the Federal guidelines for any bridge ten feet and over. This bridge was reviewed during the Audit process two years ago, and some of the items that were looked at were erosion, exposure, foundations, and concrete. Mr. Haupt stated that multiple factors are included and this bridge is a condition rating, and if money is going to be put into repair, it is better to replace it. There will be a detour, but that will be included in the process.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-065 to Reconstruct the Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #8-4.69) in Chester Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: May 12, 2015*  
*Resolution: #15-065*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE WILSON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #8-4.69 IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the East Branch of the Chagrin River on Wilson Mills Road at mile markers 4.69, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Wilson Mills Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge, Structure #8-4.69 the East Branch of the Chagrin River in Chester Township, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 4.69 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Heath Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges as required.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE BIDS – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

*Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad stated that they were requesting to advertise for bids for the Thompson Township Community Center that includes the combined RLF and Allocation (CDBG) portions of the project. Ms. Conrad stated that they wanted to have one contractor handle the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Thompson Township Community Center Rehabilitation project to be held Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on May 14, 2015 and on the county website.*

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

**COUNTY HOME – APPROVE HIRING CATHY ANN HALL – PART-TIME ATTENDANT #1504-1**

*Director Karen DeCola asked the Board to approve hiring Ms. Hall, noting that she is currently working as an intern, who is working on obtaining her BSN. Ms. DeCola stated that Ms. Hall is an RN and will be an asset to the County Home for the two days a week.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Cathy Ann Hall to the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective May 14, 2015 at a rate of \$9.39 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period the rate will increase to \$9.89 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT #1319-1 – ADVERTISE POSITION**

*Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that when Ms. Schaab left and went to the Engineers' Office, and Ms. Ashburn was moved into fill her role, we contracted with a Temp Agency for a Part-time employee to cover the duties that were being handled by Ms. Ashburn. Ms. Burhenne stated that we are reaching the end of required hours under that contract, so that office reviewed the job description and made some adjustments. Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve those revisions and grant permission to advertise that position.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised job description for the position of Part-time Administrative Assistant (#1319-1) to be effective May 12, 2015.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Administrative Assistant (#1319-1), for twenty-five hours per week. 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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPECIFIED PUBLIC RECORDS  
- NOACA

*Mr. Claypool explained that the previous resolution that had been passed was too specific about gas tax dollars and this resolution has been modified to include all communication regarding lobbying efforts to NOACA.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #15-066 Requesting Specified Public Records from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 15-066*

*Date: May 12, 2015*

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPECIFIED PUBLIC RECORDS FROM THE NORTHEAST  
OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners represent over 93,000 residents who are entitled to open, transparent government at all levels; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners as voting NOAA Board members have concerns regarding the utilization of paid lobbyists by NOACA to advocate for increases in taxes levied upon the purchase of motor vehicle fuel and other matters; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners and the residents they serve are entitled to all existing public records which document the communication between NOACA staff and the lobbyists which have been hired for the purpose of advocating for increased taxation and other matters of interest; and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby make a formal request for documents previously requested last month by a Geauga County Commissioner and as of yet have not been produced, namely, all emails, letters, notes, audio or video recordings, and any other existing public records documenting communications occurring between 1/1/2015 and this date between NOACA board, staff, committee and subcommittee members and McDonald Hopkins LLC.*

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

<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'S OFFICE - LEGAL REPRESENTATION

*Mr. Claypool stated that the Board had previously held a discussion regarding legal representation and that each member was given revised letters of engagement, and that he feels that the Board needs to move forward with this. Mr. Rear noted that he had asked for a revision to be made to one this am, but that he preferred Walter/Haverfield. Mr. Claypool stated that Commissioner Spidalieri posed the idea of hiring an Attorney and having them on staff in the office, to which Prosecutor Jim Flaiz expressed that in reviewing the law they feel that it is not permitted. The law states that the Prosecutor's office is the legal counsel for the Commissioners, but if there are conflicts, there are procedures that allow the Board to hire counsel but that expenditures for this purpose cannot exceed the Prosecutor's salary on an annual basis. Mr. Flaiz expressed that the Board has a special carve out on a contract basis but not as an employee. Mr. Flaiz read a list of all the agencies and departments that the Prosecutor's Office represents, agreeing that there has been a number of unusual conflicts that have arisen and that can be cause for outside counsel. Mr. Claypool expressed that he leans toward Walter / Haverfield for a number of reasons. Mr. Flaiz pointed out that any agreement that the Board enters into can be terminated at any time. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that his statement last week was made because he understands the work load that the Prosecutor's Office is handling, and the amount of time that is absorbed in their office. Mr. Spidalieri stated that they have to follow what the ORC states, but he was trying to find a way to relieve some of the*

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work load on their office. Mr. Flaiz appreciated that concern, noting that the majority of growth they have seen has been in the criminal and job and family services side most likely due to the drug problem. Mr. Flaiz stated that it is a balancing act, and feels that they are adequately staffed. There was discussion about several ideas that were brought forward about additional staff, or a designated person in the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern over an agreement with one firm, and whether this one firm specializes in the different issues that may arise. Mr. Flaiz stated that it is challenging, but expressed that if he felt the Board was going in a direction of an Attorney he didn't feel would be best suited to handle some of the specialized issues, he would provide them of that, adding that Haverfield does work for the school districts, townships, and that they would meet the Board's needs. There was discussion about the rates that can be charged and what had been negotiated with Haverfield being a fair rate. Mr. Claypool and Mr. Flaiz both expressed that with some of the pending matters before the Board it is a good idea to move forward in getting something in place. The Board discussed a not to exceed amount and Mr. Flaiz suggested \$50,000.00.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Rear, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Walter / Haverfield Engagement Letter to provide outside Legal Services to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the remainder of the Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, without prior approval from the Board.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 29, 2015 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of April, 2015.

**OTHER**

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

**MEETINGS**

- Tue., 5/12 ADP Board, Special Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 5/12 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Mon., 5/18 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 5/19 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 5/25 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday.***
- Tue., 5/26 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Thu., 5/28 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 6:30 p.m.*

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS**

Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair brought up the upcoming members terms that will be expiring at the end of June on the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and inquired on whether the Board wished to advertise for those positions or submit a press release, to which it discussed that the proposed ad option needed to be adjusted to represent further detailed description of the position. It was noted that it would be worked on and presented again at the next meeting.

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

*Motion:           by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Rear to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Blake A. Rear*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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