

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**February 11, 2010**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 11, 2010 at 10:00 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 Vice President of the Board, Tracy A. Jemison opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Samide was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 9, 2010.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a Verizon payment for the County Home, two payments for Kokosing Construction from the Engineer's Office and three payments to vendors from the Board of DD's Construction Fund. Commissioner Jemison commented that the cash balance is one of the lowest he has seen.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-026 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 11, 2010.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE PLANS, PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

*Planning Engineer Michael Stone explained this is the third grant in a row they have received for paving and will apply again next year. Mr. Stone explained that safety funds is a federal program administered by the County Engineer's Association of Ohio which allows \$150,000.00 to be used for the application of polyester pavement markings. The current estimate is about \$175,000 and they figure about \$25,000 will come out of the engineer's budget. This is for about half the miles in the county. They requested a hearing since this project is using federal funds and federal requirements for environmental justice.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County, Year 2010 per Resolution #09-170 approved September 24, 2009. This will set a public hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted for the federal aid project to be held March 11, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this hearing will be published on February 18 and February 25, 2010 and posted on the county web site.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – US 422 / SR700 IMPROVEMENT LETTER OF SUPPORT**

*Planning Engineer Michael Stone explained that Congressman LaTourette's office spoke with them about possibly submitting a project for Federal FY 2011 appropriations. County Engineer R.L. Phillips believes one of the worst intersections in the county is the one at US- 422 and SR-700 in Troy Township. There already is an ODOT project targeted for \$240,000 for that area*

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*from the last highway bill so they are submitting for another \$480,000 to go towards the same project. The Engineer's Office may take the lead on this project but that decision has not been made yet as their red tape may be a little less than ODOT's. Commissioner Young commented that he has spoken with Mr. Phillips regarding this area and other areas that needed improvement and added that is one of the most important places in the county to upgrade. Mr. Stone added that trucks particularly have a tough time there due to the grade. Mr. Stone stated that turning lanes will probably be added to the area. Mr. Stone commented that the design right of way of this project may include purchase of properties and frontage. Mr. Stone stated they were looking for a letter of support to go along with the information they submit to Congressman LaTourette's office.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a letter of support for the Geauga County US- 422 and SR-700 Improvement in Troy Township.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that this is for calls that may be needed in the middle of the night and added that last year they were called in three times.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and S.A. Communale Company Incorporated to perform annual inspection and testing of the fire sprinkler system, fire alarm system and devices, and maintenance service for the Geauga County Safety Center for the 2010 Year, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Ohio Cat Power Systems to perform preventative maintenance for the Geauga County Safety Center generator for the 2010 Year, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SUPPORT LETTERS – BURTON VILLAGE  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION**

*Commissioner Jemison explained that he received a call from the Burton Mayor who stated they were applying for a grant through Senator Sherrod Brown's and Senator George Voinovich's office for their proposed wastewater treatment plant expansion and requested a letter of support. If they get this grant it could significantly impact the amount that the residents would have to pay.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute letters of support to Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator George Voinovich for the proposed wastewater treatment plant expansion in the Village of Burton, Ohio.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*The Board returned from executive session at 10:40 a.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.*

**CHARDON COMMUNITY HOUSE / WESTERN RESERVE CULTURAL CENTER**

*Present for the discussion on the Chardon Community House project was Mariann Goodwin, Tom Bryant, Pat Ingram and Pat Martin. Mr. Bryant stated that since the last meeting with the board they have done their due diligence and the Western Reserve Cultural Center (WRCC) is now a non-profit organization registered with the State of Ohio and they are a 5013c. They laid the groundwork to make this project as a sustainable and viable asset for Chardon and Geauga County. The WRCC exists to create a building to house the pursuit of educational and cultural endeavors, to provide a venue for civic and social functions and create an entity that will be self sufficient. Mr. Bryant added that working hand in hand with Chardon Tomorrow and Geauga County Tourism they feel they can maintain that goal of “putting feet on the street, bringing commerce on the square and making it a better viable entity as far as business is concerned”. There will be office space on the second floor which would ensure a stream of income as well as a ballroom and other facilities in the building that would be able to be rented. Financial viability is a big plus as far as the cultural arts. If you rely on donations time after time it will “die a slow death”. Mr. Bryant briefly explained the design of the building and added that plans would be sent to the Board when they are completed. Mr. Bryant stated that they would like to meet and discuss the particulars with the property for this project. The Board suggested they meet with the County Administrator and Laura LaChapelle, APA (legal counsel for the Board). Ms. Goodwin stated that there is a lack of nice quality places in the county to hold weddings, anniversary parties and functions of all kinds and added this would be an asset to the square and the entire county. There will also be on going and changing exhibits in the Western Reserve room of the building. The center would be open for use to other non-profit organizations without any fees. The center would be open every day and someone will be in the building. The building would be able to hold 200 people and with nice weather it could be stretched out to 250 people. Ms. Goodwin added that there are 700 parking spots on the square and with the new municipal parking there is another 120. Commissioner Jemison asked what the estimate was for this project to which Mr. Bryant replied that it was \$2-\$2.5 million. Mr. Bryant explained that there is a variety of private individuals and foundations that are interested in this project. This type of project would qualify for a variety of federal and state grants. The monies made from this project, other than what is held back for the operations of the building would go back to the community as far as cultural and educational events. There will be a board that would be the managing agent of the building. Commissioner Young asked what the City of Chardon was doing at the south part of the square. Ms. Goodwin responded that according to the deed the city must have a meeting room but their focus is surrounding the maple sugar industry and the history of it. Ms. Goodwin commented that the (WRCC) focus is different and all the ongoing projects on the square can work together to make the square a viable, vibrant community for the county. Commissioner Jemison inquired as to the financing of this project. Mr. Bryant replied that they will be doing fund raising for a short period of time and then put the building up. They would prefer to open their doors with no mortgage and from the time they open the doors to start raising income by pre-booking the ballroom and the offices. They expect to have 95% of the money before they start building. Commissioner Young inquired if there were any zoning issues. Ms. Goodwin replied they met with the City of Chardon and went over preliminary thoughts, the topography of the property, and water runoff and they were left with the impression that there were no obstacles that they could not hurdle. They were assured the city would work with them and saw great value in the project.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending January 2010.*

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- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending January 2010 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

**MEETINGS**

- Thu., 2/11 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees Meeting 4:00 p.m., Mayfield Village Civic Center*
- Fri., 2/12 CIC 2010 Economic Update with Dr. Ken Mayland, ClearView Economics, LLC at the Red Maple Inn at 7:30 a.m.*
- Fri., 2/12 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Leadership Geauga lunch meeting*
- Fri., 2/12 NOACA Governing Board meeting*
- Mon., 2/15 The County Offices will be closed in honor of Presidents Day.***
- Tues., 2/16 The Commissioners' regular session is cancelled.***
- Thu., 2/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Mon., 2/22 Board of Revision meeting at 8:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 2/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 2/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 3/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 3/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 3/4 A public hearing on the proposed amendment to the County Subdivision Regulations will be held on March 4, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.*
- Tue., 3/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 3/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Building #1C, 470 Center Street*
- Fri., 3/12 NOACA Governing Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NOACA Offices*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:10 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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William S. Young

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Tracy A. Jemison

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***ABSENT***  
Mary E. Samide

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Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk