

Commissioners' Journal
April 9, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 9, 2009 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 President of the Board, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. by requesting the Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko lead the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Young informed the audience that the reason today's session started late was that Senator Tim Grendell held a press conference/public hearing in Commissioners' Chambers.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2009.

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

AUDITORS OFFICE – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES - MARCH 2009

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of March, 2009 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of March, 2009 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

SHERIFFS' OFFICE – RELEASE BID BOND - CONSTRUCTION OF RUSSELL AND HUNTSBURG TOWER SITES — JEFFREY CARR CONSTRUCTION

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to release the bond for Jeffrey Carr Construction for the Construction of the Russell and Huntsburg Tower Sites Project as the project is complete and has been accepted.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER - HELEN HAYES

Sanitary Engineer Doug Bowen reported the Special Project Manager will set up a pre-treatment program. Currently there is a portion of the program started but they believe they need to step up the program. Ms. Hayes will set up the program by checking to see what EPA and other counties are currently doing. Mr. Bowen mentioned Rules and Regulations, for example, for restaurants are that they are required to put grease traps in, but when asked how they dispose of the grease they were informed the grease was dumped into the toilet. It appears that these places are not educated to know the difference.

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Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the hiring of Helen Hayes as Special Project Manager (#2399) at a rate of \$19.29, with the starting date of April 13, 2009.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – TERMINATE CONTRACT – SCOPE OF SERVICES – WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECTS

Director Dave Dietrich, Soil and Water Conservation District Director Carmella Shale and Colleen Sharp, District Urban Technician were present for the discussion. Mr. Dietrich explained that this action is not due to unhappiness with the performance of Hess and Associates, frankly, without them the process would not be as far as it is today. The county now has expertise on board, with Soil and Water Conservation District, to do the job internally and they are transitioning toward that as they are now in another phase.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to terminate the Contract (mutually agreed upon by Hess and Associates Engineering Incorporated, per the letter dated March 31, 2009, and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners) dated March 22, 2006 between Hess and Associates Engineering Incorporated and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the proposal for the scope of services for the Wetland Mitigation Projects (Pope Home Site-Troy Township and the County Home-Claridon Township) originally approved on May 4, 2006, per the recommendation of Wetlands Mitigation Bank Subcommittee.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – AGREEMENT FOR WETLAND CONSULTING – CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING LIMITED

Mr. Dietrich reported that Mr. Ludwig worked with Hess and Associates on this project and was the “go to person” throughout this project. Mr. Ludwig will be on retainer for the transitional phase at \$350.00 per month until the end of the year when the agreement will terminate. Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Shale and Ms. Sharp will use Mr. Ludwig extensively throughout this year to make sure that everything works as it should.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Agreement to Provide Professional Wetland Consulting Services to Geauga County, Ohio between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Chagrin Valley Engineering Limited (Lawrence N. Ludwig), as recommended by the Wetlands Mitigation Bank Subcommittee.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Program Coordinator Rhea Dykes stated that the grant officially starts in 2007 and the programs are done and the money is spent in 2008. Ms. Dykes added that this is the final performance report for projects done last year but were awarded in 2007.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Final Performance Report for grant #B-F-07-026-1 for the period September 1, 2007 to February 28, 2009.

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

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Ms. Dykes stated that there will be one more status report in August and then a final performance report as well. Anita Stocker is collecting applications for the next grant and will come before the Board probably in June.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Status Report for Grant #B-F-08-026-1 for the period September 1, 2008 to February 24, 2009.

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

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – COLLECTION OF COSTS AND OTHER DEBTS CONTRACT - CAPITAL RECOVERY SYSTEMS INCORPORATED

David Lubecky, Common Pleas Court Administrator / Magistrate reported that there is a substantial collection process within the court before it gets to the collection agency. Last year \$18,854.67 was sent for collection and of that \$10,541.91 was collected, with no cost to the county. Fees are added on to the person owing the money. The county gets their money 100 % first and then the collectors get their fees. The “in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00” is to put a ceiling as if it is over \$25,000.00 this must go out for bid. Mr. Lubecky reported that they collect their money as well as the fee and then pay the collections company. This is tracked in the courtview program, which is not the most perfect system for accounts receivable as “DoIT” has to pull data out. Commissioner Young inquired if any of these collections are reviewed to be determined as uncollectible. Mr. Lubecky reported that it was done once before but they have talked about looking at it again. Mr. Lubecky added that they have been contacted by other agencies on how they do their collections.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Division Court and Capital Recovery Systems Incorporated for the collection of delinquent court costs, accounts receivable, judgments and other debts for the period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADJUST WAGE SCALE

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to adjust the wage scale and compensation of non-bargaining unit employees under the hiring authority of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners, with the exception of the Department of Job and Family Services effective with 2009 pay number 10 by an increase of three percent (3%) (rounding hourly rate adjusted to the nearest penny). This increase does not currently apply to employees serving a probationary period, as these employees will be given the wage adjustment approved at hire.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – OIL AND GAS LEASE – GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – CUTTER EXPLORATION

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to authorize the Board (Lessor) to execute the Amendment to an Oil and Gas Lease with Cutter Exploration covering Parcel #04-702100 and Parcel 05-702300, County Fairgrounds, primarily addressing modifications to the well drilling through production schedule.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to execute the Plot Plan for the Geauga County Fairgrounds No. 1, as signed by Howard Bates on behalf of the Geauga County Agricultural Society approving the placement of the well, tank battery, access line, sales line and access drive pertaining to the Oil and Gas Lease with Cutter Exploration.

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

OTHER

Cassandra from the News-Herald introduced herself as a new reporter for the News Herald.

The Board reviewed calendars.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services (SFY) State Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report.*
- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of March 2009, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*
- c) The annual report filed by the Geauga County Auditor and ADP Board of the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board's 2008 Annual Report as required by O.R.C. 307.845.*
- d) The Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Resolution proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month.*

MEETINGS

- Thu., 4/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 4/9 Western Reserve RC&D Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Summit County*
- Thu., 4/9 JFS Child Abuse Prevention kick off reception at 11:30 a.m.*
- Thu., 4/9 Portage / Geauga Joint Detention Center Joint Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Geauga*
- Fri., 4/10 NOACA*
- Tue., 4/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 4/14 Planning Committee meeting*
- Tue., 4/14 Public Hearing to review plans submitted for the federal aid project to replace the Dines Road Bridge (Structure #144-1.72) at 10:15 a.m.*
- Thu., 4/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 4/17 TAC meeting*
- Tues., 4/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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Tues., 4/21 Public Viewing for the Petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive viewing at 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 4/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/23 Public hearing in connection with the Maple Hill Drive Improvement and the sanitary sewer district at Gurney School in Chagrin Falls at 7:00 p.m.

Fri., 4/24 United Way Annual meeting at noon at St. Mary's Banquet Room

Tue., 4/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

April 30th through May 3rd Geauga County Maple Festival

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:02 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk