

Commissioners' Journal
October 24, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 24, 2013 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, 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 for a portion of today's meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 17, 2013.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – BUCKEYE POWER SALES – MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES - GENERATORS

Program Coordinator Kelly Belconis stated that two Request for Proposals were received, noting that Buckeye Power Sales were the best. Ms. Belconis noted that they had previously done the generators for the prior year and this is just for the purchase and delivery, that it does not include installation.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Buckeye Power Sales for the purchase and delivery of generators for the Maple Leaf Community Residences under Grant #B-F-12-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$8,300.00.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – RECLASSIFY RIK WAREHAM – SENIOR TRADES MECHANIC (#1905)

County Administrator David Lair explained that Mr. Wareham has stepped up and helped cover during this time while Mr. Newsome is out due to an injury. Mr. Lair noted that this will take him to the Senior Trades Mechanic which is a slight increase but gives him recognition for what he has been doing.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to reclassify Rik Wareham from Trades Mechanic (#1907) to Senior Trades Mechanic (#1905) retroactive to August 19, 2013 at the rate of \$14.00 per hour with no increase at the end of a 180 day probationary period.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – TEMPORARY FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER

Mr. Vernick would like to bring in a temporary Full-time Maintenance Worker to help through the winter season.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for the position of Temporary Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904) for the period ending April 30, 2014. This position will remain posted until filled.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Absent
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MR. EXCAVATOR, INCORPORATED

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that this is for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project to extend the sewer to the area of the intersection of Kinsman Road and State Route 306. Mr. Morgan stated that Mr. Excavator was the lowest and best bid. A brief discussion took place regarding when the project will be started and completed. It was noted that the date of completion was extended to 180 days due to the upcoming onset of winter. Mr. Morgan noted that the bores may be done now and the gravity sewer in the spring. As long as there is no danger they may be out working on the project. Mr. Lair inquired about the estimate, to which Mr. Morgan noted it was \$230,000.00 with only two bids received adding that the second bid received was much higher.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Mr. Excavator, Incorporated for the Russell Township Center Sewer Project in the amount of \$237,151.78.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Absent
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT – 2014 HEAP OUTREACH

Director Sally Bell explained that this is to outreach to seniors by providing information to seniors about HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) adding that if they are at 175% of poverty they may qualify for some assistance with heating of their home. This assistance is given in direct payments to the vendor and not to the senior. Ms. Bell explained that if seniors in their utility bills a staff member will help them fill out the forms and submit them to Columbus and then if they are determined to be eligible they will get assistance with one of their bills. It does not help every senior, but it does help some in the middle of winter when bills increase. Ms. Bell noted that the poverty level threshold decreased from 200% to 175% this year. Ms. Bell explained to the Board that she would be coming back next with a contract for Chronic Disease Control to help them manage any chronic diseases that seniors have, including high blood pressure and high cholesterol, in addition to diabetes and heart disease. Ms. Bell noted that the big grant used for transportation will come in December. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about where the HEAP funds come from to which Ms. Bell stated that it comes from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging through the State of Ohio from the Federal Government. Ms. Bell explained that this contract is for education and that the funds provided in this contract do not cover the cost of the utility bills themselves.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Contract with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the SFY 2014 HEAP Outreach for the period September 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 in the amount of \$2,982.65.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Absent
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

LIQUOR LICENSE – WOOD FIRED FOODS, LLC – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to concur with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Wood Fired Foods, LLC located at 16783 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls (C TFOL 9754777).

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Absent
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

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PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD NAME CHANGE REQUEST - A PORTION OF KIWANIS DRIVE TO SHORE DRIVE IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

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

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

Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. and asked Deputy Engineer Mike Stone to explain. Mr. Stone stated that a request was forwarded from Newbury Township. Mr. Stone stated that in 2006 a section of Kiwanis Drive was vacated and prior to 2006 the homeowner was using a Shore Drive address and worked with Newbury Township to correct it because it was a Kiwanis Drive address. Mr. Stone stated that since a portion was vacated the County 9-1-1 department has asked them to revert back to the previous address on Shore Drive. Commissioner Jemison stated that this only affects one property owner. It was noted that originally this issue had been brought to Newbury Township by the property owner. Mr. Stone stated that under the ORC the Commissioners approve by resolution to the road name change and the address change will be done through the Engineer's Office in agreement with Newbury Township. Richard Roy, the homeowner of the affected parcel explained that he had gone through this before and expressed to 9-1-1 when this was changed before that Kiwanis Drive does not come across the spillway. Mr. Roy stated that as far as 9-1-1 is concerned he wants this corrected because no one can find him, but it will be a fiasco to get this all changed back, costing money to change all legal documentation back to the previous address. Mr. Roy stated that it was approximately five years ago when this was changed. Mr. Stone expressed that prior to the vacation 9-1-1 was hunting for problems and this came up and per the plat map the road is supposed to be Kiwanis Drive; it was done correctly but to Mr. Roy's disadvantage and now that the portions have been vacated we are making the road name change and solving the problem. Mr. Roy gave an example of not receiving his tax bill from the County, and noted that they had been sent to the old address. Being no further comments or questions the hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m. Mr. Stone explained that the Engineer's Office will prepare a resolution for the Board to take official action.

**Commissioner Samide arrived at the meeting.*

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 0.28 ACRES FROM MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD

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

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

Mr. Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. and Frederick May introduced himself as legal counsel and agent for the petitioner Pierre Hodgins and presented the petition and was present to address any concerns. Mr. Jemison stated that both Middlefield Township and the Village of Middlefield have not voiced any objections to this annexation. Mr. May stated that per conversations with members of both of those entities they have not expressed any concerns. Mr. May stated that this is 0.28 acres located in Middlefield Township and is contiguous with the Village of Middlefield. Mr. May stated that in the area septic systems are required and currently there is an outdated system on the property, adding that the most efficient and logical way to deal with this is to annex the property to the Village so that the owner, Mr. Hodgins can tie into the sewer system of the Village. Mr. May stated that this will eliminate a health concern and contribute to clean up of the border between the Township and the Village. Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChappelle asked that Mr. Jemison swear in Mr. May, which he agreed to and was sworn in. Mr. May reviewed the requirements of the ORC Section 709.03 with regards to a Regular Annexation, the petition was presented to the Board of Commissioners which contained signatures of the owner, a correct legal description and plat map were attached, noting that both had been reviewed by the Engineer's Office. Notice was presented to both Middlefield Township and the Village of Middlefield by providing a copy of the petition, along with proof of service with the Commissioners. Legal Notice was published for this hearing in the News-Herald and a letter was received from the Engineer's Office approving the legal description and the plat. Mr.

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May stated that the Village of Middlefield provided a resolution to accept the annexation and provide services to the property under which Mr. Hodgins agreed to pay for all of the costs associated with the connection of the services and all of the Village of Middlefield's legal fees relating to the annexation. Mr. May stated that this is a small parcel of land and expressed that they are in compliance with ORC Section 709.033(a)(4) adding that the area is not unreasonably large and using the balance test in the ORC that the benefit to the territory being annexed is not outweighed by any detriment to the Village or the Township. Being no further comments or questions the hearing was closed at 10:46 a.m. It was noted that a resolution will be prepared and presented to the Board for approval.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer for the ADP department for service coverage appropriations for the remainder of 2013; and a payment to the United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$188.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-193 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 24, 2013.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Abstain*</i>

**Commissioner Jemison abstains due to his role with United Way.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 11:22 a.m. and as a result no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 10, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending September, 2013.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending September, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/24 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/24 Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Dinner meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds School Building

Tue., 10/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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Tue., 10/29 Budget Hearings, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Tue., 11/5 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 11/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 11/8 NOACA, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

*Mon. 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., 11/12 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tue., 11/12 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 11/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:22 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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