

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 23, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 23, 2012 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Jemison was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 21, 2012.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a voucher payment to the United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-150 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 23, 2012.*

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

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REVISED GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE – RECONSTRUCT CONCRETE APRON PHASE 2**

*Manager Patty Fulop explained that even though this grant paperwork had been submitted last December and had already been approved by the Commissioners in July, the FAA has raised the question on whether to include the drainage ditch improvements included in the plan if that ditch was actually a stream. Ms. Fulop stated that last year, the water in the ditch near the runway had risen to a level that might have endangered the new pavement on the runway, so the plan as originally submitted included a provision to enclose this ditch. Ms. Fulop explained that the FAA wanted a letter from the EPA expressing the official stance on the status of this ditch; since the EPA stated in a response that this ditch was not sufficiently large enough to require a permit and that it was ultimately up to the Army Corps of Engineers to come out and determine that the hundred-yard section of the ditch is more of a wetland area and is not large enough to be regulated. Final documentation from the Corps is not expected for another 15 days or so, and since the deadline for the grant is today, the Airport Authority has been requested to submit this revised grant application upon Commissioners approval with the drainage ditch improvements portion of the project removed. This allows the much needed cement work, previously approved to proceed; if the Board does not take action to approve a revised project without the drainage ditch improvement component, the entire project will be delayed until next spring. The modified grant application being considered today reflects the reduced total cost from \$270,000 down to \$246,000 and reflects the exclusion of the drainage ditch improvements portion of the project. Commissioner Claypool asked Ms. Fulop what would happen if the action were not approved today, and what the advantage was of doing it today. Ms. Fulop responded that if this action was not approved today, the project would be delayed, most likely until the spring of next year, however the advantage of approving this action would enable the amended project to proceed and quickly address the ongoing problem of particles of crumbling concrete from the deteriorating pavement surface being blown about by the MediEvac helicopter rotor wash.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised Grant Application for*

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*Federal Assistance SF-424 to Reconstruct Concrete Apron Phase 2 (FAA AIP 3-39-0054-1512) in the amount of \$246,107.00 (Federal Share \$221,496.00 and Local Match \$24,611.00).*

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

*Mr. Claypool showed the board and audience a real-time debt clock displayed on the screen of his iPad, and stated that with the national debt rapidly approaching sixteen trillion dollars, he will continue to closely question any action which involves expenditure of federal money.*

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS - ELIZABETH SLATTERY – ANCILLARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR (#1028) AND BERNADETTE GLIHA – HOME HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST – FISCAL (#1021)**

*Director Sally Bell explained that was reluctantly asking for acceptance of two retirement resignations. Ms. Slattery has been with the department for a number of years, returning to the department after a brief time at JFS; Ms. Gliha has been with the department for just a couple of years, but their departure has Ms. Bell concerned with the timing of the upcoming Medicare part D and Ms. Slattery and Ms. Gliha being trained to assist with that program. Ms. Bell explained that she wanted to go on record with the Commissioners that their departure could cause an issue. Commissioner Samide asked if it would be possible for them to consider coming back after retirement. Ms. Bell stated that she like to review her organization chart as she is not exactly sure how she would like to replace those hours. Mr. Claypool stated that he had previously commented in jest that he would like to vote no on a resignation and that if voting no would require them to stay. Mr. Claypool inquired if Ms. Gliha might consider coming back after a couple of months of retirement, to consider being a “double-dipper”; Ms. Bell stated that she didn’t have a crystal ball, but wanted to go on record expressing that she feels older Americans should have a right to seek employment following retirement if that is what they feel they need to do for their family. Mr. Claypool stated that he didn’t mean to use the term “double-dipper” as a negative but rather as a term of endearment. Ms. Bell explained that when her department did do a post-retirement re-hire a couple of years ago, it was after the position was advertised and several other people were interviewed for the position, the retiree had been selected as the best candidate to fill the position. Ms. Bell briefly discussed the agency’s program for counseling seniors regarding their annual Medicare options. They have developed such a reputation in the area that Congressional offices refer their constituents with Medicare questions to Kathy Petrella as the recognized “go-to” person in northeast Ohio. In response to Mr. Claypool’s inquiry as to other agencies that may be performing the same Medicare counseling service, Ms. Bell responded that she considered her department’s program to be the best in the area.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the retirement resignation of Elizabeth Slattery, Ancillary Program Coordinator (#1028) to be effective October 31, 2012.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the retirement resignation of Bernadette Gliha, Home Health Care Specialist-Fiscal (#1021) to be effective October 31, 2012.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RELEASE PERFORMANCE BONDS – HOME CARE SERVICES: HOMEMAKER AND PERSONAL CARE FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER**

*Ms. Bell explained that last year the home healthcare services program had been reinstated to help seniors that qualify for two hours of service. A contract was put out to handle 90 people per week, we are now at the successful conclusion of last year’s program and this is requesting to*

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*approve the release of performance bonds for the contracted providers as all specifications fulfilled as of the contract end date of July 14, 2012.*

*Mr. Claypool related a quote from comedienne Phyllis Diller who recently passed away, regarding people who have lived to 100 years or more, including George Burns and Bob Hope, stating that "Laughter is what kept people living that long."*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to release the Performance Bond for First Light Home Care for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over for the contract period of July 15, 2011 through July 14, 2012, as all specifications have been fulfilled.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to release the Performance Bond for Parkside Care Corp for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over for the contract period of July 15, 2011 through July 14, 2012, as all specifications have been fulfilled.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to release the Performance Bond for Embassy Homecare for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over for the contract period of July 15, 2011 through July 14, 2012, as all specifications have been fulfilled.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to release the Performance Bond for Qual Care, LLC d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over for the contract period of July 15, 2011 through July 14, 2012, as all specifications have been fulfilled.*

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

**OTHER – 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

*Ms. Bell reminded the board that next Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in the evening was the "60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party event at the West Geauga Senior Center, located at Orchard Hills Park on Caves Road. Ms. Bell stated that a group called the "Pop Tarts" would be performing, singing the songs of the "girl groups" from the 60s.*

*In response to a resident's question, Ms. Bell stated that the reimbursement rate for Home Care services last year was \$20/hour for assistance in bathing, running errands for those seniors that qualify, this is based on conditions that generally confine them to their homes, or if seniors have been diagnosed with dementia.*

*Ms. Bell also reminded the board that Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September will be the date of the annual meeting for the Department on Aging.*

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MORTGAGE AND PROMISSORY NOTE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INCORPORATED AND CAROLYN A. MILLER

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton explained the item for Habitat for Humanity was awarded from the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant, with a total of \$16,100.00 provided for two homes. In response to a question from Mr. Claypool, Ms. Benton explained that each of these were a 20 year mortgage, with a 4% per year declining balance, with 20% forever due.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Mortgage and Promissory Note between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Habitat for Humanity, Incorporated, and Carolyn A. Miller in connection with Geauga County Habitat for Humanity, Incorporated new construction assistance located at 14700 Northview Drive, Middlefield Township in the amount of \$8,050.00 for twenty years (240 months) at zero percent (0%) interest.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INCORPORATED

Ms. Benton explained that was asking to release the mortgage from Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Benton stated that during construction a mortgage is placed with Habitat for Humanity and once that construction is completed, a mortgage is then placed with the homeowner and we release the mortgage with Habitat for Humanity. In response to a question from Mr. Claypool regarding why it is a benefit to have federal money, Ms. Benton responded that this program enables people who had been receiving subsidized housing up until now, will now be contributing members of society. Mr. Claypool stated that he applauded the program, but added that it was his impression that Habitat for Humanity had operated for some time as strictly a non-profit without government subsidy, and questioned if adding federal contributions to subsidize the program was a good idea. Ms. Samide added that it might be helpful to have Habitat for Humanity come in and explain how the federal money had come into the program.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Geauga County Habitat for Humanity, Incorporated for property located at 14700 Northview Drive, Middlefield under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – DECREASE CONTRACT – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE FAIRMOUNT ROAD

Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this is the first and final change order for the resurfacing project on Fairmount Road that stretched from State Route 306 to Sperry Road. Mr. Cattell added that this a decrease of \$8,156.00.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final decreasing the contract with Kokosing Construction Company Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections C-E) in Russell and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$8,156.00.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTIONS – NATHON JOHNSTON AND JORDAN MCGHEE – WASTE WATER PLANT OPERATOR II (#2313)

Director Doug Bowen explained that Mr. Johnston had been hired four months ago from Orwell Village with a Class II Operators license, per union contract since he was hired to fill the Operator I position, once he completed his probationary period, the department is able to advertise for the Operator II position and promote. Mr. McGhee has been with the department for several years, having originally been hired as summer help. Mr. McGhee has worked to obtain his Operator I license and now his class two license. Mr. Claypool inquired about the figures for this on an annualized basis. Mr. Bowen stated that it is a little over \$35,000.00 per year each, and estimated to reach a total cost of \$45-\$50,000.00 each including all benefits.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the promotion of Nathan Johnston to the position of Waste Water Plant Operator II (#2313) at the Merritt Road Garage to be effective August 19, 2012 at a rate of \$17.24 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the promotion of Jordan McGhee to the position of Waste Water Plant Operator II (#2313) at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant to be effective August 19, 2012 at a rate of \$17.24 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 15, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 8/24 Ribbon Cutting & Dedication of Casa Lucia Senior Apartments, 1:00 p.m., Middlefield

Tues., 8/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/30 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair stage. NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION.**

Mon., 9/3 County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.

Tues., 9/4 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Tues., 9/4 The Commissioners will attend a Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m. District office in Warren, Ohio

Thu., 9/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

OTHER - DISCUSSION

Mr. Claypool explained that there were three items that he would like to bring up for discussion with his fellow commissioners, recognizing that these discussions needed to occur in public, either during a regular meeting or a scheduled work session. The first issue for discussion was Ohio House Bill 573, to create regionalized data centers and provide for more direct control of

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*the county I.T. function by the commissioners. Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to get his fellow commissioners' take on this issue before it goes any further, acknowledging that both Commissioner Samide and Commissioner Jemison have extensive information technology experience. Mr. Claypool also acknowledged that Auditor Frank Gliha, as administrative head of the current Automated Data Board would want to provide his input on this topic.*

*Mr. Claypool noted that another issue he would like to discuss was the creation of a proposed "no-wake" zone in a section of the Cuyahoga River within southern Geauga County, as advocated by the Geauga Park District for commissioners' action. Mr. Claypool questioned how big of a problem this was, noting that he wanted additional confirmation that the activity by jet skis and other powered watercraft in this area was frequent. Mr. Claypool's concern over whether this action was truly necessary, as a lot of work is required to hold a public hearing and other requirements in order to take the required action. Mr. Claypool expressed a concern that the creation of additional regulation over this sort of activity opened up the potential for possible law enforcement abuse.*

*The third issue Mr. Claypool wished to discuss was regarding NEOSCC (Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium). It was noted that Geauga County is situated within the twelve-county region that was established by the NEOSCC, and that Mr. Claypool feels that some citizens might mistake that the county is included with the goals and objectives of this group. Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to issue a statement or letter, if the rest of the board agrees, that even though Geauga County is listed on the NEOSCC website as being part of " a 12-county planning area comprised of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit, Stark, Trumbull and Wayne counties", the public should be aware that Geauga County does not intend to participate as a member in this initiative, nor do the commissioners agree with many of the ideas promoted by NEOSCC. Ms. Samide stated that many of the active governmental participants in this group themselves have severe financial problems, and was opposed to any sort of regionalism or collaboration plan whose intent was ultimately to "share the wealth" of well-run entities like Geauga County with others who have not been as fiscally responsible. Ms. Samide and Mr. Claypool agreed that they would decide on the possibility of further discussions on these matters when Mr. Jemison returned next week.*

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

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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