

Commissioners' Journal
August 12, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 12, 2008 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, Craig S. Albert opened the meeting at 10:13 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 7, 2008.

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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Albert</i> | <i>Abstain*</i> |

** Commissioner Albert was absent from this session.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Officer Diane Arp reported the financials as including three Revenue Certifications (Water Resources, Metzenbaum and the U.S. Marshall Grant); appropriation transfer requests include one for the Board of Elections for additional expenses due to the Presidential election, a change in ballots and poll worker expenses; and five travel requests. Commissioner Young explained that there was some discussion with the Board of Elections regarding the request for these funds. \$28,000.00 of the \$85,000.00 request was directly related to the two page ballot and the balance was related to absentee ballots and for more hours for part-time workers to meet requirements from the Secretary of State. Commissioner Young added that he spoke with the President of the Board of Elections who stated that the employees will not be used longer than needed and they will be efficient with the management of these funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-114 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 12, 2008.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$2,608.79.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LEAVE OF ABSENCE – TIMOTHY GRESSLEY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission for a two (2) Leave Without Pay leave of absence for Timothy Gressley, Maintenance Worker, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2008. The leave will not effect Mr. Gressley's probationary period.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Samide | Aye |
| | Commissioner Young | Aye |
| | Commissioner Albert | Aye |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND MOTION – MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT CCI CONTRACT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the Maintenance Department motion of July 31, 2008 for the Cable Communications Incorporated (CCI) contract to reflect the correct amount of \$8,913.32.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Samide | Aye |
| | Commissioner Young | Aye |
| | Commissioner Albert | Aye |

OTHER

Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko passed out the CERT flyer for the Board to approve the line " The CERT program was made possible by resolution of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners". It was the consensus of the Board that the line on the flyer was fine.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the update to the budget hearing schedule.

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| <u>September 9, 2008</u> | <u>October 16, 2008</u> |
| 1:00 County Home | 1:00 Engineer |
| 1:45 Building Dept | 1:45 Job and Family |
| 2:30 Dog Warden | 2:30 Community Dev |
| <u>September 16, 2008</u> | 3:15 Mental Health |
| 1:00 Dept Aging | <u>October 21, 2008</u> |
| 1:45 Water Resources | 1:00 Sheriff |
| 2:30 Maintenance | 1:45 DES |
| 3:15 Coroner | 2:30 Public Defender |
| <u>September 30, 2008</u> | 3:00 Veterans |
| 1:00 Coop Extension | <u>October 23, 2008</u> |
| 1:45 Transit | 1:00 Soil and Water |
| 2:30 Auditor | 1:45 Clerk Courts |
| 3:15 ADP | 2:30 Airport Authority |
| <u>October 2, 2008</u> | <u>October 28, 2008</u> |
| 1:00 Archives | 1:00 Muni Court |
| 1:45 Recorder | 1:45 Juvenile Court |
| 2:30 Planning | 2:30 Common Pleas |
| <u>October 9, 2008</u> | 3:30 Commissioners |
| 1:00 Metzenbaum | |
| 1:45 Treasurer | |
| 2:30 Board of Elections | |
| 3:15 Prosecutor | |

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Samide | Aye |
| | Commissioner Young | Aye |
| | Commissioner Albert | Aye |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - RECESS

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to move into recess until 11:00 a.m. for their meeting with Portage County Commissioner Chuck Keiper (JOED Chairman) and Ron DeBarr (NEOTEC CEO).

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| Roll Call Vote: | Commissioner Samide | Aye |
| | Commissioner Young | Aye |
| | Commissioner Albert | Aye |

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – MEETING REGARDING JOINT OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NEOTEC

The Board reconvened at 11:06 a.m. and met with Portage County Commissioner Chuck Keiper (Joint Office of Economic Development -JOED Chairman) and Ronald DeBarr (Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium -NEOTEC CEO). Commissioner Samide was absent from this part of session. Mr. Keiper explained that in 1996 six counties entered into a cooperative agreement which created the Northeast Ohio Joint Office of Economic Development (JOED), a public-private partnership that stressed cooperation over competition. NEOTEC was established to carry out the initiatives of the JOED. NEOTEC has a regional management structure, working with Planning and Community Development on how to do business in and/or with a foreign company and offering international trade assistance. NEOTEC is a regional organization that is becoming the new model for economic development, as certain issues are better realized as a region. Mr. DeBarr commented that NEOTEC was created twelve years ago and is a private not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation. The regional Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 181 program is ranked eighth out of two hundred seventy General Purpose Zones in the United States, in terms of general-purpose zone activity and size. A general-purpose zone is a site established to accomodate a number of companies and multiple activities, typically defined as industrial or commercial park, or public warehouse operation. Growth over the past five years has exceeded \$300 million in capital investment and the creation of over 4,000 jobs. FTZ 181 was created to keep investments and jobs (mostly manufacturing) in the United States and not move production offshore. The program removes certain costs and barriers that do not exist in foreign locations. The FTZ is a designated area that is considered to be outside the stream of international commerce. Certain types of merchandise may be admitted into the zone without being subject to Customs duties or certain excise taxes. The current annual membership fee is \$25,000.00 (plus \$5,000.00 a year for five years). Mr. DeBarr added that NEOTEC provides ongoing consulting to companies and marketing support to the county. As part of membership, NEOTEC's marketing budget for FY 2008 is \$240,000.00 of which \$60,000.00 is earmarked for part of the costs for members to participate in marketing activities and events, which would save the county money in the county budget for economic development. NEOTEC provides memberships and subscriptions such as Team Ohio and World Economic Development Alliance. NEOTEC is a host site for International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) which provides free consulting services for companies in member counties that are interested in exporting and expanding export activities. Currently Portage, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Stark and Summit and Ashtabula Counties are members of the Northeast Ohio JOED. Mr. DeBarr added that the U.S. Commercial Service's U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC) has an office within NEOTEC. If the Board of Commissioners decides to become a member of NEOTEC they would pass legislation agreeing to execute a Cooperative Agreement after which the current agreement would have to be amended at the next NEOTEC Board meeting to include another county. The county would appoint two Trustees and an alternate to sit on the NEOTEC Board. NEOTEC would then survey businesses in the county, study the value a foreign trade would have to companies in the area and set up a series of meetings with businesses in the area and the Planning Commission and Office of Economic Development. NEOTECH would review the county and township economic development plans and discuss current economic goals. Another meeting was suggested, perhaps at Kent State in Portage County sometime in September or October, to have the opportunity to meet with other county members to share their NEOTEC experience.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. The Plan Review for Chardon Township Park, Submittal #1, in Chardon Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- b. The Plan Review for Hambden Congregational Church Addition, Submittal #1, in Chardon Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- c. A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending July 2008.*

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MEETINGS

Thu., 8/14 *The Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on August 14, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed Transit fare increase.*

Mon., 8/18 *Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

Tue., 8/19 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled as the Board will be attending County Commissioners' Days in Ross County.**

Thu., 8/21 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Thu., 8/21 *The Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on August 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed issuance by the proposed issuer of Multi-Mode Variable Rate Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (Montefiore Housing Corporation Project)*

Tue., 8/26 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Tue., 8/26 *The Commissioners will hold PUBLIC HEARING #1 to discuss an increase in the Geauga County Sales and Use Tax Rate to be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.*

Thu., 8/28 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:30 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair on the Junior Fair Stage. NOTE DIFFERENT STARTING TIME AND DIFFERENT LOCATION.**

Mon., 9/1 *County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.*

Tue., 9/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 9/4 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:10 P.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk