

Commissioners' Journal
August 26, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 26, 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 10:06 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Officer Diane Arp reported the financials as including a revenue de-certification for ADP for the N3 account, one Then and Now for Water Resources; seven travel requests for various departments; and the NOACA dues for the Commissioners' Office and the County Engineer are being paid.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-118 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 26, 2008.

<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>

Commissioner Young left session at this point.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AWARD PRESENTATION

Director Tim Taylor and Assistant Director Paul Reiman of the Department of Job and Family Services / Child Support Enforcement Division conducted a presentation on "Best Performance Collections on Current Support for Federal Fiscal Year 2007" and the award received from the Ohio Office of Child Support. Mr. Taylor commented that the Child Support Division reflects a partnership and the employees take their obligations seriously and the department is fortunate in that regard. Mr. Taylor added that it may be easy to coast a little and not be assertive and aggressive but it is not the history of this group, they realize the importance to the families and year after year they improve their skills, improve collections and continue to crack the hard to crack cases. Mr. Reiman reported they have won in past years for highest collection rate for their size but this is the first time he can announce that Geauga County JFS is not only number one in their category but also number one in the entire State of Ohio. Their collection rate is 80.76% of all current support due. The credit for those numbers goes to the staff, to which Mr. Reiman introduced the following staff: Tracy Olszowy, Supervisor; Luray Siegel, Case Manager; Katherine Singer, Case Manager; Stephanie Istvanic, Case Manager; Katherine Wiles, Case Manager; Sandra Jackam, Case Manager; Sharon Fountain, Case Manager; Roxanne Keyser, Case Manager; Pat Shantz, Legal Specialist; Mary Wheeler, Legal Specialist; Colleen Farmer, Clerical Specialist. Mr. Reiman continued that for every dollar expended to collect child support they received \$14.69, which awarded them fifth place in the State of Ohio. This shows the efficiency of the staff. Mr. Reiman stated that the national average is a little over \$9.00 collected for every dollar expended for collection. This division spends 80% of their time working on 20% of their cases. The Board commended the department on their accomplishments to the division and the families in the county.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RONYAK PAVING CHANGE ORDER – BRAKEMAN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

County Engineer Administrator Ron Geller stated that there is an escalator in the standard contract that has been in effect for two years. Last year some of the estimates were bid high and there were some deducts in contracts. Mr. Geller expects the change orders to continue to be this large due to the petroleum costs. Commissioner Samide asked if they will consider going to concrete. Mr. Geller replied it is not anticipated. It does have a longer life but the problem is the maintenance and the freezes and thaws in Northeast Ohio.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final increasing the contract with Ronyak Paving Incorporated for The Asphalt Resurfacing of Brakeman Road (CH 22) Project (Contract # RS-22A-08) in Hambden Township, for a total amount of \$61,141.98.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – SERC / LEPC BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve the nomination of David Sage – Environment Representative to the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) for appointment to the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to complete the term of Kathy Durchik and Ryan Brickman, for the period ending August 15, 2009 and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for the Appointment.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – ROBERT FULTON

Director Kristina Fenselon reported this employee was on paid administrative leave pending discipline and decided to resign.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to accept the resignation of Robert Fulton, Full-time Driver, to be effective August 29, 2008.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – INTERNAL POSTING – FULL-TIME DRIVER

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to grant permission to post internally, for one week, for the position of a Full-time Driver in the Department of Transit.

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

Ms. Fenselon reported the five transit systems in the NOACA region came together to discuss a fair and equitable way to distribute the Congestive Mitigation money that comes from the State to NOACA to disburse among the region. NOACA has a pot of that money not being used. ODOT has put pressure on the MPO's (Metropolitan Planning Organizations) in the State of Ohio to give some of the money back to the State to be redistributed back to the MPO's, in a different fund, to then be re-distributed to the transit systems to be used for fuel. Geauga Transit will receive \$186,000.00 to use for fuel.

Commissioner Young returned to session.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LOAN GRANT AND CONTRACT AND LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND JULIE BELL

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement for Loan / Grant and Contract for New Construction between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Habitat for Humanity and Julie R. Bell for property located at 14707 Steeplechase Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00 under Grant #B-F-07-026-1.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the following legal documents for new construction, between the Board of Commissioners and / or Habitat for Humanity and Julie Bell for property located at 14707 Steeplechase Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00 under Grant #B-F-07-026-1: Mortgage and a Promissory Note with Geauga Habitat for Humanity, Mortgage and a Promissory Note with Julie R. Bell.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LOAN GRANT AND CONTRACT AND LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND BEVERLY CROWE AND MELISSA MARTIN

Program Coordinator Rhea Dykes reported these and the newer houses will have basements.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement for Loan / Grant and Contract for New Construction between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Habitat for Humanity and Beverly D. Crowe and Melissa D. Martin for property located at 14788 Glen Valley Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00 under Grant #B-F-07-026-1.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the following legal documents for new construction between the Board of Commissioners and / or Habitat for Humanity and Beverly D. Crowe and Melissa D. Martin for property located at 14788 Glen Valley Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00 under Grant #B-F-07-026-1: Mortgage and a Promissory Note with Geauga Habitat for Humanity, Mortgage and a Promissory Note with Beverly D. Crowe and Melissa D. Martin.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING CHANGE ORDER #1 – POUNTNEY PROPERTY

Ms. Dykes reported this is under a 100% pay back program and the original contract was for \$13,500.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Auburn Bainbridge Excavating Incorporated for additional plumbing work to tie in basement laundry tub to the septic system for Mark and Ann Pountney, located at 8685 Carmichael Drive, Chesterland, in the amount of \$200.00 under the Geauga County Revolving Loan Infrastructure Program.

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

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REVOLVING LOAN FUND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Albert commented that there is \$387,000.00 left in the fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revolving Loan Fund Economic Development Semi-Annual Report for the period January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT #7 - #AIP 3-39-0054-1006

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute reimbursement #7 for construction and project improvement cost for the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Site Preparation for a Parallel Taxiway and Airport Drainage Improvement Phase 2 (#AIP 3-39-0054-1006) in the amount of \$2,294.89 (Federal share of \$2,181.00 and a local match of \$113.89), for the period May 28, 2008 through August 8, 2008.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – CLOSEOUT REPORT AND GRANT
AMENDMENT - #AIP 3-39-0054-1006

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Project Closeout Report and Grant Amendment for Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Site Preparation for a Parallel Taxiway and Airport Drainage Improvement Phase 2 project AIP 3-39-0054-1006 in the amount of \$46,584.81 (Federal share of \$44,255.00 and a local match of \$2,329.81, to cover eligible project cost over-runs.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - REIMBURSEMENT #8 FINAL - #AIP 3-39-0054-1006

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute reimbursement #8 (final) for administrative expenses, architectural engineering, project inspection fees and construction and project improvement cost for the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Site Preparation for a Parallel Taxiway and Airport Drainage Improvement Phase 2 (#AIP 3-39-0054-1006) in the amount of \$46,584.81 (Federal share of \$44,255.00 and a local match of \$2,329.81), for the period May 28, 2008 through August 8, 2008.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT #4 - #AIP 3-39-0054-0905
& 1006

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the ODOT Department of Aviation grant reimbursement #4 for the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Site Preparation for Parallel Taxiway Phase I grant (#AIP 3-39-0054-0905 & 1006) Improve Airport Drainage; Obstruction Removal Trees in Runway 11 Approach,

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Phase II) also identified as Ohio Department of Transportation Site Preparation for Parallel Taxiway (ODOT #06-2118) in the amount of \$12,489.00 (with no local match), the final payment for taxiway site preparation.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - APPENDIX 25 FINAL ACCEPTANCE - #AIP 3-39-0054-0905 AND #AIP 3-39-0054-1006

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Appendix 25, Standard Sponsor Certification Form Construction Project Final Acceptance for Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Site Preparation for Parallel Taxiway Phase I grant (#AIP 3-39-0054-0905 & AIP 3-39-0054-1006) Improve Airport Drainage; Obstruction Removal Trees in Runway 11 Approach, Phase II) also identified as Ohio Department of Transportation Site Preparation for Parallel Taxiway (ODOT #06-2118).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-119 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for tax year 2008 (2009 collection year).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 26, 2008
Resolution: 08-119

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR TAX YEAR 2007 (2008 COLLECTION YEAR) IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. SECTIONS 5705.34, .35

The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 26th day of August, 2008 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:

Craig S. Albert, President
William S. Young
Mary E. Samide

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same hereby accepted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

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Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 m. limitation	Amount to Be Derived From Levies Outside 10 m. limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 m. Limit	Outside 10 m. Limit
Total:	7,756,959.00	22,848,242.00	2.50	9.90

SCHEDULE B
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
General Fund		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on _____not to exceed _____years.		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on _____not to exceed _____years.		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on _____not to exceed _____years.		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on _____not to exceed _____years.		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 M. LIMITATION		
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS		
Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2003 not to exceed <u>7</u> years AChildren Services@	.70	1,922,351.00
Levy authorized by voters on March 2, 2004 not to exceed <u>5</u> years AMental Health@	.70	1,512,258.00
Levy authorized by voters on March 2, 2004 not to exceed <u>5</u> years AMetzenbaum@	3.30	9,062,515.00
Levy authorized by voters on March 2, 2004 not to exceed <u>5</u> years AHealth District@	.20	432,073.00
Levy authorized by voters on May 2, 2006 not to exceed <u>5</u> years ARoad & Bridge@	2.50	3,294,122.00
Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2002 not to exceed <u>continuing</u> years AGauga County Library@	1.00	2,358,825.00
Levy authorized by voters on August 5, 2003 not to exceed <u>5</u> years AMental Health@	.50	1,368,586.00
Levy authorized by voters on November 8, 2005 not to exceed <u>5</u> years ASenior Citizens@	1.00	1,995,809.00
Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed <u> </u> years		

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FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed __ years		

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

<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>

LIQUOR LICENSE – GRAHAMS COUNTRY STORE – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with the Parkman Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by G Cox Incorporated (d.b.a. Grahams Country Store) at 16286 Main Market Road, 1st floor and basement, Parkman Township (C TRFO 2977089).

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - APPROVE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SITE IMPROVEMENT PAYMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve for payment certain site improvement expenses totaling \$14,252.80 incurred by the Geauga County Agricultural Society. The improvements are further described in Geauga County Agricultural Society Invoice # GCAS168, dated August 22, 2008. Said improvements are being paid in accordance with O.R.C. 1711.15.

<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>

Commissioner Young left session at this point.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SALES TAX PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Albert opened the public hearing at 11:30 a.m. to discuss an increase in the Geauga County Sales and Use Tax Rate by stating the hearing was properly advertised. Present in the audience was Chardon Police Chief Tim McKenna, Sheriff Dan McClelland, Chief Deputy Scot Hildenbrand, Munson Fire Chief Bernie Harchar, Commissioners' Office Fiscal Specialists Heidi Delaney and Diane Arp.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to waive reading of the advertisement for the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Albert inquired if anyone had any comments. Commissioner Young returned to session at this point. Being no comments from the audience Commissioner Albert closed the public hearing at 11:32 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Regular Audit Report for the Geauga County Airport Authority filed by the Auditor of State for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.*

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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 July 2008 pursuant to O.R.C. 325.07.

MEETINGS

- 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.*
- Tue., 8/26 *Board of Revision meeting at 1:30 p.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.**
- Thu., 8/28 **The monthly economic development meeting is CANCELLED for August.**
- 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.*
- Tue., 9/9 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 9/11 *Patriot Day Ceremony on the Geauga County Court House at 8:15 a.m.*
- Thu., 9/11 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:35 A.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk