

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 6, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 6, 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 Vice President of the Board, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Albert was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko reiterated that the minutes of February 21, 2008 will be approved March 11, 2008, out of order, due to the absence of Commissioner Albert, who was part of the quorum needed to approve those minutes.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 4, 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>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTE ROBERT LINGRO**

*Sanitary Engineer Doug Bowen stated that the previous lab technician left two years ago and Mr. Lingro has been doing the job since then. A membrane system is being used at the McFarland plant now and testing of the membrane has to be done every hour on the hour so it is important to have a lab technician on site.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the promotion of Robert Lingro to the position of Lab Technician (#2307) at the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to be effective March 10, 2008. In accordance with the union contract a wage adjustment of \$0.50 per hour is to be added to his current hourly rate of pay.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2008 SUGGESTED DONATIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

*Director Sally Bell reported that the Advisory Board voted to make the suggested donation be 100% of the actual cost of each program. The only item not included at the price increase is the meal program. It was left at \$5.75 (rather than the increased amount of \$5.95) since there was such a dramatic decrease in the use of this program. When the seniors were surveyed they commented that it was due to the cost of the meal program. Ms. Bell stated that it is only a suggested donation price but seniors believe they have to pay the suggested donation amount to get the meal. Every program has an administration and building share included in the price. Commissioner Samide inquired as to the manpower situation at the department. Ms. Bell replied that it is very tight and several people are being used as "floaters" and working where they are needed most. Ms. Bell stated she would like to schedule a work session toward the end of March.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to adopt the Department on Aging Advisory Board's recommendations for the 2008 Suggested Donations for Programs and Services through the Department on Aging to be effective March 1, 2008.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PROMOTE GLEN VERNICK- MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR**

*It was the consensus of the Board that they are very pleased to have Mr. Vernick.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the promotion of Glenn Vernick to the position of Director of the Maintenance Department to be effective April 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$55,702.40 (\$26.78 per hour). This is an unclassified position, salary grade E15, step 4 of the executive wage scale.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE SUMMER HELP AND NEW COMPENSATION RATES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise to hire summer employees (#0101) for the approximate period of May 1, 2008 (or the end of the school year) through September 30, 2008 (or at the start of school- whichever comes first) which will remain posted until all positions are filled, as follows:*

*Maintenance Department – two summer employees  
Department of Water Resources- two summer employees  
Community and Economic Development – one summer employee  
County Home – two summer employees  
Dog Warden – one summer employee*

*This motion further requests an increase in compensation to \$8.25 for the first year, \$8.50 for returning second year and \$8.75 for returning third and subsequent years.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GREG STUDEN**

*Commissioner Young will deliver the resolution.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-032 Honoring Greg Studen upon his retirement as Russell Township Trustee.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: March 6, 2008  
Resolution: 08-032*

**RESOLUTION HONORING GREG STUDEN  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS RUSSELL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen retired as Russell Township Trustee on December 31, 2008, where he served as Russell Township Trustee for eight years, serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees for six of those years; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen served as member of the Russell Township Zoning Commission for thirteen years and served as Chair of the Zoning Commission for eleven years; and*

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*WHEREAS, Greg Studen lead in the planning and overseeing of the construction of the Russell Township Fire/Rescue Station and the Russell Township Police Station; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen wrote and implemented the Russell Township Storm Water Management Program to Ohio EPA NPDES requirements and served as Russell Township's representative to the Geauga County Storm Water Task Force; and further guided Department Heads in carrying out the Best Management Practices for the management of storm water runoff to prevent pollution; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen remained faithful to and followed the land use plan set forth by the Russell Township Comprehensive Land Use Guide Plan; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen is also very involved outside of his township. He worked with legislature and the Village of South Russell to establish the site of the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market in South Russell; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg Studen serves as President of the Executive Committee for the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners congratulate and thank Greg Studen for his fair service to Russell Township and dedication to Geauga County; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.*

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

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Young inquired if the bill from the Court of Appeals is the same amount as in the past. County Administrator Dave Lair responded that it was but it may have gone up some. The bill covers five counties and Geauga's share is \$60,000.00.*

*There was a short conversation on the recent election results brought up by Glen Miller of the Maple Leaf.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a. A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 27, 2008 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b. A report filed by the County Engineer of Geauga County's 2007 Annual Report for the Geauga County Storm Water Management Program, Phase II.*

**MEETINGS**

*Sat., 3/6 HDAC meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

*Tue., 3/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 3/11 Investment Advisory Committee meeting following session.*

*Tue., 3/11 Geauga Portage Joint Juvenile Detention Center meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Portage*

*Tue., 3/11 Planning Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m., Building #8*

*Thu., 3/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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*Fri., 3/14      NOACA*

*Sat., 3/15      HDAC at 8:00 a.m. in Munson*

*Mon., 3/17      Family First Council meeting at 2:00 p.m. at JFS*

*Tue., 3/18      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/20      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Mon., 3/24      Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/25      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/27      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/27      The Commissioners will hold the monthly Economic Development work session discussion at noon.*

*Mon., 3/31      Annual Health District Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., Building #8*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:24 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*ABSENT*  
*Craig S. Albert*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*