

Commissioners' Journal
April 12, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 12, 2011 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 5, 2011.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2011.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as cash transfers into the General Fund for the Job and Family Services Building lease payment and 2nd quarter cost allocations for the Department of Water Resources; a cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2011 funding for the County Home; travel requests for the Department of Water Resources and the Department on Aging; a payment to the Portage/Gauga Juvenile Detention center for 2nd quarter 2011 expenses in the amount of \$80,528.00; and the 2nd quarter payment for 2011 to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,316.36.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-057 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 12, 2011.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BIDS – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BUTTERNUT ROAD AND KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF CLAY STREET

Engineer Michael Stone explained that this was to award the bids for the lowest and best bids on the Butternut Road and Clay Street projects. Estimated cost for Butternut was \$395,000.00 and the estimated cost for Clay was \$560,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Butternut Road (CH 21, Sections A-C) in Munson Township, in the amount of \$321,451.10, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Kokosing Construction, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street

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(CH 37, Sections C & D) in Thompson Township, in the amount of \$421,864.16, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

Commissioner Young inquired about the cost of gas prices increasing if the amounts on the project could change. Mr. Stone explained that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) had removed the escalator asphalt binder a few years ago from their specifications book and the county has followed suit on that, stating that the only time ODOT places it back in is when the project may be over a winter. Commissioner Jemison commented that there have been a few surprises on the Townships where at the end of the job or a few months later they get a change making it hard to budget. Mr. Stone added that on a project in 2008 there was an escalator in the contract that was around \$500,000.00 and that the project increased an additional \$100,000.00. Mr. Jemison stated that he felt it was a good thing that the escalator is no longer in place.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE LOAD LIMIT REDUCTION

Mr. Stone stated that Mr. Phillips feels that the frost is out of the roads and they can remove the load limit reductions.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the release of the 33% load limit reduction on all County and Township highways effective April 18, 2011.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RELEASE BID BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND – ALCATEL-LUCENT

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that they have completed the project for the microwave upgrades that were needed bringing up the technology and made the provisions necessary for the final new tower.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve releasing the Bid Bond and the Performance Bond for Alcatel-Lucent for the 800 System Microwave Upgrade Project, as all specifications have been met.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE – TRAVIS NEELY

Director Doug Bowen stated that Mr. Neely has only been with the department for a little over a year and had recently had surgery. Mr. Neely does not have enough accrued sick and vacation time to cover all the time needed to recover.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Travis Neely, Maintenance Worker for time not covered by accrued sick and vacation leave for the period of April 20, 2011 through May 6, 2011.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RELEASE CASHIERS CHECK – H & M LANDSCAPING (NORTHERN LOCATIONS) AND MONEY ORDER – NORTHCOAST LAWNSCAPES (SOUTHERN LOCATIONS)

Mr. Bowen explained that an issue with a homeowners property being damaged and needing repair has been completed and allows the release of the bonds for last years landscaping

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services at the twenty-five treatment plants in the northern and southern locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve releasing the Cashiers Check from H & M Landscaping for the 2010 Lawn Maintenance Program Project, Contract A (Northern Locations) as all specifications have been met.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve releasing the Money Order from Northcoast Lawnsapes for the 2010 Lawn Maintenance Program Project, Contract B (Southern Locations) as all specifications have been met.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 11:15 a.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending March 2011.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tues., 4/12 Records Commission meeting at 2:30 p.m. Archives and Records Center

Tues., 4/12 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street

Wed., 4/13 Geauga County Township Association Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Ledgemont Elementary School

Thu., 4/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/14 The Commissioners will attend the Ohio Recorder's Association Spring Continuing Education, 11:30 a.m. at Punderson Manor House

Mon. 4/18 Cleveland Diocese, Thirteenth Biennial Legislative Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at Parmadale Institute

Mon., 4/18 Family First Council meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Tues., 4/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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Tues., 4/19 The Commissioners will hold a Public Viewing, for the vacation of portions of un-built roadways in Kiwanis Lake Subdivision #2, Newbury Township at 1:30 p.m.

Thu., 4/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/21 The Commissioners will attend the 28th Annual Maple Syrup Hall of Fame Luncheon, 12:00 at Mary Yoder's in Middlefield

The Board moved into recess at 11:18 a.m. until the Public Viewing to be held at 1:30p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC VIEWING TO VACATE A PORTION OF WISNER ROAD (TR-84) CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Commissioner Jemison opened the Public Viewing at 1:32 p.m. at the south end of Wisner Road at the location of the portion of road to be vacated. Mr. Jemison explained that this was to take a look at the areas and that sworn testimonies will be taken at the Public Hearing that will be held on April 26 at 10:10 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office during their meeting.

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair asked that everyone in attendance please sign in. County Engineer R.L. Phillips explained the location of the points of the proposed right of way on Wisner, the location of the turn around to be put in by the Township and the property lines of the abutting owners. Discussion took place between the property owners in attendance and Mr. Phillips in regards to the starting point of the portion to be vacated, the concerns over who would handle the maintenance of the bridge and the cost of replacing the abandoned portion that had been washed out. Mr. Jemison explained that they would re-locate to the North end to view that area at 1:53 p.m. Mr. Jemison started the second portion of the viewing at 2:15 p.m. once all those in attendance gathered. Mr. Phillips then explained that this section only services one property in addition to the Holden Arboretum, that there was only one structure that the county is aware of. Mr. Phillips briefly explained where the property lines are located for Holden Arboretum in relation to the surrounding property owners. A brief discussion was held regarding the collapsing of a portion of the bank along the roadway along with the yearly stream bank maintenance. Providing no further questions for the Engineer, Mr. Jemison closed the Public Viewing at 2:25 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 2:25 P.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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