

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**November 30, 2010**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 30, 2010 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 23, 2010.*

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

*\* Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a Revenue Certification and De-certification for the Department of Job and Family Services; cash transfer out of the General Fund for the final portion of 2010 funding for the Youth Center; a cash transfer into the General Fund for payment of the JFS building lease payment for December; a contract with the Department of the Interior for the ground water level program in the amount of \$23,500.00; travel requests for the Common Pleas Court; and a payment to the City of Chardon for police prosecutor services for 2010 in the amount of \$28,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #10-218 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 30, 2010.*

<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 JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AMEND PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC)**

*Director Tim Taylor explained that he is asking the Board to consider an amendment to the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan which is a component of their assistance programs through grants. The purpose of the PRC is to provide assistance to low income working families with children in the household to help them get or maintain a job or provide emergency assistance such as rent and to perhaps help them not lose their home due to non-payment of their utility bill. The amendment is to go back to the eligibility levels that were in the plan of two years ago. The Contingency Benefits of the PRC Plan were increased when ARRA funds were allocated. This amendment takes the Contingency Benefits back to their original 150% FPL. The \$500.00 per assistance group is a reduction in benefits. Mr. Taylor added that they have added two stipulations that deal with a new program placed by the State and the utility companies, electric and gas, not fuel oil. The program PIPP Plus is Ohio's income based payment program that helps lower income households maintain gas and electric service by paying a percentage of their household income instead of their actual energy bills. PIPP Plus makes monthly payments more affordable on a year-round basis. Whenever a PIPP Plus customer pays their monthly PIPP Plus installment in full and on time, some of their old debt and the rest of that month's bill will go away in the form of credits on their utility account. Participants must make monthly payments and verify income annually. If customers miss their PIPP Plus installment they can be removed from the program, their utilities shut off and their entire account balance may become due. Customers must take agree to take advantage of any energy efficiency programs offered. This is an attempt by the legislatures and the utility companies to come up with a solution to help individuals pay their utility bills. Commissioner*

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*Samide inquired as to who pays these utility bills or if the individuals control the money. Mr. Taylor replied that JFS pays the utility directly. Commissioner Jemison commented that JFS should be making less payments with this PIPP Plus program because at least some of the utility bill is being paid by the individuals. In the old program if someone gets behind JFS doesn't even get the PIPP Plus payment and would have to pay the entire arrearage. The customer pays their PIPP Plus portion directly to the utility company. If they don't make that payment they will be kicked out of the PIPP Plus program. Mr. Taylor added that if customers come to the department for help and they have been on the PIPP Plus program and failed to make their minimum payment they will not receive any assistance. The issue is not to create an incentive or reason for those individuals to go off the PIPP Plus program. Commissioner Samide commented that this program is not creating an entitlement. Mr. Taylor stated that they want to work with those individuals that have that need but they must understand they need to make that minimum payment to stay on the program. If a client has zero income their minimum payment would be \$10.00 a month. If they have no income they must find a way to make that \$10.00 payment. The percentage of household income is relatively low. The average monthly income at 150% of poverty level for a family of four to qualify for the program would be about \$28,000.00 per year or about \$2,000.00 per month. Commissioner Jemison commented that if clients are responsible and make their minimum payments then those arrearages are gone. Commissioner Young inquired as to how the department knows that the clients have made their minimum payments. Mr. Taylor replied that they have computer access with the utilities. Commissioner Samide asked if it is on the net income or the adjusted gross. Mr. Taylor replied that he believed it was on the net. Mr. Taylor stated that they are seeing an increase in gas payments from an average of \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month to \$11,000 or \$12,000. Mr. Taylor stated that what is being paid is for heating or electric or even air conditioning. PIPP Plus program is applied to the bill which is driven by heat, air or hot water. If the customer has electric and gas they would get the same standard limit.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison amend the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan of Geauga County regarding Contingency Benefits for emergency needs including utility shut off, bulk fuel and past due rent/mortgage, upon the recommendation of the Family Services Planning Committee. Eligible families will have an income at or below 150% FPL. Amount of assistance per twelve month period is to be limited to \$500.00 per assistance group. Assistance groups who are eligible must enroll in PIPP Plus as a condition of receiving assistance under this benefit. Participants in PIPP Plus who have failed to maintain their enrollment in the PIPP Plus program are not eligible for assistance under this benefit. The Plan amendment is to be effective December 1, 2010.*

<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>

*Mr. Taylor discussed the grant that was received through GAPP One Stop to improve computer and communications equipment and teaching aids. There is some really good equipment now in their board room including built in screens. This room can be offered to the county departments for training use but GAPP One Stop Service gets priority. Mr. Taylor also mentioned that they are in the middle of their annual "Sponsor a family" event and invited the Commissioners to visit the event. The 600-700 deliveries of gifts and donations for this event will be December 20.*

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP REVISED 208 WATER QUALITY PLAN**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that the map is divided into green area (existing sewers) and purple area (may be sewer). The Parkman plan is revised to reflect the now designated existing sewer areas as it was done several years ago. The Parkman Township plan has already included a commercial zone but they have also decided to include the listed parcels to allow for cluster zoning to allow homes in that area. Mr. Bowen explained that this is a plus because there is capacity at the sewer plant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the revised Parkman Township 208 Water Quality Management Plan adding the designation of "Existing Sewers" to delineate the properties serviced by the sewer system installed in 2007 and 2008 and adding Soltis properties parcel*

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*numbers #25-105402, #25-105403, #25-105404; Sugarhill Limited property #25-019400; Sitko property #25-081000; Wright property #25-190050 and the remainder portions of properties fronting Madison Road, Main Street and High Street that were included in the "Existing Sewers" designation as shown on Exhibit A. This change was accepted by the Parkman Township Board of Trustees on October 19, 2010.*

<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 – RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS LICENSE**

*Mr. Bowen explained that this request is renewed every year which allows the department to assist or do any kind of water work, they become a licensed contractor for any properties that have fifteen connections or less or population of twenty five or less, like Post 2, so for example, the Sheriff's Office doesn't have to hire somebody to do the needed work. The department has kept this license for about twenty years so they can help anyone right away without having to go through the process again.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-219 authorizing the Department of Water Resources Director to execute any and all instruments and indemnify the Department of Water Resources pertaining to the bond posted to the Ohio Department of Health, BEH Private Water Systems for the application for a Private Water Systems Installers License to cover activities of the Department's water treatment and distribution operations.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: November 30, 2009*

*Resolution: 10-219*

**RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS, Be it hereby resolved that Doug Bowen, Director of Department of Water Resources, is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments and indemnify for Geauga County Department of Water Resources in order to obtain a bond being posted to the Ohio Department of Health, BEH Private Water Systems and that he is also authorized to use funds to pay the bond premium.*

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, in Geauga County, Ohio, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, has caused this instrument to be executed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.*

<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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL FOR COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve, accept and authorize the President of the Board to execute the proposal from Spaulding / Emig Company to perform a professional appraisal on county-owned properties located at 208 East Park Street, Chardon, in the amount of \$2,500.00.*

<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>

**LIQUOR LICENSE – J H&P INCORPORATED**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to concur with the Montville Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by J H&P Incorporated located at 16431 GAR Highway, Montville Township (C STCL 4176360).*

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<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>

*PLANNING COMMISSION – U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT - RESCIND MOTION AND AMENDED AGREEMENT*

*Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko explained that Mr. Dietrich stated that the state had forwarded an agreement with the wrong number that was executed on January 23 by the Board.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to rescind the motion of November 23, 2010 to “approve and execute a Joint Funding Agreement (#11-E4OH2472021) for Ohio Water Science Center with U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for operation and maintenance of the long-term ground-water level network (program) in Geauga County for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of \$23,500.00.”*

<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 Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a revised Joint Funding Agreement (#11-E4OH2472022) for Ohio Water Science Center with U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for operation and maintenance of the long-term ground-water level network (program) in Geauga County for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of \$23,500.00.”*

<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>

*Commissioner Young inquired as to the percentage the county paid towards this contract. Ms. Kozenko replied she would get that information from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Young stated this contract is a good idea and we should continue this contract.*

*OTHER*

*The Board reviewed upcoming events and made food selections for several upcoming events. Ms. Kozenko reviewed a few upcoming events with the Board.*

*ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS*

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 17, 2010 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- 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 October 2010 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

*MEETINGS*

*Wed., 12/1 GAPP meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Building #8.*

*Thu., 12/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 12/3 Geauga County Community Improvement Corporation “Take a Colleague to Lunch” at Welshfield Inn at noon.*

*Sat., 12/4 Fair Board Holiday Party at 6:45 p.m. at the fairgrounds.*

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- Tue., 12/7 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled as the Board will be attending CCAO Winter Conference.**
- Thu., 12/9 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 12/9 *A public hearing for the proposed rehiring of Steven Roth, as a retirant and employment to the position of Multi-Certified Inspector for the Geauga County Building Department at 10:30 a.m.*
- Thu., 12/9 *Chagrin Watershed Partners, Incorporated Board of Trustees Meeting at the Willoughby Hills Community Center at 4:00 p.m.*
- Fri., 12/10 *NOACA Governing Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NOACA Offices*
- Tue., 12/14 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 12/16 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 12/16 *Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District Board of Directors luncheon meeting in Warren at noon.*
- Thu., 12/16 *"Be a Santa to a Senior" presentation at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 12/21 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 12/23 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 12/24 **The County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, will be closed for the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**
- Tue., 12/28 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 12/30 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 12/31 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the New Year's holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:50 A.M.**

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*