

Commissioners' Journal
February 16, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 16, 2012 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2012.

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

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – OHIO HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD HISTORICAL RECORDS GRANT APPLICATION

Director Linda Burhenne stated that they were asking for permission to apply for a small grant. Ms. Burhenne explained that this is federal money that was sent to the states to be used to preserve historical records and to increase access to the public. Archivist Clair Wilson explained that she would be arranging, describing and publishing online the historical photos that have been accumulated over the years. The photos will be added to the website for the public to view them. This will increase awareness of the Archives and Records Center and let people know that these photos are available. Ms. Wilson doing the work will be the in-kind match for the grant, and the amount for the grant is \$1,138.00 for copy costs and a laptop that will be designated for the purpose of the project. Once the project has been completed the laptop will then be used to replace an older laptop currently in use. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the number of photos that will be made available. Ms. Wilson stated that it will be 5,000 photos from the 1890's to the 1950's and will ultimately be 38 GB of space. County Administrator David Lair noted that it wouldn't be a problem on the server.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Historical Records Grant Application to identify and organize historical digital images for internet publication in the amount of \$1,138.00.

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

OTHER –

A brief discussion took place regarding the recent problem with the sewage at the Archives and Records Center. Ms. Burhenne thanked the Maintenance Department for taking care of it and to Mr. Lair for helping out with the staff during the problem while she was out of the office.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand explained that this contract was for the inmate phone system, noting that every two years the county contracts with a company that provides the inmate phone system and places the equipment into the pods where the inmates use them along with providing the calling cards that are purchased at the commissary by the inmates. Chief Deputy Hildenbrand stated that the inmates can either purchase a phone card or make collect calls. This is a competitive market and this year's contract is with a new company that will give us forty percent (40%) on the calling cards and sixty-five percent (65%) on collect calls. These percentages are up from the previous contract of thirty percent (30%) on the calling cards and fifty percent (50%) on the collect calls. Chief Deputy Hildenbrand explained that the county receives this revenue and last year it was over \$15,000.00 on the collect calls. This revenue could increase as the safety center population increases. This contract also includes as

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negotiated the maintenance and equipment of the visitation phones. This new equipment will allow the conversations to be recorded. Brief discussion took place regarding the increased revenue for the county coming at an expense to the inmate or their family and it was noted that the company will absorb the increased revenue to the county, not by raising their rates. Chief Deputy Hildenbrand asked for a letter be sent to the current vendor by Mr. Lair.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a two year Combined Public Communications Inmate Telecommunications General Service Agreement and Letter of Agency to provide Inmate Telephone Services at the Geauga County Safety Center, located at 12450 Merritt Drive, Chardon.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – RESCIND MOTION – EXECUTE - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESCINDED APPOINTMENT – LISZA CHRISTINE

Mr. Lair noted that Ms. Christine seemed to be facing a number of issues and based on a copy of a letter we received it noted that she has resigned; this action is to acknowledge and accept that resignation.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation and rescind the motion from January 9, 2012 appointing Lisza Christine as County Apiary Inspector for 2012 and further approve and execute the Ohio Department of Agriculture Rescinded Appointment of 2012 Apiary Inspector form.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) 2012 WELLNESS GRANT APPLICATION

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that CEBCO feels that wellness is very important, so important that they are giving counties in their consortium grant money to be used for wellness activities. Ms. Hostutler stated that Geauga County would receive \$12,576.00 and an additional \$4,000.00 for training. The grant amounts are based on the county's number of employees. Ms. Hostutler noted that the grant application outlines the intentions of use for the grant money with a focus on Stress, Nutrition, Exercise and Diet. Although it allows for individual incentives, the primary incentive for our employees is to participate in the programs, to go see their doctor, and choose an activity to participate in: smoking cessation classes, attending the county health fair or the University Hospitals health fair and this allows the employees to get a better rate on their healthcare contribution. This incentive program started in 2010 for 2011 and will happen again in 2012 for 2013 rates. Ms. Hostutler stated that they have seen a great increase in participation in the wellness activities. Ms. Hostutler stated that the county had received a –1% decrease in the cost of health care for this year which indicates we are on the right track. Commissioner Samide stated that everywhere else it has been going up ten to fifteen percent (10-15%) so to have a 1% reduction in insurance rates is tremendous and it's because of this program and the efforts of the employees of Geauga County in reducing the issues that are chronic and by keeping them in control, adding that it makes a big difference. Ms. Hostutler added that most importantly the rate reduction was due to the Commissioners support of wellness and the importance of wellness in the county. Ms. Hostutler added that the Bureau of Worker's Compensation is also giving wellness grant money in an effort to reduce workers compensation incidents and accidents to get people back to work and keep people healthier. Everyone is thinking wellness is the key to prevention. Ms. Samide stated that you'll have a better life, a better quality of life and premiums will be lower. Mr. Jemison added that Medicare is doing the same thing. Ms. Hostutler added that OPERS is also involved as they want their retirees to keep track of their health. Ms. Hostutler stated that the national statistics on wellness were that for every \$1 you spent, you would get \$2 to \$3 back in the form of reduced premiums, now those statistics are for every \$1 you spend you can get \$5 to \$6 back as your return on investment. Ms. Samide stated that recently Steve Jones, from University Hospitals

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stated that eighty percent (80%) of premiums go to chronic and preventable diseases. Commissioner Young commented that the county has invested money into wellness in the past, now we are getting some of that investment back. Mr. Young stated that an employee may have a particular problem develop and it may take longer for a return, but because they went to the doctor, it may have saved their life. Avoiding one major claim is wonderful not only for that person, but their family and for the county. Mr. Young commented that other counties have been really impressed by what Geauga as a county has done, it is a lot of hard work, but a lot of that hard work is done by Ms. Hostutler.

Ms. Samide, citing high blood pressure as an example, said that if you lower your blood pressure by losing weight, you will also lower your cholesterol, your quality of life will improve, you will live longer, your mental health will improve and you won't have to purchase and take high blood pressure or cholesterol medication. Ms. Hostutler stated that the county is an excellent example for wellness and their activities. Prevention and preventative visits to the doctor every year, forming that relationship with your doctor makes you not afraid to go and do what your doctor recommends you to do. Ms. Hostutler added that the county was partnering with University Hospitals again this year for the health fair with free screening and they were already working to line up speakers, with a focus on stress, nutrition and weight, which are three big areas of concern. Ms. Hostutler noted that the grant money is just money given to the county from CEBCO for approved wellness programs, at no cost to the tax payers.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) 2012 Wellness Grant Application.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 8, 2012 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 inmate meals for the month ending January, 2012.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 2/17 Some of the Commissioners will participate in the Leadership Geauga Class of 2012 Government Day, 11:00 a.m. at Joey's Italian Grille

*Mon., 2/20 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tues., 2/21 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 2/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 2/27 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Mental Health Board

Tues., 2/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 3/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:21 A.M.

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Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk