

Commissioners' Journal
January 27, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 27, 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 FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a contract for Allied Infotech for reader-printer maintenance for the Records Center in the amount of \$895.00; voucher payments to Chardon Postmaster for postage for the Water Resources Department and two (2) payments to United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-009 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 27, 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>Abstain</i>

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO

Commissioner Jemison explained that this an annual agreement that the Auditor enters into with the local government section of the State Auditors office to help them prepare the annual comprehensive financial report.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Letter of Understanding with the Auditor of the State of Ohio for services to be provided by the Local Government Services Section of the Office of the Auditor of State (LGS) to Geauga County for basic financial statements and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT/REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – DEAN AND JENNIFER CARLO

Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that this was one of their down payment assistance clients that have consistently checked the market and the interest rates. Ms. Stusek stated that she believed that this was the third time they have refinanced for a lower interest rate and a shorter term. This time does not involve a shorter term just a lower interest rate. Ms. Stusek stated that they have been faithful to take care of that. Mr. Jemison stated that they looked like they would be receiving a savings of \$93.44 a month.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, N.A. as Dean and Jennifer Carlo are refinancing at a lower interest rate (from 4.75% to 3.75%) reducing their monthly payment by \$93.44 on property located at 123 Court Street, Chardon under Grant #B-C-03-026-2.

<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>

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MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – AUCTION AND GOV DEALS FOR 2010

Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp stated that the Gov Deals auction brought \$18,888.92 into the General Fund and departments outside the General Fund brought in \$50,750.50. The sale of Sheriff's vehicles brought in \$15,522.00. Two Sheriff's vehicles were transferred to Transit and the Department of Emergency Services. Transit sold two buses for \$6,200.00. The biggest selling item this year was a John Deere Tractor for the Park District that brought in \$10,225.00.

Ms. Arp stated that the County "G-Bay" auction earned \$1,034.82 for the General Fund and the departments outside the General Fund brought in \$1,469.16. A total of fifty-six (56) items were transferred between departments including office furniture, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, stacking chairs, coat racks, in ground receptacles and a trade show display case.

Ms. Arp stated that they had started a new program in October with the Paper Retriever Recycling Program. We used to have to pay \$20.00 a month for the cardboard to be picked up, this gives us a savings of \$20.00 a month, and Paper Retriever is paying us \$15.00 a ton for paper and cardboard. Director Glen Vernick stated they have 4 containers for cardboard and 2 containers for paper. Mr. Vernick stated that they used to have to pay for the paper to be picked up once a week and cardboard that was picked up once a month. Mr. Vernick explained that Paper Retriever is going to pay us \$15.00 a ton and there is about 2 tons in each container. Mr. Vernick expressed concern over keeping the retrievers somewhat low key so that it doesn't become a dump. Mr. Jemison stated that they do allow anyone to bring in and put their stuff in the containers. Mr. Vernick commented that yes, and he checks the containers about once a week, but the maintenance department people are checking the containers every day to every other day and people from around the area are using them, and they will just keep patrolling. Commissioner Young commented that Solid Waste was also very concerned about that happening and installed cameras at one time to cover the areas where people had begun to dump junk and dead animals. Mr. Jemison stated that it has also been a problem at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Vernick stated that Mr. Farrow also keeps an eye on the ones at the Sheriff's Post 2.

Mr. Jemison stated that this method has proved to be much better then the old auction that used to be held once a year. All the work that went into doing it, then the problem always remained as to where to store the items. Doing it this way gives some revenue for the items we no longer need and we also do not have to store them.

Mr. Vernick stated that one of the goals for the Auction this year was to start an inventory of items available and post it on the intranet, allowing departments that aren't able to just walk across the street to look at what was available to see it and call and let us know that they want the item, if it's still available then we can get it to them.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AMEND MOTION – DEBORD PLUMBING

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair explained that when doing the three contracts for DeBord Plumbing at the last session, only two of the three were d.b.a. Benjamin Franklin Plumbing, and they had all gone through that way; this corrects the motion.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the motion from January 25, 2011 to read "approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with DeBord Plumbing and Heating Company to perform HVAC services as needed at various locations within the department for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

<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 OF ABSENCE – MARK (TODD) SMITH

Director Doug Bowen stated that this was a new employee that had started with the department about a month ago, and currently only has 1 day of sick leave. The other day his hands went numb for unknown reasons, so after a trip to the emergency room it was discovered that he has a ruptured disc in his neck and has to have surgery to repair it. Doctors told him he had to be off approximately a week, but we are requesting two just in case something was to happen. Mr. Bowen stated that he is a great addition to the team and they are glad to have him.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Mark (Todd) Smith, Maintenance Worker for the period of time not covered by accrued sick time beginning on January 31, 2011 for an approximate period of two weeks. Probationary periods shall be extended by an equal number of days the employee spends in an unpaid status.

<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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing the discipline of a public employee.

<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 10:36 a.m. The following action was taken as a result from executive session.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with the Hearing Officer and suspend Todd Bort, Waste Water Operator II with the Department of Water Resources for a period of ten (10) days without pay. The days will be determined by the Director.

<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 HOME – HIRE PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1) KARLICIA DAWSON

Director Karen DeCola stated that this was to hire another substitute to cover for absences. Ms. DeCola explained that she has cut down so much on her staff, that is someone calls in sick, she becomes inadequately staffed, and they are required to have two people per shift. Ms. DeCola said that they changed substitutes to part-time attendants, and that she was just trying to put on an extra just in case so she is covered.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Karlicia Dawson for the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective February 1, 2011 at a rate of \$8.60 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period the rate will increase to \$9.06 per hour.

<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 – AGREEMENT - CHARDON TOMORROW - WINTERFEST

County Administrator David Lair stated that Chardon Tomorrow is having a Winterfest Event and they wanted to use the East Park street parking lot property.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chardon Tomorrow to allow the Chardon Tomorrow to use the county parking lot located at 208 East Park Street in Chardon for the purposes of a parking lot fund raiser during the Winterfest event on February 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

<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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – MAXIMUS, INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services with Maximus, Incorporated for services rendered in the development of the County's central services cost allocation plan in the amount of \$11,000.00.

<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 – WORK SESSION – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

Mr. Lair explained that Director Sally Bell had asked at her last budget hearing that she wanted to schedule time with the Board at a later date to go over their upcoming five (5) year planned budget. Ms. Bell stated that she would like to do it in a work session format to discuss things in detail. Mr. Lair stated that it would make sense to do it at their site.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to schedule a Work Session at the Department on Aging Multi-purpose Senior Center on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a five year program plan and budget.

<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 -RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT – KEVIN MALAK AND DANIEL ATCHLEY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-010 and #11-011 honoring Kevin Malak and Daniel Atchley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-010

Date: January 27, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING KEVIN MALAK
FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT
BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Malak is a member of Boy Scout Troop 193, Russell Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Malak provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Malak's Eagle Scout project consisted of recruiting and organizing the tearing down and rebuilding of the Junior Varsity Baseball Dugouts at West Geauga High School; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Kevin Malak for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-011
Date: January 27, 2011

*A RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL ATCHLEY
FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT
BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Atchley is a member of Boy Scout Troop 193, Russell Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Atchley provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Atchley's Eagle Scout project consisted of organizing and completing a kitchen garden and picket fence at the Tanner House in the Chesterland Historical Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Daniel Atchley for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OTHER

A discussion was held with a local resident in attendance, who questioned the amount of spending the county was engaged in with monies from federal sources, and asked when this will all stop. He referred to a recent snow emergency when localities could apply for outside reimbursement for extra costs of snow removal, noting that Chardon Township turned this assistance down, stating that they didn't need it.

Ms. Samide noted that the state is looking at drastic cuts to the local government fund as a means to help balance their budget, and that elimination of this funding would cost the county a million dollars, let alone the effect on local townships and other entities, like the library system.

It was also noted that local schools are continually looking for additional funding, but that this means of balancing a budget has to change, as taxpayers cannot continue to fund increases indefinitely. Class sizes used to be considerably larger, and schools may need to go back to a no-frills approach that seemed to work pretty well years ago.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 19, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Mon., 1/31 Board of Revision meeting*
- Tues., 2/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 2/1 The Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:15 a.m. for the County Engineer's proposed project of the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road in Chardon Township.*
- Thu., 2/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 2/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 2/8 The Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the Community Development 2011 CDBG Grant programs.*
- Tues., 2/8 Geauga Tourism will give a presentation and update.*
- Tues., 2/8 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street*
- Wed., 2/9 CDBG Formula Project and Application Workshop 4 – 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, Bldg. #8, 470 Center Street*
- Thu., 2/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 2/11 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 2/11 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 2001 Economic Update Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.*
- Tues., 2/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Wed., 2/16 CDBG Formula Project and Application Workshop 3 – 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, Bldg. #8, 470 Center Street*
- Thu., 2/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 2/17 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m.*
- Fri., 2/18 Leadership Geauga Government Day*
- Mon., 2/21 **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., 2/22 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Thu., 2/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Mon., 2/28 Family First Council meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:52 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk