

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 8, 2009**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.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 10:07 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 January 6, 2009.*

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

**ENGINEERS OFFICE – SNOW PLOWING AGREEMENT – CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a snow plowing agreement for the 2008-2009 winter season between the Chester Township Trustees, the Geauga County Engineer and the Geauga County Commissioners.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AMEND MOTION – JIM IAMS - CONTINGENCY DATE – OPERATOR II LICENSE**

*Director Gus Saikaly reported that Mr. Iams had to have surgery so he was unavailable to take the test.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the motion of September 23, 2008 to approve the promotion of Jim Iams to the position of Water / Wastewater Plant Operator II (#2313) at the Merritt Road Garage, to be effective September 21, 2008, at the hourly rate of \$18.14, with the contingency that Mr. Iams receives his Operator II License in November 2008”, by modifying the contingency date for Operator II License to July 2009 as Mr. Iams was unable to take the test when it was offered due to circumstances beyond his control.*

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

**ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – CATLAIN KATON**

*Director Linda Burhenne reported this was a done deal before she came to the department. There is another resignation that will be coming next week.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Catlain Katon from the position of Records Retrieval Assistant to be effective November 18, 2008.*

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

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ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER – APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION

*Ms. Burhenne reported that this job description was redone and needed to be adjusted since Archives has come under the authority of the Board.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the job description for Records Retrieval Clerk (#2609).*

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

ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER – APPROVE INTERNAL POSTING – PT RECORDS RETRIEVAL CLERK

*Ms. Burhenne reported things are going very well at Archives and she will have a couple hundred boxes ready to shred by the end of the month and everyone is working together.*

<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

*Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp reported the financials as including supplemental and appropriation transfers for adjusting appropriations as needed; cash transfers include the life, health and dental for January 2009; and the majority of the vouchers are carry over payments from 2008.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute resolution 09-003 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 8, 2009.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DISTRIBUTE BALANCE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND TO WOMENSAFE

*The motion was adjusted to remove the word “instruct” and insert request.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to request the County Auditor to distribute the balance in the Domestic Violence Fund (01-WW) to WomenSafe, the local agency designated by the Commissioners to receive such monies. This allocation is to be paid pursuant to Section 311.22 of the O.R.C. for the 2008 Year, in the amount of \$15,993.70.*

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – ARDZ LIMITED LLC

*Commissioner Jemison inquired if the township is aware of this action. Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko informed the commissioner that part of the process is that she contacts the townships and requests the action taken by the township on the same liquor license. The Board takes into consideration the action taken by the township.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to concur with the Auburn Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Ardz Limited LLC (d.b.a. Auburn Inn) located 17755 Ravenna Road, Auburn Township (C TRFO 0259622).*

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

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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jemison inquired if this amount is the same. Ms. Kozenko reported speaking with Ms. Sweet who stated that she did not even expect the \$40,000.00 and her total salary is \$80,000.00 (which includes benefits). Commissioner Jemison inquired if they had to budget the entire \$80,000.00. Mr. Lair added that the Prosecutor's Office requested additional appropriations to reach this total but the addition has not yet been appropriated.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the Vice President to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Subgrant Agreement for Prosecutor's Criminal Justice Investigator, Karen Sweet for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$53,333.33 (\$40,000.00 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and \$13,333.33 from the General Fund) subgrant #2006-JG-D01-6468A.

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

OTHER

Ms. Kozenko read the thank-you letter from County Treasurer Chris Hitchcock thanking the Board for the new larger flag flying at the courthouse.

Ms. Kozenko informed the Board of the Board of Revision meeting notice for Monday, January 12 to which the new President of the Board will attend.

Mr. Saikaly reported on the two generators sold on the county auction site that netted them \$12,300.00. They were very pleased. Ms. Kozenko added that Christy Blair, who is now responsible for the auction, was very excited about the sale as well.

The Board reviewed and discussed appointments to the Boards and Committees for 2009. There was a brief discussion on the resolution for delinquent tax collector for personal property tax. Ms. Kozenko will contact the Prosecutor's Office on this item.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 24, 2008 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

MEETINGS

Fri., 1/9 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Mon., 1/12 The Commissioners will hold the Re-organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

**Tue., 1/13 The Commissioners regular session is cancelled.**

Wed., 1/14 The Commissioners will attend the Township Association Dinner Meeting at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club at 6:30 p.m.

Thu., 1/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

**Mon., 1/19 The County offices will be closed for general business in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

**Tue., 1/20 The Commissioners regular session is cancelled.**

Thu., 1/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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*Thu., 1/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*