

Commissioners' Journal
November 4, 2010

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 4, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 28, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a Revenue Certification for Mental Health Operating Fund and a Revenue De-Certification for the Mental Health Construction Fund; an appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for additional appropriations for the prepayment of postage for the Treasurer's Office's 2010 tax bills; cash transfers out of the General Fund for medical, dental and life insurance for November 2010, a portion of 2010 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development and the County Home; a cash transfer into the General Fund for payment of the second half cost allocations for the Department of Job and Family Services; travel requests for Juvenile/Probate Court, County Engineer's Office and the Dog Warden; a contract for Sabre Communications Corporation for the Troy and Chagrin tower construction in the amount of \$708,836.00; and a payment to Trapeze Software Group for the software upgrade project for the Transit Department in the amount of \$129,416.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 10-203 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 4, 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>

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER – AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final decreasing the contract with Kokosing Construction for The Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections N&O) in Munson Township, Contract #RS-4NO-10) in the amount of \$8,538.76.

<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>

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CYPRESS POND SUBDIVISION – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to release the maintenance guaranty for Cypress Pond Subdivision in Russell Township in the amount of \$40,000.00 plus interest being held by the Board at Fifth Third Bank.

<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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to release the paving guaranty for Cypress Pond Subdivision in Russell Township in the amount of \$50,000.00 plus interest being held by the Board at Fifth Third Bank.

<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 accept Cypress Pond Lane (TR- 1063) for total maintenance by Russell Township.

<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 – DELINQUENT SEWER AND WATER USER, TAP IN INSTALLMENT FEES

Director Doug Bowen reviewed with the Board the new report they were able to create because of the new New World program and software and added that New World has been very helpful. This report allows the department to dig a little deeper to see who, how long and perhaps why some of these bills are not being paid. There is about 6% of the certified funds that currently is actually not being returned to the department after it is collected from the tax duplicate. The department has a call into the Treasurer's Office to find out why it is not all collected or paid back to the Department of Water Resources. Mr. Bowen suggested that perhaps it is due to house foreclosures or the house was torn down and no taxes were collected. The report shows such items as the last time a user paid their bill and how many customers have not paid their bills by certain increments of years. Mr. Bowen stated that a lot of the delinquent accounts prefer to have their bill rolled onto their taxes because they believe they can write it off on their taxes. If they don't pay their bill they get charged a 12% penalty fee.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the attached list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$500,563.08 (\$446,931.94 arrearage and \$53,631.14 penalty).

<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>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – HIRE PART-TIME DISPATCHER – NANCY MERKER

Director Kristina Reider stated that they received thirty seven applicants and this applicant can start immediately.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Nancy E. Merker for the position of part-time Dispatcher (#2212-1) to be effective November 8, 2010 at a rate of \$11.69 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period, the rate will increase to \$12.31 per hour. This request will close the job posting.

<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>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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

<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>

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The Board returned from executive session at 10:26 a.m. The following action was taken as a result of this executive session:

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of a waiver to the right to a disciplinary hearing by Sharyn Measor and to further accept the recommendation of the Transit Department Director to suspend Sharyn Measor, Full-time Dispatcher, in the Department of Transit, without pay for 24 hours for violation of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. The time off is to be scheduled by the Director.

<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 move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee.

<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>

The Board returned from executive session at 10:29 a.m. The following action was taken as a result of this executive session:

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to terminate Mr. Mark Nerone, Part-time Driver, effective immediately for probationary failure.

<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 – PUBLIC HEARING ON TVERGYAK ROCK AND TREE RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS

Commissioner Samide opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. in accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5547.03 and 5547.04 on the issue of rock and tree obstructions located in the Right-of-Way of Brakeman Road property of Daniel Tvergyak.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to waive reading of the advertisement for the public hearing.

<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>

The Board reviewed the pictures provided by the Prosecutor's Office (Exhibit A). Those present were County Engineer R.L. Phillips and Bridey Matheney, APA. Commissioner Samide asked if Mr. Tvergyak would be present to which Ms. Matheney reported that he phoned and said he would not attend. Mr. Phillips explained that it is evident in the pictures that the trees and rocks are in the right-of-way and added that the phone call this morning indicated that Mr. Tvergyak is prepared to move the trees and the large rocks. Mr. Phillips said that that the little rocks are okay as long as they are below the pavement so the water drains off. There are four big rocks and four trees that need to be removed. They must be removed in five days. Mr. Phillips requested the Board still take action just in case something happens and Mr. Tvergyak changes his mind (per today's phone conversation). Mr. Phillips added that he doesn't mind the mulch and doesn't care about the bushes on this property. Commissioner Samide stated that the Engineer's Office is being consistent with the policy. Mr. Phillips stated that Mr. Tvergyak was concerned with other properties on the road with the same hazards and reported that he replied they will be diligent and track them down. Commissioner Samide asked if most people actually know that the right-of-way is thirty feet. Mr. Phillips said they may not realize it but it is thirty feet and they should stay behind that point when landscaping. Commissioner Samide closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. being no further comments from the public or the Board.

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant the Geauga County Engineer's request, pursuant to Sections 5547.03 and 5547.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) directing Daniel Tvergyak to remove the rock and tree obstructions located at 4690 Brakeman Road, Chardon from the Brakeman Road right-of-way within five (5) days (or by November 10, 2010) and, if such rock and tree obstructions are not removed from Brakeman Road right-of-way within five (5) days (or by November 10, 2010), the Geauga County Engineer shall remove the rock and tree obstructions from the Brakeman Road right-of-way located at 4690 Brakeman Road and charge all costs incurred in such removal to Daniel Tvergyak's property taxes.

<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>

EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTIONS – RYAN DICKINSON, JAMES SANKOVICH, DANIEL DRISCOLL AND JONATHAN VAN WAGONER

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to 1. approve and execute the following Eagle Scout resolutions: Resolution #10-205 Honoring Eagle Scout Ryan Dickinson, Resolution #10-206 Honoring Eagle Scout James Sankovich, Resolution #10-207 Honoring Eagle Scout Daniel Driscoll and Resolution #10-208 Honoring Eagle Scout Jonathan Van Wagoner.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: November 4, 2010
Resolution: 10-205

**A RESOLUTION HONORING RYAN DICKINSON
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, Ryan Dickinson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Ryan Dickinson 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.

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*A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES SANKOVICH
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, James Sankovich is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91, Munson Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes James Sankovich 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.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*A RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL J. DRISCOLL
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 J. Driscoll is a member of Boy Scout Troop 150, Federated Church in Chagrin Falls, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Daniel J. Driscoll 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.

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING JONATHAN R. VAN WAGONER
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, Jonathan R. Van Wagoner is a member of Boy Scout Troop 150, Federated Church in Chagrin Falls, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan R. Van Wagoner provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Jonathan R. Van Wagoner 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 Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – NANCY SZORADY

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept the resignation of Nance (Nancy) Szorady, Full-time Licensed Practical Nurse (#1502), to be effective November 12, 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>

COUNTY HOME – ADVERTISE PART-TIME LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Director Karen DeCola stated she changed the request from full-time (35 hours) to a part-time position (30 hours).

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission advertise for the position of a Part-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for 30 hours per week, until the position is filled.

<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 – APPOINT MARNA DRUM – NEOCAP BOARD

Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko reported that both Trumbull and Ashtabula County have already appointed Marna Drum by resolution and are recommending that Portage, Lake and Geauga do the same.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-210 appointing Marna Drum to the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) Facility Governing Board (FGB), for a three year term to expire November 9, 2013.

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARNA DRUM TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) was established by the Common Pleas Judges of Portage, Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula and Trumbull counties in 1997 and serves as the Community Based Corrections Facility (CBCF); and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.51(E) provides that the CBCF be governed by a Facility Governing Board to which the judicial advisory board of the CBCF shall appoint two-thirds of the members and the boards of county commissioners of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint the remaining one-third of the members; and

WHEREAS, it is within the discretion of and has been mutually determined by the CBCF's member counties that the Facility Governing Board should be comprised of nine members which requires that boards of county commissions of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint three of the members; and

WHEREAS, while the initial appointment for this seat was for one year, the law requires that appointments and reappointments are now three year terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, in agreement with all members of the CBCF, appoints Marna Drum to serve on the Facility Governing Board for a three year term to expire November 9, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to County Commissioners of Ashtabula, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties and 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 Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT MELODY OBERY – GAPP AREA 19 WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD**

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Melody Obery to serve as representative for Geauga County on the Geauga, Ashtabula, Portage Partnership (GAPP) Area 19 Workforce Investment Board for the term of one year.

<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 – ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNEXATION REQUEST

Ms. Kozenko explained to the Board that the original letter was received in the Commissioners' Office and after she reviewed it and the O.R.C. she found several items that were incorrect or were omitted in order for the Board to accept this as a petition for annexation. Ms. Kozenko then spoke with Laura LaChapelle, APA who reviewed it and found the same errors and decided it should be corrected. Ms. LaChapelle spoke with the Diocese of Cleveland who then asked not to hold the process up and stated that they would send another corrected petition. Ms. Kozenko stated that that is what the second motion is for and the third motion is to rescind the first attempt (the letter) and to set a public hearing per the O.R.C. Commissioner Young stated he spoke with Ms. LaChapelle and they believe that no one is fighting this and he wants to make sure the township is okay with this petition. Commissioner Jemison added that he believes this will be an expedited petition.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated October 25, 2010 and received in the Commissioners' Office on October 27, 2010, from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland relating to

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the annexation for St. Lucy Church Parcel to the Village of Middlefield (Permanent Parcel No. 18-702100) located at 16280 Kinsman Road, Middlefield Township, and cause the letter to be entered upon the journal of the Board.

<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 acknowledge receipt of a Petition for Annexation St. Lucy Catholic Church Parcel to the Village of Middlefield dated November 2, 2010 and received in the Commissioners' Office on November 3, 2010, requesting the annexation of the St. Lucy Catholic Church parcel (Permanent Parcel No. 18-702100) located at 16280 Kinsman Road, Middlefield Township to the Village of Middlefield and formally requesting the Board to rescind the original annexation letter dated October 25, 2010, and cause the Petition for Annexation filed by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to be entered upon the journal of the Board.

<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 rescind the Catholic Diocese's letter of October 25, 2010, and, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 709.03 (A), schedule the Public Hearing on the Petition for Annexation of the St. Lucy Catholic Church Parcel (Permanent Parcel No. 18-702100) located at 16280 Kinsman Road, Middlefield Township to the Village of Middlefield, to be held on Thursday, January 13, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Chambers located at 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, and to further notify the agent for the petitioner of said Public Hearing date, time and location.

<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>

CANCEL SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to cancel session for December 7, 2010, as the Board will be attending CCAO Winter Conference.

<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>

DISCUSSION WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY GEAUGA BRANCH DEAN

Present for this discussion included Kent State Geauga Branch Dean David Mohan, Shelley Marshall, Assistant to the Dean and Carol Gardner. Mr. Mohan explained that they are before the Board with a very preliminary discussion about reaching out to the community of Chardon to possibly having a location that would work for as many people as possible. The intent is not to build a campus or to replicate what Kent State has in Twinsburg. Dean Mohan stated that they would like to provide a service to reach as many individuals as possible, such as high school students, county workers, a full time worker to maybe take classes at noon if strategically located in Chardon. This is an attempt to reach out to the city, township and the residents of Chardon and county employees to provide an entry level experience. They could start with certificates and work towards a degree. Commissioner Samide stated that she had a preliminary discussion with Mayor Phil King who seemed very favorable with the idea and suggested a location could be found. Dean Mohan replied that Mr. Rich Frenchie is setting up a meeting to meet with the Mayor. Dean Mohan explained how the Twinsburg Branch started by offering classes to the United Auto Workers in 1990 and in 1996 they were offered the old school and now they are building a new building. Dean Mohan continued stating that a very favorable lease is what enabled Kent State to move in Twinsburg. The lease was made for \$1.00 per square foot by the mayor who could see the value of having the university. The lease has continued still today at the same price. There are now almost 900 students. Dean Mohan stated that "you start small

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and cooperate”, both of which are needed here. They need a site that will enable Kent State to financially get a foothold and get started. Dean Mohan wanted to touch base with the Board of Commissioners on what they are trying to do. Dean Mohan explained they want to start small and that this is not work force, it will be credit programming. Commissioner Young suggested that the Dean meet with Mayor King as soon as possible as they have the control in their municipality. Commissioner Jemison stated that this was worth further exploration and it is good that Kent State is reaching out to other communities. Ms. Marshall stated that they believe in providing additional access and offering multiple completion paths to students wherever they are in seeking a degree. Ms. Marshall added that having a presence in Chardon will also open the doors to those who couldn't come to the Geauga Campus or who could take a class face to face or take something on line. Dean Mohan stated that they would need a room that would accommodate about twenty four people. They are looking for a cooperative entity. Commissioner Young added that parking would be an issue if Building #8, as mentioned previously, were to be used. Dean Mohan added that they also met with the Chamber who is supportive. Dean Mohan added that they would like to be in Chardon by Fall Semester. Dean Mohan added that if they find the right location at the right price and cooperation they could move in real fast.

OTHER

Ms. Kozenko asked if the Board was interested in being part of the CCAOSC Request for Electric Proposal for First Energy Electric areas, per the email from Amanda Jones from CCAO. The Board declined as they are part of NOPEC.

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 27, 2010 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

MEETINGS

Thu., 11/4 A Public Hearing in accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5547.03 and 5547.04 on the issue of rock and tree obstructions located in the Right-of-Way of Brakeman Road property of Daniel Tvergyak to be held at 10:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in honor of Veterans Day.***

Tue., 11/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 11/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 11/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 11/23 The Commissioners will attend the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Chambers.

*Thu., 11/25 **County offices will be closed for general business for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Fri., 11/26 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business.***

Tue., 11/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:24 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk