

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**February 5, 2009**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 5, 2009 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, 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 February 3, 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>

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – CREDIT CARD USE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the use of credit cards for the 2009 year (per month) for Judge Forrest Burt, Judge David Fuhry and Joanne Monaco for a Visa credit card, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per person.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form (ORC 301.27) for the Common Pleas Court for Judge Forrest Burt, Judge David Fuhry and Joanne Monaco.*

<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>

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the Accounting Forms Authorization Form authorizing the listed individuals to sign their name and or the Elected Official's name or Department Head's name on the Department Head line on all accounting forms for the Common Pleas Court for Judge Forrest Burt, Judge David Fuhry and Joanne Monaco.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S – RECONSTRUCT PIONEER ROAD BRIDGE – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

*Planning Engineer Mike Stone explained that this project is for \$200,000.00 and one of few projects that does not have federal funding. The bridge is located to the west of Caves Road. They are proposing to put in a four sided box culvert. Mr. Stone reported that he and County Engineer R. L. Phillips will present the Board with the program for the federal stimulus bill.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-015 to Reconstruct the Pioneer Road Bridge (Structure 116-2.93) over Phelps Creek in Huntsburg Township.*

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Roll Call Vote:           Commissioner Jemison           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Samide           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Young           Aye

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT

Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko stated that this is a standard report that is done twice a year.

Motion:           by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the period of July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, for the recaptured HOME and CDBG funds.

Roll Call Vote:           Commissioner Jemison           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Samide           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Young           Aye

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SEASONAL HELP - STACIA GILBERT

Motion:           by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the hiring of Stacia Gilbert as Seasonal Help (#0101) in the County Home for the period February 8, 2009 through April 30, 2009 at the rate of \$8.25 (first year rate) per hour.

Roll Call Vote:           Commissioner Jemison           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Samide           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Young           Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – INTERNAL POSTING – WASTE WATER PLANT OPERATOR II

Director Gus Saikaly explained that this hiring is not adding a position to the workforce they are moving an employee who earned his Class II license into this slot. In time they hope he earns the Class III license which is needed at the McFarland Creek Plant.

Motion:           by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the internal posting, in accordance with union contract provisions, to fill a Waste Water Plant Operator II position (#2313) for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. This position will be advertised with a starting salary of \$16.42 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.

Roll Call Vote:           Commissioner Jemison           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Samide           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Young           Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE MAINTENANCE WORKER – WATER / WASTEWATER SYSTEMS #2330 – TRAVIS NEELY

Mr. Saikaly reported this is to replace a recently vacated position.

Motion:           by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the hiring of Travis Neely for the position of Maintenance Worker – Water / Wastewater Systems (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage, to be effective February 9, 2009, at the rate of \$13.97 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.

Roll Call Vote:           Commissioner Jemison           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Samide           Aye  
                                  Commissioner Young           Aye

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – SUGGESTED DONATION FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Director Sally Bell discussed the packet presented to the Board including the Breakout by People Participated per Project of Service, Information and Referral Totals by service provided and the 2008 program budget. Of the estimated 20,000 seniors in the county, those that actually used the services is the number that they mail the newsletter to (keeping in mind many are couples) and that it is close to 10,000 to 12,000 seniors, for unduplicated services. Ms. Bell reported that the last time they did the means testing for Chore and Farm Market Program it showed a

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decrease in the number of people who would contribute to those programs and the department is still seeing the effects of the testing. It also cost more money when they had to verify income and therefore cost more overall to administer. Ms. Bell reported on the 2008 Program Budget showing the total cost, how many units, cost per unit, donations received and the increase or decrease from the previous year. Ms. Bell reported that the department lowered the overall cost per unit of service by 2.34% and increased their carryover because of donations. Commissioner Jemison responded that that was very good and he is pleased. Commissioner Jemison commented that he appreciated the chart showing that 20% donation of the cost for Home Visits Program was received, 17% donation of the cost was received for Meals Program, and 15% donation of the cost for Alzheimer/Day Care was received. The Suggested Donations for Programs and Services chart is as follows:

Adult Day Care	\$35.00 per day
Appointment/Information & Referral/HEAP	\$5.00
Chore/Home Maintenance	\$25.00
Congregate Meals	\$5.50
Counseling	\$30.00
Educations/Socialization	\$30.00
Escort (per out of county trip)	\$3.71 per mile or \$115.00 per trip
Friendly Visit/ Telephone Reassurance	\$19.00
Health Services	\$125.00 per service
Home Delivered Meals	\$5.50 per meal
Legal Services	\$190.00 per hour
Newsletter	\$20.00 per year
Supportive Services	\$50.00 per session
Transportation	3.71 per mile or \$30.00 per trip
Volunteer Placement	\$58.00

Ms. Bell discussed the goal for the department for 2008. The following goals were accomplished for 2008: Staffing-248 hours of training, Partnerships increased by 10%, Keep the Aging Board informed of programs and services, involve Aging Board in programs and services, stay on budget and increased carryover by 6%, increase donations by 5% over 2007, increase clients by 32% and programs by 28%, mass out reach 270% (due to the calendar including the annual report). Goals not accomplished included getting all staff on board with computers and linking all staff within the network. Commissioner Samide told Ms. Bell she did a good job.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the recommendations of the Geauga County Department on Aging's Advisory Board 2009 Suggested Donations for Programs and Services at the Department on Aging, to be effective March 1, 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 – OIL AND GAS AGREEMENT – FAIRGROUNDS – BURTON TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute an Oil and Gas Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners' and Cutter Exploration Incorporated to permit exploration for natural gas and/or oil on county owned property, Parcel #04-702100, Fairgrounds in Burton Township.

<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>

OTHER

The Board reviewed their calendars.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 28, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

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MEETINGS

- Fri., 2/6      The Commissioners will attend the CCAO Regional Legislative Briefing at The Rusty Nail in Kent at 11:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 2/10     The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 2/10     Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.*
- Thu., 2/12     The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 2/13      NOACA*
- Mon., 2/16     The County Offices will be closed in honor of the Presidents Day Holiday.***
- Tues., 2/17     The Commissioners' regular session is cancelled.***
- Thu., 2/19     The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 2/19     The Commissioners will hold Public Hearing #1 regarding the updates to the Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction with regards to building in areas of special flood hazard of the Floodplain Management Regulations at 10:30 a.m. and February 26, 2009*
- Thu., 2/19     Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Incorporated Board of Directors Quarterly meeting at 4:00 p.m.*
- 2/22 thru 2/24   Some of the Commissioners will be attending CCAO Commissioners Training.*
- Tue., 2/24      **The Commissioners' regular session is cancelled.***
- Tue., 2/26      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 2/19      The Commissioners will hold Public Hearing #2 regarding the updates to the Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction with regards to building in areas of special flood hazard of the Floodplain Management Regulations at 10:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 2/26      Public Viewing on the petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING 10:55 A.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*