

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**November 29, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 29, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 27, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Abstain*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*\*Commissioner Jemison was absent from this meeting.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations for the Sheriff's Violence Against Women Fund and the Clerk of Courts Title Fund in order to process payroll and for the Auditor's General Bond Retirement fund for Water Resources debt payments; a Contract increase for Chardon Oil in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Department of Job and Family Services in order to process HEAP payments.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-197 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 29, 2012.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TWO (2) SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – MELINDA NEMETH**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) client was taking advantage of the low interest rates and therefore paying off the county as part of their refinancing process.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute two (2) Satisfactions of Mortgage for Melinda Nemeth under the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Grant #B-C-05-026-1 in the amount of \$9,100.00 and CHIP Grant #B-C-05-026-2 in the amount of \$10,430.00 as both mortgages have been satisfied.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMENT – KEVIN J. RAY AND TRISHA B. RAY – BASS LAKE ROAD (SECTION D) PROJECT**

*Engineer Mike Stone explained that this project was complete, that the easement for this property had been in place, but had been in foreclosure. Mr. Stone explained that since the property had been sold and there are new owners, this easement is with them and was needed for reconstruction work along a section of Bass Lake Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Kevin J. Ray and Trisha B. Ray (Parcel #21-176686) for the*

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*Bass Lake Road (Section D) project in Munson Township in the amount of \$125.00.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS –  
REPLACEMENT OF GUARDRAIL ALONG VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS – SET PUBLIC  
HEARING**

*Mr. Stone explained that this was to request a hearing for this federal aid project to allow the public to provide input. Commissioner Claypool stated that in a prior discussion with Mr. Stone he had gained understanding about the safety rationale. Mr. Stone stated that there is an environmental justice component which has to be recognized, per the terms of the grant. Mr. Claypool stated that “environmental justice” should have zero to do with this project, and questioned Mr. Stone on whether he knew the definition. Commissioner Jemison stated that he didn’t feel that Mr. Stone had to be interrogated as to his specific knowledge of what the term environmental justice meant, to which Mr. Claypool replied that as a citizen we should be all concerned about illogical decision processes that are wasting taxpayer dollars, and that environmental justice should have nothing to do with a guardrail replacement for safety purposes. Mr. Claypool stated that he is only in this position for a short period of time, but will in the future still be attending the meetings with others and continuing to question issues. Mr. Claypool continued, stating that he feels that too many times public hearings are a sham, and he would like this meeting to not be a sham and would like to think the commissioners would take public input received in the public hearing into consideration. Mr. Jemison asked Mr. Claypool whether he thought that the commissioners should make a decision based solely on the comments of people in the room for the hearing. Mr. Claypool responded that it is our responsibility to understand what it is we’re applying for, that the country has a 16 trillion dollar debt and is spending \$500,000.00 on new guardrails, which are supposedly going to save lives. Mr. Jemison responded that the board has had this discussion before and reviewed the evolution of guardrail design over the years.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of plans for the Replacement of Guardrail along Various County Roads per Resolution #11-142 approved on September 13, 2011. This will set a Public Hearing to review the plans and specifications as submitted to be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on December 6, 2012, December 13, 2012 and on the county website.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – MATTHEW  
CHARLTON – MAINTENANCE WORKER #2330**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that Mr. Charlton was leaving for \$5.00 per hour more with a community association. Mr. Bowen noted that they were asking to increase the posting for Maintenance Worker in order to replace this resignation.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept the resignation of Matthew Charlton, Maintenance Worker #2330 to be effective December 4, 2012.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AMEND MOTION – INCREASE POSTING –  
MAINTENANCE WORKER #2330**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to amend the motion from November 27, 2012 to read: grant permission to advertise for three (3) Maintenance Worker (#2330) positions at the Merritt Road Garage Facility.*

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*These positions will remain posted until filled. This increases the posting from two to three positions.*

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

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE – NEW WORLD SYSTEMS ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

*Mr. Jemison explained that this module will make it much easier than the current Crystal Reports for end-users to get their own reports. Mr. Claypool questioned the need and cost of this expenditure, and expressed a concern that there was no project plan for this implementation, that he had been told by the Auditor's office that there was no plan. Mr. Claypool felt to approve expenditures like this without a plan, was to shoot from the hip and that businesses that act without a plan don't manage their applications. Mr. Jemison stated that this application was intended to be used to improve productivity and save money. Mr. Claypool stated that in his experience a lot of organizations have said that there would be a savings for expenditures like these, but in the end there was no savings. Mr. Jemison stated that we have to look at the track record of technology in Geauga County Government over the past 20 years and ask where the horror stories are. Mr. Claypool responded that most companies require a business case to spend money to show a return on investment. Commissioner Samide explained that it appeared to her that this package was necessary because the structure of New World appears to be proprietary which limited the ability for end users to write reports without assistance from a module such as this. Mr. Claypool stated that he would be voting no on this item, because he has not seen the business justification for the expenditure.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the New World Systems Additional Software License Agreement to add two licenses for Business Analytics Modules for HR (Payroll) and FM (Finance Management) in the amount of \$23,000.00.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Claypool	No
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SET PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS**

*In response to a question by Commissioner Samide, Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair explained that the amount of the County Commissioners' bonds was set by the Probate Judge.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code set the following Public Official Bonds:*

Auditor	(ORC 319.02)	\$10,000.00
Clerk of Court, Common Pleas	(ORC 2303.02)	\$20,000.00
Coroner	(ORC 313.03)	\$5,000.00
Engineer	(ORC 315.03)	\$10,000.00
Recorder	(ORC 317.02)	\$10,000.00
Sheriff	(ORC 311.02)	\$5,000.00
Treasurer	(ORC 321.02)	\$100,000.00

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 14, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of October 2012, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

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**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 11/29 Budget Hearing, Public Defender beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

*Tues., 12/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 12/4 Joint Juvenile Detention Center Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Portage County*

*Thu., 12/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 12/6 The Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:30 a.m. regarding the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for South Franklin Circle*

*Thu., 12/6 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees meeting, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Willoughby Hills Community Center*

*Fri., 12/7 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. at Welshfield Inn*

*12/9 – 12/11 The Commissioners will attend the CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio*

*Tues., 12/11 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Tues., 12/11 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Thu., 12/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session*

*Thu., 12/13 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 p.m. at Alberini's Restaurant*

*Fri., 12/14 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m. in Cleveland, Ohio*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:53 A.M.**

*Gauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*