

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 8, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 8, 2008 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, Craig S. Albert opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 1, 2008.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Officer Heidi Delaney reported the financials as including an appropriation transfer to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Department for pay-ins made into the General Fund; a purchase order in the amount of \$9,583.00 for Able Security and Automation for a fire alarm system for Building #1, #2, and #3 at 470 Center Street; a payment to the Geauga County Airport Authority for the receipt of the Federal pass-through grant of \$79,169.00 and the local match of \$4,166.26; a final payment of \$10,000.00 to Hummell Construction Company for the retainage for the Courthouse Renovation Project; a payment in the amount of \$118,250.00 to Jeffrey Carr Construction for tower construction; one Then and Now and thirteen travel requests for various departments.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-048 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 8, 2008.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE LOAD LIMIT REDUCTION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the release of the 33% load limit reduction on all County and Township highways effective April 21, 2008.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESCIND MOTION TO HIRE JOHN OSBURN**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to rescind the motion of April 3, 2008 to hire John Osburn for the full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) position to be effective Monday, April 7, 2008 at a rate of \$13.31 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REOPEN CURRENT POSTING – MAINTENANCE  
WORKER WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to re-open the current posting for a full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) in the Department of Water Resources. This position will remain posted until the vacancy is filled.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – FRED COLLINS

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the retirement resignation of Fred Collins from the position of Hostler, to be effective March 24, 2008.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE - HOSTLER

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to advertise to hire a Hostler (#2214) in the Department of Transit. This position will remain posted until filled.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE BID OPENING  
– SENIOR CENTER PAVILION ADA BATHROOM REHABILITATION PROJECT

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for Geauga County Senior Center Pavilion ADA Bathrooms Rehabilitation Project (under grant #B-F-07-026-01) with a bid opening on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be published April 10, 2008 and on the county web site.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE BID OPENING  
– PUBLIC REHABILITATION OF TWO LIBRARY ENTRANCES PROJECT

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to grant permission to advertise for bids for Public Rehabilitation of two (2) Library Entrances – Geauga West Library and Bainbridge Library Project (under grant #B-F-07-026-01) with a bid opening on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be published April 10, 2008 and on the county web site.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONCERN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler reported the contract is for May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 in the amount of \$15,312.50, which will cover services for 625 covered full-time employees and members of their households and 120 part-time employees. The people on insurance waivers are also covered. CONCERN will provide employee orientation sessions to present and explain the program to employees. Relationship problems, divorce, taking care of parents, becoming a new parent or other stress situations are covered and eligible employees or family members will receive up to eight free sessions. Other services provided are 30 minute legal advice to cover items such as a will. Two financial planning sessions are included for such items

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*as credit card management, savings, monthly cash flow, protecting your investments and college planning. Emotional counseling, addictions, and depression are examples of other situations that are covered. The maximum eight sessions per situation are to help individuals get over the really rough spots. If further help is needed a CONCERN EAP counselor will review our health plan to see where they could send the employee within the county health plan. The Commissioners' Office will not know who is utilizing the program just how many people are using it to know if the cost is justified. Commissioner Young added that user information is private and protected. The secondary benefit to this program is that it is proven to minimize utilization of mental health care services and decrease absenteeism and turnover and provide an increase in job satisfaction. Employees with low job satisfaction are more likely to have more injuries. Commissioner Young added that spending some of the money saved on the substantial savings on the new health plan is an outstanding idea. The Board can review this program at the end of next year to see if it was a worthwhile venture. Ms. Hostutler added that CONCERN EAP also offers four speakers a year to speak on such topics such as Managing Stress, Improving Communications and Effective Parenting.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement between Cleveland Clinic: CONCERN Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for additional Geauga County employee benefits through Cleveland Clinic: CONCERN in the form of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) in the amount of \$24.50 per employee per year (paid with wellness funds allocated October 16, 2007) based on the number of Geauga County full-time eligible employees; all employees and those dependents living in their households may participate in the plan at no additional cost.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PARKING LOT USE – CHARDON ROTARY**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an agreement with the Chardon Rotary to allow the Chardon Rotary 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 annual Geauga County Maple Festival on April 12th and 13th , 2008.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GIRL SCOUT RESOLUTION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-049 Honoring Sixty-three Girl Scouts of North East Ohio earning the Gold Award.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 08-049*

*Date: April 10, 2008*

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING GIRLS SCOUTS OF NORTH EAST OHIO (GSNEO)  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS HONOR –  
THE GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career*

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*Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Rubina Ratnaparkhi from Amherst; Lacey Cunningham, Kimberly Olson, Cassie Seaman from Ashtabula; Deanna Wolford from Aurora; Elizabeth Meyer, Danielle Sheppa from Bay Village; Katy Porter, Caroline Tabler from Canton, Arielle Ambrosy, Nicole Bevilacqua, Hannah Croft from Cortland; Megan Anderson from Elyria; Nicole Pupino from Fairlawn; Kylie Sramek from Fairview Park; Madeleine Coffman, Sarah Feldman, Christine Mascali, Alison Palmeri, Victoria Popovich, Catherine Wagner from Hudson; Megan O'Connor, Carissa O'Connor, Katie O'Connor from Jefferson; Shannon Carr from Magnolia, Heather Willmer from Mantua; Amanda Chemna, Elizabeth Rapalee, Katherine Schuerger from Medina; Lindsay Dunkel, Catherine Knapp, Jennifer Knapp, Amanda Majhikas, Kristen Maurer, Alexandra Walker from Mentor; Larisa Parson from Mogadore; Trillion McCarty from Newton Falls, Christine Angyal from Parma; Katelyn Lloyd from Roaming Shores; Alexandra Emrich, Kirsten Gassman, Susanna Pretzer from Shaker Heights; Chelsey Allen from Soloon; Sophia Zaman from Strongsville; Katie Basmagy from Twinsburg; Erica Strole from Uniontown; Amber Ackerman, Caroly Averback, Sarah Lightbody, Tiffany Luckik, Emily Morrison, onica Neuman, Charleigh Paukovich, Elena Pipino, Hannah Prokop, Gabrielle Sebben of Warren; Meredith Eyre, Margaret Fraley of Willoughby and Elain Miller from Youngstown, are members of Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, and have excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes all Sixty-three girls of Girls Scouts of North East Ohio for service to their community and to the Girl 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 Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – MAY 8, 2008**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to cancel session for May 8, 2008.*

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed calendar dates.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 4/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

*Wed., 4/9 Township Association Quarterly meeting at Grandview Inn at 6:30 p.m.*

*Thu., 4/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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- Thu., 4/10 United Way Services Annual Meeting at the Banquet Room at St. Mary's School at 11:15 a.m.*
- Fri., 4/11 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 4/14 Board of Revisions*
- Tue., 4/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 4/15 CDBG Small Cities Program Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.*
- Thu., 4/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 4/18 TAC meeting*
- Fri., 4/18 Community Corrections Planning Board at 12:00 p.m., Judge Burt's jury room*
- Mon., 4/21 Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m.*
- Tue., 4/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 4/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 4/24 The Commissioners will hold the monthly Economic Development work session discussion at noon.*
- Tue., 4/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:35 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Craig S. Albert*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*