

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 4, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 4, 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 Vice President of the Board, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Albert was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko explained that minutes are being approved out of order due to the absence of Commissioner Albert. The minutes from February 21, 2008 are expected to be approved March 11, 2008.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 26, 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>Absent</i>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Officer Heidi Delaney reported the financials as including cash transfers for the March medical, dental and life insurance payments; a purchase order for the expenditure of \$35,000.00 to the Geauga County Tourism Council; a purchase order to Chagrin Pet and Garden for the purchase of lawn maintenance equipment for the Water Resources Department in the amount of \$12,746.16 and a payment to the State of Ohio in the amount of \$118,141.25 for the 2007 reconciliation close for Job and Family Services.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-031 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 4, 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>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN AMENDMENT**

*Specialist Program Evaluator Rex Probst explained that the Hunger Task Force has been running short at the food banks due to loss of funding and an increased amount of people needing food. The State PRC Plan allows for emergency food assistance. There was no provision in the local PRC Plan so this amendment covers the situation. The Hunger Task Force is manned by volunteers.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an amendment to the Geauga County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan providing for the distribution of food to low income families by the food pantries affiliated with the Geauga Hunger Task Force, to be effective March 1, 2008, upon the recommendation of the Family Services Planning Committee and the Director of Job and Family Services.*

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Aye
	Commissioner Albert	Absent

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – EXTERIOR MASONRY, STONE CLEANING AND PRESERVATION PROJECT ADDENDA

*Operations Manager Glen Vernick reported that after the walk-through the potential bidders had many questions. These addenda are the response to those questions and are mailed out to all those that were present at the walk-through so all have the same information.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve four addenda to the specifications for the Exterior Masonry, Stone Cleaning and Preservation Project for the Geauga County Courthouse.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Aye
	Commissioner Albert	Absent

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BLOCK GRANT STATUS REPORT – GRANT # B-F-07-026-1

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Status Report for Grant #B-F-07-026-1 for the period September 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Aye
	Commissioner Albert	Absent

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT – B P BUILDERS INCORPORATED

*Director Gus Saikaly reported that lab is getting very busy so large pumps were removed from a section of the lab to provide more space. The move gave the needed space to the lab and therefore the floor needed to be covered in a protective material to guard against chemicals.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with B.P. Builders Incorporated to install a versatile epoxy floor coating in the north lab area of the laboratory located at 13335 Aquilla Road, Chardon for a six month period, in an amount not to exceed \$1,045.44.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Aye
	Commissioner Albert	Absent

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE GUARANTY – CANYON LAKES EDWARDS LANDING SUBDIVISION – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and accept the maintenance guaranty for the Canyon Lakes / Edwards Landing Subdivision Sanitary Sewer in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$17,308.00 (check #2323) plus interest being held by the Board at Middlefield Bank.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Aye
	Commissioner Albert	Absent

COUNTY HOME – CREDIT CARD USE FORM

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Application for*

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*Authorization to Permit the use of County Credit Cards form, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27, for the Wal-Mart Community Credit Card for the 2008 year for Karen Decola, Beth Merrell, Barb Warren and Sheryl Spenser.*

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

**COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – RACHEL DODDS**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and accept the resignation of Rachel Dodds, Full-time Attendant, to be effective March 7, 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>Absent</i>

**COUNTY HOME – ADVERTISE - FULL-TIME ATTENDANT - THIRD SHIFT**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise to hire a Full-time Attendant (#1504), third shift, beginning March 7, 2008. This position will remain posted until the vacancy is filled.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION – OHIO FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN – SECOND AMENDMENT**

*Heather Bickenheuser, Planner I from the Planning Commission conducted a presentation summarizing the amendment to the Geauga County Ohio Farmland Preservation Plan and the Farm Markets, Products, and Services Brochure. Ms. Bickenheuser explained that the purpose of the presentation was to explain the update which entails the inclusion of the most recent census data provided from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that is collected every five years. Today's presentation update includes the 2002 Agricultural Census. The next census will not be available until 2009. Ms. Bickenheuser discussed the characteristics of the current farmers, the current size of farms and the types of farms. The census showed that in 1964 there were 95,664 acres in farm and in 2002 there are now 66,474 acres (about 27%). The number of farms in 1964 was 804 with an average size of 212 acres compared to 975 in 2002 with an average size of 68 acres. 58.3% of the principal farm operators reported farming as their primary occupation, 81% are male, 19% female, with an average age of 52.8 years and an average of 18.6 years on the farm. The biggest change in types of farms include increases in vegetable and melon farming, fruit and nut tree farming, poultry and egg production and other animal production. The 2002 market value of agricultural products sold, in total sales, is \$22.7 million. Maple syrup producers have produced 21,500 gallons of syrup in 2002, with 110,665 taps. Geauga County was ranked #1 in the State for gallons produced (28% of total state production) in 2002.*

*Ms. Bickenheuser presented the board with the Farm Markets, Products and Services Brochure - a guide to find locally fresh farm products. The brochure includes a map showing locations of farm markets, products and services. A survey was sent out two years ago of all Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) land owners who were directly marketing their products in the county to see if they wanted to be included in this promotional brochure. Ms. Claudine Kozenko inquired as to if and where this brochure was being distributed. Ms. Bickenheuser reported the brochure is "hot off the press" but they are planning on distributing it in public places, the Planning Commission web site, and possibly through Tourism. Director Dave Dietrich added that 200 surveys were sent out and only the people who responded were included in this brochure. Mr. Dietrich added that Ms. Bickenheuser has been providing this information and giving presentations, most recently to the League of Women Voters.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and adopt the second amendment to the Geauga County Ohio Farmland Preservation Plan.*

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

**OTHER**

*Mr. Lair reported that David Mapes, of Mapes Greenhouse in Chesterland, stopped by his office to show his “Veterans Plaque of Thanks” that he will be selling this summer. Mr. Mapes is doing this on his own and is a 501C3 charity.*

*Commissioner Young reported that he will be out of the office beginning March 13 after session and will return on March 24, 2008.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 3/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 3/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 3/11 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Portage County*

*Tue., 3/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

*Thu., 3/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 3/14 NOACA meeting*

*Mon., 3/17 Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

*Tue., 3/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Mon., 3/24 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:47 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*