

Commissioners' Journal
June 11, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 11, 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

OTHER

Commissioner Young (a member of the NOPEC Board (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council)) reported that NOPEC has been able to negotiate a deal to reduce the cost of electricity (generation portion) by 12%, with an average savings of \$60.00. First Energy was a bit of a challenge as they tried to put NOPEC down in the past and were not pleased about this deal. First Energy will have to tighten their belts this year. Commissioner Young added that this is exciting news for the county.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 9, 2009.

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| <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> |

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Fiscal Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including two voucher payments – one for JFS for contracted services with United Way and one for the Engineer's Office for Tiger Direct.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Young to approve and execute Resolution 09-109 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 11, 2009.

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

** Commissioner Jemison explained he abstained from voting as he is Chairman of United Way this year.*

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – MAY 2009

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of May, 2009 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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| <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 accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of May, 2009 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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| <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> |

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PLANNING COMMISSION – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 1 – FARM AND RANCH LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM

Heather Bickenheuser, Planner I explained that this is an existing cooperative agreement with Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) they have had since 2007 that was extended an additional 90 days as well as changes in requirements for the appraisal report. This is regarding the property in Burton. Planning will likely resubmit or start all over again next year. Director Dave Dietrich added that they must work at the pace of the property owner and their lawyers; if they are not ready then the Planning Commission is not ready. This paperwork is an acknowledgment of the changes and no money is involved.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Cooperative Agreement (73-5E34-07-65) between the United States of America Commodity Credit Corporation working through the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.

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| <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> |

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Director Tim Taylor explained this is the second of this type of agreement. It is virtually the same document with a few small changes. Basically, as JFS receives and uses the federal funds, they agree to follow all the rules and regulations that they are required to abide by that come with these federal dollars. Mr. Taylor read one paragraph that he felt was significant: “For Federal programs in which state funds are made available to use as matching funds, the subgrantee (the County/JFS) is required to use local funds for matching funds in the event that the state funding allocated for that purpose is exhausted.” This says that they provide the Federal / State dollars for a match but the State budget has seen many cuts this year. This will be more of a concern for other and larger counties but Geauga will get through. Mr. Taylor added that he does not believe he has to look for local funds to provide a match for these programs but this will really impact other counties much quicker. Other than this one paragraph it is basically the same agreement. This is a two year agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant Agreement (#G-1011-11-5041) establishing terms, conditions and requirements governing the administration and use of federal funds by Geauga County Job and Family Services, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of Geauga County Job and Family Services, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

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| <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> |

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – NEW HIRE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Taylor explained that it is not often that they have new positions. This new part-time position is to assist or provide relief for case managers. Mr. Vasko is retired from Cuyahoga County with a good work ethic and twenty five years experience as a case worker.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the following new hire appointments of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners hiring process:

*Susan Manning, Social Services Worker 2, effective June 8, 2009 (replacement)
Thomas Vasko Eligibility/Referral Specialist 2, effective June 1, 2009 (part time, new position)*

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| <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> |

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COMMON PLEAS COURT / INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION – 2010 SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS

Susan Doudican explained this is the grant she receives every year to fund probation and pre-trial release programs and it is the same amount as last year.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Fiscal Year 2010 Subsidy Grant Agreement for Community Based Corrections Programs 408 Non-Residential Felony between the Geauga County Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services and the Bureau of Community Sanctions for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, for a period of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$63,669.00. There is no local match.

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| <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> |

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – SHEPP ELECTRIC CONTRACT AGREEMENT – INSTALL COURTHOUSE GENERATOR GAS LINE

Director Glen Vernick explained that this will allow for the gas to be on hand and believes this is a good approach. Commissioner Jemison asked if this would be done at the annex as well. Mr. Vernick replied that it will be looked at in the rotation of the review of the generators.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Contract Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Shepp Electric – Generator Systems Division to install a gas line for the Geauga County Courthouse Generator, for a period of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$1,540.00.

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| <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> |

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – FOUNDATION AND HOME SERVICES CONTRACT AGREEMENT– PATTERSON BUILDING WATERPROOFING

Mr. Vernick stated that the chair lift elevator can't be used at this point and they need it to move equipment for the move of Soil and Water Conservation District.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Contract Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Foundation and Home Services to perform waterproofing of Patterson Building Elevator Walls, for a period of one year, in the amount of \$14,300.00.

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| <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> |

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – M&M HOME IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT AGREEMENT – BASIN REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENTS

Mr. Vernick explained that this is for seven units in the parking lot and that three or four of them are beginning to cave in as they were done with the old style brick.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Contract Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and M & M Home Improvements to perform all services necessary for Basin Removals and Replacements at the 470 Center Street parking lot, in the amount of \$20,650.00.

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| <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> |

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RED MAPLE INN – FOUR DIAMOND AWARD

Mr. Gordon Saffron stated that this is an honor. Mr. Saffron explained that less than three percent of the establishments have a Four Diamond rating and that there is only one Five Diamond establishment in Ohio. Mr. Saffron added that Gina, the manager is wonderful. Commissioner Jemison added that the Inn compliments the Historical Society and the surrounding areas.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-110 recognizing Red Maple Inn on the Occasion of Receiving a Seventh Four Diamond Award.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 09-110

Date: June 11, 2009

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RED MAPLE INN ON THE OCCASION OF
RECEIVING THEIR SEVENTH FOUR DIAMOND AWARD**

WHEREAS, Red Maple Inn received their seventh Four Diamond Award and is also the only Large (eighteen room) Four Diamond Award Winner in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a Four Diamond Rating is given to establishments that are upscale in all areas, accommodations are progressively more refined and stylish, the physical attributes reflect an obvious enhanced level of quality throughout and fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS Red Maple Inn received the Four Diamond Award from AAA and hosted a Reception and Awards Presentation for the 2009 Five and Four Diamond Award Winners. AAA - Ohio Motorist Association is North America's premier hotel rating program. Properties are assigned a rating of one to five AAA Diamonds ranging from simple to luxurious; and

WHEREAS, Red Maple Inn celebrates this seventh Four Diamond Award along with their Tenth Anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Red Maple Inn on receiving their seventh Four Diamond Award for their level of quality and services they provide.

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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| <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 – EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER LEASE

Commissioner Samide negotiated this contract and explained that it is a very reasonable agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Educational Service Center for the rental space of 470 Center Street, Building # 2 (Exhibit A) and Building #8 (Exhibit B) for the period July 2009 through June 30, 2012, at the rate of \$52,440.71 for the first year term (2009-2010), \$54,013.93 for the second year term (2010-2011), and \$55,634.35 for the third year term (2011-2012).

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| <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> |

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – VERIFICATION OF FISCAL SPONSOR LETTER – COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Director Anita Stocker explained that this was started at the interest of former Commissioner Craig Albert. Ms. Stocker stated that there is a small fee for those attending the one day class which will pay for advertising of the class and refreshments. University of Nebraska has been doing these classes (How to start your food business) for thirteen years. This class is called “From Recipe to Reality” and runs down all the things needed to be considered to retail your product. The second class the University of Nebraska offers is “From Product to Profit” that expands on the first class. If the first class is successful Community Development may try to do the second class next year. The cost is \$9,000.00 to bring the instructor from Nebraska to do the class. The feasibility study for a commercial kitchen for the three county region (Geauga, Lake and Ashtabula) is what the balance of the funds will be used for. This feasibility study is preliminary. Ms. Stocker added that the Farm Bureau may partner in this. JFS Director Tim Taylor added that as this program unfolds JFS has in the past sponsored several trainings for food and beverage through a grant that could be utilized with this program / class.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the verification of Fiscal Sponsor letter in regards to the Geauga Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) application for funding to the Lake Geauga Fund for projects including: Starting a Food Business Class and Feasibility Study for a commercial kitchen project, in the amount of \$94,000.00.

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| <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 – AGREEMENT TO EXTEND CORSA INSURANCE– SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Jemison inquired as to what the guidelines were regarding extending this coverage. Mr. Lair stated that CORSA has seen a benefit to having Soil and Water included as they were not included in the past. Commissioner Young inquired if they will be charged an administration fee. Mr. Lair replied that they will be allocated a cost.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute an Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Geauga County Soil and Water Conservation District extending insurance coverage to Soil and Water Conservation District under CORSA for Property, General Liability and Errors and Omissions.

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| <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> |

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-111 proclaiming June 15, 2009 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

June 11, 2009

Resolution: 09-111

GEAUGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) serving Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties requested a resolution from each county proclaiming World Elder Awareness Day in their county to bring awareness of this serious problem; and

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WHEREAS, the mission of the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) is to facilitate the identification, prevention and treatment of abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) is holding it's annual conference on June 12, 2009 and will announce each county's resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Commissioners join the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) and do hereby proclaim that June 15, 2009 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Geauga County.

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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| <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 – CDBG GRANT FORMULA GRANT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept Geauga County Board of Commissioners recommendation on funding of the following grant applications for the CDBG Grant Formula Grant:

Geauga County Agricultural Society – Sidewalk Improvements and Parking \$58,000.00

Geauga Habitat for Humanity Chagrin Falls Park - New Construction of one single family house \$20,000.00

Geauga Lyric Cultural Arts Center – Public Rehabilitation at the “Nolan” building – \$36,900.00

Aquilla Village –Parks and Recreation Facilities to provide fencing to existing ball fields \$33,700.00

Geauga County Maintenance – Public Rehabilitation to provide ADA bathrooms - \$45,000.00

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| <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 – NACO – SUPPORT LENNY ELIASON FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cast a vote of support for Lenny Eliason for NACo 2nd Vice President.

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| <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 and upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 6/12 NOACA 10th Annual Summit

Mon., 6/15 Board of Revisions at 8:45 a.m.

Tue., 6/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 6/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 6/22 Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District, Board of Directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office in Warren.

Mon., 6/22 Board of Revisions at 8:15 a.m.

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Tue., 6/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 6/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 6/25 Public Hearing #1 for the consideration of the adoption of the updated “Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2009” to be held June 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Mon., 6/29 Board of Revisions at 8:45 a.m.

Tue., 6/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 6/30 Public Hearing #2 for the consideration of the adoption of the updated “Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2009” to be held June 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Tue., 6/30 Joint Portage-Geauga Juvenile Detention Board meeting at Portage County Commissioners’ Offices at 1:30 p.m.

*Thu. 7/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners’ meeting is cancelled.***

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:10 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners’ Clerk