

Commissioners' Journal
September 14, 2010

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 14, 2010 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 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2010.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER - BALLAST CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED (DBA BALLAST FENCE)

Program Coordinator, Rhea Benton explained that she was back to talk about the change order for the Aquilla Village Baseball Field. Ms. Benton stated that all of their Formula projects had come in under budget this year and they are able to put the money back into the projects, so they are adding an outfield fence. Ms. Benton explained that all other fencing, the backstop and field were completed, now that they are adding the outfield fence they need to make the change order to increase the amount. This outfield fence is a good addition since the field is close to the road. Ms. Benton also explained that later on the agenda they would be extending the completion date allowing the field guys to finish after the fence is completed to re-grade the field and lay the seed and straw.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #3 increasing the contract with Ballast Construction, Incorporated (d.b.a. Ballast Fence) due to an increase in the scope of work to allow for the installation of an outfield fence, under Grant #B-F-09-026-1, in the amount of \$5,500.00 and increasing the contract time by sixteen (16) calendar days changing the date of completion of all work to September 24, 2010 for the Aquilla Village Park and Recreational Facilities Improvements Project.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including revenue certifications for the Sheriff's 800 Communications Systems Fund for additional operating revenue received; cash transfers out of the General Fund for August 2010 earned interest for Community Development and Board of Developmental Disabilities funds and into the General Fund for payment of the Job and Family Services building lease payment; encumbrances include a contract increase for Ballast Construction Incorporated in the amount of \$7,436.00 for the Office of Community and Economic Development, travel requests for Juvenile / Probate Court, Engineer's Office and the Office of Community and Economic Development.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-177 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 19, 2010.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UPDATE BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the update to the budget hearing schedule.

September					
Time	Thu - 9	Tue - 14	Thu - 16	Thu - 30	
1:00		Comm Dev	DES	Transit	
1:45		Co Home	Sheriff	JFS	
2:30		Dog Warden	BOCC	Maintenance	
3:15		OSU Ext.	Prosecutor	Recorder	
4:00			Bd. Of Elec	Available	

October					
Time	Tue - 5	Thu - 7	Thu - 14	Tue 19	Thu - 21
11:00 *	Treasurer				
1:00	Bd. Of DD	Auditor / ADP	Pub Defender	Law Library	Airport
1:45	Aging	Clerk of Courts	Building	Veterans	Available
2:30	Muni Ct.	Mental Health	Archives	Planning	Available
3:15	Engineer	Juvenile Ct	Common Pleas / Ct Tech	Soil & Water	Available
4:00	Water Resources	Coroner	Available	Available	Available

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of August, 2010 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of August, 2010 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER – INTERSTATE ROAD MANAGEMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final increasing the contract with Interstate Road Management for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads for Year 2010 (Contract #PPM-10) in the amount of \$3,031.80.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER – ROOFTOP INCORPORATED

Ms. Benton explained that this was also for the field, one contract is for the fence and one contract is for the field.

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #3 increasing the contract time by twenty-two (22) calendar days changing the date of completion of all work to September 30, 2010 with Rooftop, Incorporated for the Aquilla Village Park Baseball Field project (Grant #B-F-09-026-1).

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING

Program Administrator, Joni Stusek stated that this was another demolition, but one that you wouldn't really notice. It has burned, so it is just a shell and stone. The owner has not really offered any information, but it's a place that kids can congregate. The amount is due in part to a lot of trees and growth that need to be worked around to get the equipment in to take it down.

Ms. Stusek stated that they have a resolution from Munson trustees that have declared support for this action. Commissioner Jemison referred to a structure on Mulberry that the Sheriff, the Fire Department, the Building Department and the Health Department wanted to have it declared and taken down. Commissioner Samide questioned the possibility of turning it back on a tax duplicate for those owners that have some kind of money there, or property that you can put a lien on to recover money. Ms. Stusek stated that the Commissioners have never placed a lien on any demolition that they have gotten federal money for. Ms. Stusek offered to investigate the options for the liens with the Prosecutor. Commissioner Samide stated that she would like it investigated, that if someone has assets that qualify them, but they can sit there as an absentee landlord, a lien on the property would be good. If the person tried to sell the property you could get some of the money back. It was expressed that there is a lot of questions being asked about this being free money. County Administrator David Lair explained that if the owner pays for it, and they don't volunteer for the program, that owner might say I can take it down cheaper myself and then you have to wait for the owner to take it down. Ms. Stusek stated that the program they are currently working is a voluntary program for the purpose of neighborhood stabilization and they are trying to prevent kids from being able to hang out in these structures and doing drugs or other things.

Mr. Jemison stated that the difference between Townships, Cities and Villages and the County is that the County needs the owner's approval for the demolition or removal but the Townships, Cities and Villages can just declare it and have it taken down. He asked why can't we give a loan to the Township, they take it down and then they pay us back? Mr. Jemison said he understands that there could be a cash flow issue on the money up front for a while. Ms. Samide added if you can put a lien on the property where the demolition is being done, why is there an objection, they still can sell the property, you might not get as much, but they still have to up front the money. Ms. Stusek explained that you may have other issues. It was explained the they have been taking houses down in Kiwanis Lake and once the structure is taken down, some of the properties have no value, that the lot becomes unbuildable. The EPA is not allowing any offlot systems for septic for new houses, that it has to be an existing house. It was discussed that taking these houses down helps the existing house values, and that helps keep the tax base. Ms. Stusek stated that if you place a lien on the property and the owner feels they can't sustain it, they won't pay the taxes and then the property becomes a problem for another department in the county.

Ms. Samide questioned that the second argument is that if you did get the money paid back, and you did put the lien on it, where does the money go, does it go back to the Federal Government or does it come back here to Geauga County? Ms. Stusek explained that the money does come back to us, it becomes Program Income. Ms. Stusek stated that they have a Recaptured Funds Line and any program they are working out of that they would want to recoup would go there. They recently did two emergency repairs that they placed a 5 year mortgage on. The promissory note reads that if the owner leaves before the 5 years there is prorated amount that comes back to us and that goes into the Recaptured Funds Line. That Recaptured Fund Line is divided into sections and they money can only be used for projects. An example of this is if they recaptured emergency money, they would only be able to use it for emergency purposes. Ms. Stusek stated that if they were able to do this recapturing on the demolitions, then the money would go back in for demolitions and they would come back to the Commissioners for further

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discussion and approval. Ms. Stusek also went on to say that they are currently working on a couple more demolitions, the Rockhaven property in Munson is the biggest. She noted that there has been gang activity and the police have been called numerous times. This is one that really needs to go.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for demolition of a structure located at 12831 Bass Lake Road, Munson under Program Income as they represented the lowest and best proposal in the amount of \$6,200.00.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GEAUGA COUNTY
BUILDING 2 PUBLIC RESTROOMS ADA RENOVATION PROJECT – BID AWARD –
HUMMEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Ms. Benton explained that this is another Formula project that came in under budget. Hummel Construction presented the lowest and best bid. It was stated that they have worked on other County projects and have been pleased with the work.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board execute the Bid Award form for Hummel Construction Company for the Geauga County Building #2 Public Restrooms ADA Renovation Project, (Grant #B-F-09-026-1) in the amount of \$29,479.00.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GRANT NUMBER
MODIFICATION GRANT AMENDMENT FORM – 09 FORMULA GRANT

Ms. Benton explained that the State of Ohio is changing the grant number with no affect on the grant amount.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Grant Number Modification Grant Amendment form as requested by the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships changing the 09 Formula Grant number from #B-F-09-026-1 to #B-F-09-1AZ-1.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – TIMOTHY
LAMOREAUX

Director, Kristina Reider stated the Mr. LaMoreaux is still out on unpaid medical leave, that this is an extension and that they were on a month to month basis for his return.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve an unpaid medical related leave of absence for Timothy LaMoreaux, Full-time Driver, for time not covered by accrued sick and vacation leave for the period of September 7, 2010 through October 1, 2010, pursuant to Section 6.12 of the Geauga County Personnel Policy.

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

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TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – CHANGES TO TRANSIT DRIVER JOB DESCRIPTION #2210

Ms. Reider stated that this has been a work in progress that has taken some time with the help of Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart and Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle. This is the adoption of the U.S. DOT physical in stead of the standard physical they have been using. Lake hospital system will be performing the physicals and generating the medical cards for the drivers showing proof that they have had the physical. The drivers will have the cards, even though they are not required to carry the cards, and a copy will be placed in their file. All new drivers will be required to have this new physical every two (2) years, current drivers are grandfathered and will not be required to have the physical. Ms. Reider stated that they have held off hiring any new drivers until the job description was finished and finalized. Now that it is complete, they will be asking to hire 3 new drivers.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize changes to the Transit Driver Job Description (#2210), updating the physical requirements to include passing the U.S. DOT physical, incorporating all requirements of OAC 173-3-06.6 and Chapter 3 of the Ohio Department of Transportation Rural Transit Manual and update show these changes in the Geauga County Transit Best Practices Manual.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE POSITION – THREE PART TIME DRIVERS #2210

Ms. Reider stated that when they are fully staffed they have eighteen (18) drivers, eight (8) full time and ten (10) part time.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise to hire three (3) Part-time Drivers #2210 in the Department of Transit. This position will remain open until the positions are filled.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – HIRE MECHANIC I #2208 – MICHAEL MOG

Ms. Reider stated they had found a mechanic. Mr. Mog has great ASC certifications, he was laid off from the dealership from which he worked and is thrilled and can't wait to start.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Michael Mog for the position of Mechanic I (#2208) to be effective September 20, 2010, at a rate of \$13.73 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$14.46 per hour.

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

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – APPOINT KELLY FISHER

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and appoint Kelly Fisher to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the term ending June 30, 2014.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – GENERAL PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

The Planning Commission will give a presentation on the results of the Geauga County General Plan for the Year 2010.

Planning Director David Dietrich presented the Commissioners with the results from a survey that was comprised of fifty-five (55) questions that were mailed out to six hundred (600) random

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registered voters in Geauga County in the Spring of 2010. Dr. Jay Lee, a professor at Kent State University helped keep the questions neutral and did all the tabulations on the results. Mr. Dietrich stated that of the 600 surveys mailed out, they received 310 back. Questions asked in the survey hit on basic information of the surveyor, along with issues of environmental, park and recreation, agricultural, planning and zoning, economic development, transportation and infrastructure along with public safety.

For further information or to see the survey and results, please check out the Planning Commission's website; under General Plan Survey.

www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/Planning_Commission/Main.aspx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 1, 2010 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of August 2010.*

MEETINGS

- Thu., 9/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 9/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 9/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 9/23 The Commissioners will attend the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Luncheon and Tour the Geneva Sports Complex.*
- Tue., 9/28 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Tue., 9/28 **The Commissioners will participate in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant Evaluated Exercises.***
- Thu., 9/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:18 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Acting Commissioners' Clerk