

Commissioners' Journal
March 19, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 19, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2009.

<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 supplemental and appropriation transfers to correct appropriations for Workers Compensation premium charges for 2009; a cash transfer for the 2009 Workers Compensation premium payment; and a voucher payment for JFS for contracted services with United Way.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 09-036 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 19, 2009.

<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 his abstained vote stating that the financials contained an item for United Way of which he is the Board Chairman. Commissioner Jemison reported that he is taking a neutral position to prevent a perceived conflict of interest with his other position of Untied Way Board Chairman.

OTHER

The Commissioner Young welcomed the Class of 2009 Geauga Youth Leadership who will be participating in a Mock Commissioners Meeting at 2:00 p.m. today and asked the students to introduce themselves.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - INTENSIVE PROBATION – COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS 408 SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

Intensive Supervision Probation Director Susan Doudican reported getting additional funds to attend upcoming conferences as they are changing the scope of community corrections. The Ohio Department of Rehab and Corrections conferences will describe the new ways to manage offenders.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Addendum to Community-Based Corrections Programs 408 Subsidy Grant Agreement for a one time this year grant increase in the amount of \$1,627.00

<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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COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – COLLEEN PULSFORD

Director Karen DeCola reported that she wanted the Board to know that Ms. Pulsford is a good worker and is resigning to attend college. Ms. DeCola reported she would hire her again during the summer.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Colleen Pulsford from the position of Seasonal Help, to be effective March 16, 2009.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO REPLACE CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP

Planning Engineer Mike Stone reported that this bridge was rehabilitated in 1982. Ohio Public Works (OPWC) grant, not to exceed \$200,000.00 for this project. The original estimate turned in for this project was \$300,000.00 but it will probably end up being less than that. County Engineer R. L. Phillips added that they will be putting in a box culvert which will improve the ride.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-037 Ordering the Replacement of the Chardon Windsor Road Bridge (Structure #13-5.43) in Huntsburg Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the title sheet for plans / specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised March 26, 2009 and posted on the county's internet site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 19, 2009

Resolution: 09-037

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #13-5.43 IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #08-132 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the East Branch of the Cuyahoga River on Chardon Windsor Road at mile marker 5.43, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Chardon Windsor Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in Huntsburg Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the reconstruction of the Chardon Windsor Road bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has secured Ohio Public Works grant funding for this bridge replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the reconstruction of Structure #13-5.43 on Chardon Windsor Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. the same day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Huntsburg Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Stone were present to discuss the 2009 Road and Bridge Improvement Program. Mr. Phillips explained the funding for the Engineer's Office commenting that there are two statutory areas where funds are received. One area is the gas tax (about \$2 million). All 88 counties receive the same amount of gas tax. The other area is from license plate fees based on the number of registrations which is a little over 100,000 in the county. With the estimated population being 95,000 we have more than one car per person in the county. There is also a five year property tax levy that was first voted on in 1986 generating over \$3.3 million per year that has been renewed since then and will be up again in 2011. This money is used for capital improvements and sometimes material (such as a bridge that is bought ahead of the project as it takes a long time to order) but not for anything else like salaries. This local money is used for grant matches also. A lot of other counties do not have the money to meet the federal program match for projects. Mr. Phillips reported the department has spent over \$1 million on snow removal this year which is becoming a consistent number. This is gauged on a calendar year starting with last spring. Mr. Phillips added that the snow removal and salt are 20% of his budget. Fuel cost increases and the cost of salt affected the budget numbers. Another source of funding is Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). OPWC divided the state into nineteen districts with Geauga being in District 7 with Ashtabula, Lake and Portage Counties. This group gets about \$8 million a year to disburse funds among local governments. The group works together well to disburse the state funds in a fair way.

On the stimulus bill, Mr. Stone stated that NOACA determines which projects (of the five counties in the NOACA organization) get the federal funds. Mr. Stone and Mr. Phillips serve on the RTIS which is the group that determines which projects will get the stimulus bill funding. Mr. Stone reported they have created back-up lists of plans that meet federal standards for needed projects in case another county is not shovel ready for preparation for stimulus money projects. Mr. Stone reported that there are twelve road improvement projects and four bridge projects scheduled for 2009. Of the road improvement projects 2.9 miles will be reconstructed and 17.1 miles of county roads will be resurfaced at an estimated amount of \$6.67 million. Of the four bridge improvements the estimate is \$1.1. The total cost for improvements this year is estimated at \$7.77 million. Mr. Stone added that they are hoping that \$4.7 million of the estimate total will be from grants. Following is the 2009 Road and Bridge Improvement Program:

Highway Improvement Program

Portage County line to Madison Road (State Route 88)(A-C)

Kinsman Road to Fairmount Road (I-J)

Wilson Mills Road to Thwing Road (P)

Lake County line to State Route 528 west (A-E)

Cuyahoga County line to State Route 306 (A-C)

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Chillicothe Road (State Route 306) to Heath Road (D-F)
Kinsman Road to Stone Road (A)
Cuyahoga County line to Hemlock Point Road (Y-Z)
Hemlock Point Road to Chillicothe Road (A)
Chipmunk Lane to Newcomb Road (C)
Old State Road (Route 608) to Madison Road (State Route 528) (A)
South Russell Village to State Route 306 (A-B)
Snyder Road / CH 606 Signal
Jug Street F & G Loan Payment
Federal Aid Guardrail Project
Pavement Marking

Bridges

Chardon Windsor Road
Sherman Road
Pioneer Road
Dines Road

Three highway projects and one traffic signal project will be funded with 80% federal aid funding, one bridge project funded with 95% federal aid funding, three highway projects funded with 100% federal aid funding, two safety projects funded with 100% federal aid funding, three highway projects and one bridge project to be funded with help from the State OPWC funding. The Wilson Mills from Route 306 to Heath Road Project, Wilson Mills Road from Cuyahoga County line to Route 306 Project, and Washington Street to Route 306 Project have been approved for the Stimulus Program funding in the amount of \$1.9 million. Since these plans were programmed for NOACA funding already and the plans were ready previously they will move forward and are now not required to have a 20% match, they will be 100% funded. Mr. Stone reported having several projects (including Nauvoos Road with an OPWC grant of \$400,000.00 for the remainder of \$490,000.00 for this project, Traffic light on Snyder Road and Washington Street Project for \$40,000.00 and one project for Auburn Road) ready to go as backup projects for the stimulus package in case another county cannot meet the requirements or just are not ready for the stimulus program. Moving some of these projects to the 2009 program may help Geauga County to pick up other slots on the stimulus program.

There was a brief discussion on the price of asphalt and project bid pricing.

OTHER

The Board reviewed calendars and upcoming meetings.

Chardon City Council is having the Main Street program meeting in Council Chambers, tonight.

Wetlands Mitigation Bank at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RECESS

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into recess (at 10:43 a.m.) until 2:00 p.m., at which time they will conduct "The Mock Commissioners' Meeting with Geauga Youth Leadership Class of 2009".

<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>

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

THE GEAUGA YOUTH LEADERSHIP MOCK COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Young invited the Commissioners and the County Administrator and the Commissioners' Clerk to introduce the student playing their respective roles and to take their place at the Commissioners table. A mock session was held by the students representing the Board, Administration and a few select county officials. This mock session was to introduce Geauga Youth Leadership students to how the county government actually works. The students created project scenarios related to "Growing Geauga Greener Economically and Environmentally", ranging from wind turbines to the use of waste water treatment plant effluent

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outfall for the generation of electricity. The following is the participating county official or department with their student representative:

<u>Office</u>	<u>County Official</u>	<u>Student Delegate</u>
Commissioners	Tracy Jemison	Beth Dunton
	Mary E. Samide	Ashley Dudek
	William S. Young	Hillary Staudenbaur
County Administrator	David Lair	Sam Martillotta
Commissioners' Clerk	Claudine Kozenko	Kaitlin Wolfe
Sheriff's Office	Lt. Gary Gribbons	Hannah Diemer
Soil & Water Conservation District	Bob Griesmer	Craig Martin
Building Department	Marlyne Joiner	Dom Mandato
Planning Commission	Heather Bickenheuser	Colin Chartrand
Water Resources	Gus Saikaly / Gerry Morgan	Michael Gilkerson
Maintenance Department	Glen Vernick	Robert Winkelman
Community and Economic Development	Joni Stusek	Kyra Cappelucci
Auditor's Office	Beth McCaffrey	Ellen Hubit

After the mock session was completed The Board commended the students for their participation. All commented and reviewed the experience of the day. All attended a reception after the close of the mock session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 11, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending February 2009.*

MEETINGS

Fri., 3/20 NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m.

Tue., 3/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 3/24 Public Hearing on the petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive at 6:30 p.m. at the Bainbridge Township Hall.

Thu., 3/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 3/26 Board of Revision meeting at

Tue., 3/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 3/31 Connect Ohio meeting at 2:00 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:05 P.M.

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Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk