

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 3, 2009**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JUNIOR FAIR STAGE in Burton, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Young asked all elected officials in attendance to introduce themselves: Judge Colleen O'Toole, State Senator Tim Grendell, Judge Diane Grendell, Clerk of Courts Denise Kaminski, County Recorder Sharon Gingerich, County Auditor Frank Gliha, County Engineer R.L. Phillips and Sheriff Dan McClelland.*

*The Board acknowledged and welcomed the 2009 "Gauga Learn Program" sixth grade students from West Geauga and Kenston Schools.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUDITOR MARY TAYLOR PRESENTATIONS**

*Commissioner Young introduced and gave a short biography for State Auditor Mary Taylor, CPA. State Auditor Taylor presented the FY 2008 Making Your Tax Dollars Count Award presentation to County Auditor Frank Gliha. State Auditor Taylor stated that this award is given to just a few government entities across the State of Ohio. The state has high standards that they expect governments to meet for accountability and because of those high standards very few governments are eligible to receive this award. In order to receive this award they must complete their annual comprehensive financial statements, have a clean audit with absolutely no findings and no other financial concerns. State Auditor Taylor recognized the County Commissioners as well as everyone who works in county government works hard everyday to make sure they properly spend and account for tax payer dollars. State Auditor Taylor presented the award to County Auditor Frank Gliha and recognized his significant accomplishments and contributions toward receiving this award. Auditor Gliha stated that it was his pleasure to receive this award on behalf of the residents of the county, the auditing team in the Auditor's Office as well as former auditor (now Commissioner) Tracy Jemison. Mr. Gliha stated that this award signifies that the Auditor's Office is proud to serve the residents of Geauga County with integrity.*

*State Auditor Taylor presented a Certificate of Recognition to Geauga County Agricultural Society President Howard Bates honoring its' 186<sup>th</sup> anniversary. State Auditor Taylor stated that this is a well earned recognition for those that work hard throughout the year to make a successful fair year. State Auditor Taylor added that Geauga County should be proud of their cultural heritage. Mr. Bates thanked State Auditor Taylor and thanked the Board of Commissioners, the fair board and its directors, and the people of Geauga County as without their contributions this would not be the Great Geauga County Fair the "Best Fair in the State".*

*Commissioner Young introduced Senator Tim Grendell who briefly explained that the sixth grade students were in attendance today to learn about agriculture, Geauga County history and Geauga County government. Senator Grendell thanked the Fair Board and the Sheriff's Office for all their help with the 2009 Geauga Learn Program.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 1, 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>

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ELECTRICAL DESIGN CONSULTANTS BID AWARD – WIRELESS TOWER MODIFICATION SITES**

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*Sheriff Dan McClelland reported that this request is part of the ongoing project to upgrade and add to the reliability to the 800 radio system. There have been regulation changes pertaining to the tower structures. Before they add the new equipment they have to bring the old towers up to the new standards. The towers are used for emergency radio communication for safety forces therefore are they are held to a higher standard. The towers have to be able to hold a higher wind and ice load and in the event of a natural disaster or inclement weather the communications system must remain effective. By doing these upgrades they will be able to bring some of the new towers on line.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Electrical Design Consultants (EDC) for the Wireless Tower Modification Sites: Chardon, Bainbridge, Thompson and Claridon (Prime) Project in the amount of \$158,000.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

<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**

*Senator Grendell and the sixth grade students left session at this point.*

**ENGINEER'S OFFICE – NEWCOMB ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT – AARON YODER AND AMOS / MARY GINGERICH**

*County Engineer R.L. Phillips reported that there is a public works job combination between Parkman Township and Middlefield to do culvert work on Newcomb Road from the Village to Patch Road. This bridge is being added to the project for which the Engineer's Office will reimburse them for the bridge section.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute an Easement for Drainage Purposes with Aaron N. Yoder (part of parcel # 18-090616) for the Newcomb Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #130-4.33) Project in Middlefield Township, in the amount of \$50.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute an Easement for Drainage Purposes with Amos Gingerich and Mary Gingerich (part of parcel # 18-026800) for the Newcomb Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #130-4.33) Project in Middlefield Township, in the amount of \$50.00.*

<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>

**OTHER**

*Mr. Phillips, wearing his other hat as Fair Director, thanked the Board for allowing the Maintenance Department to clean the fair grandstands. They did an excellent job (which turned out to be bigger than expected).*

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PURCHASE OF SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACT – LOW INCOME VOUCHER PROGRAM**

*Director Sally Bell explained that now seniors can use the program to go grocery shopping, pick up medical supplies, go to the doctor or come to the Senior Center for a hot meal. This program grew significantly last year as things started to get tighter and tighter. Ms. Bell added that this program will help seniors live their lives independently in our community, which is a goal of the Department on Aging.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Purchase of Social Service Contract between Geauga County Department of Jobs and Family Services and*

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*Geauga County Board of Commissioners / Department on Aging for Title XX funding of Transportation Services for Seniors (Low Income Voucher Program) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the reimbursement amount of \$30.00 per voucher not to exceed \$7,500.00 unless otherwise amended.*

<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 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – OHIO SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM**

*Ms. Bell explained that this program is related to the new Medicare Part D. The program provides information to seniors to help them identify the different insurances, have their own personal questions answered, discover which policy might be best for them and to help them make good choices that would benefit the senior citizen. Kathy Petrella is this area's Coordinator for OSHIIP. This program has helped so many seniors in our community and to help them be independent and safe.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) (a Program of the Ohio Department of Insurance) and Geauga County Board of Commissioners / Department on Aging for the purpose of establishing an OSHIIP site at 12555 Ravenwood Drive as a Counseling and Information Site for Senior Insurance Information, to be effective until it is terminated by either party.*

<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>

**DOG WARDEN – SUMMER HELP EXTENSION – KATHERINE EASTERDAY**

*Dog Warden Matt Granito explained that he is trying to find ways to not increase dog license sales. Ms. Easterday will be posted outside Wal-Mart, some villages and perhaps the Treasurer's Office at tax time to sell dog licenses to make it easier for the public to pick up the required dog license. This effort is to prevent having to raise the cost of dog license fees. Mr. Granito added that they hope to use Ms. Easterday in February to follow up on the non-renewals of dog licenses. Commissioner Samide asked if they are including the request for donations along with the dog license registrations. Mr. Granito stated that he will be asking for donations along with showing how they used the money last year by putting in pictures of dogs that have been helped at the dog shelter. Mr. Granito added that he is hopeful that they will meet (their goals) next year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the extension of Katherine Easterday as Summer Help (#0101) to be effective through September 30, 2009, and to further reclassify Ms. Easterday as Seasonal Part-time Help (#0101) for the period October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010, at her current hourly rate of \$8.25 per hour (first year rate), with a maximum of 520 hours to be worked.*

<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>

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) – BUY GEAUGA CAMPAIGN**

*The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and Anita Stocker along with Richard Heely of Chester Chamber of Commerce conducted a brief presentation on the second phase of "Buy Geauga" campaign as partnered with County Auditor Frank Gliha, Chester Township Chamber of Commerce, Chardon Chamber of Commerce, Middlefield Chamber of Commerce and the Farm Bureau. Ms. Stocker and Mr. Heely presented the new static cling "Buy Geauga" and explained that the intention is for vendors to put them in their windows to remind citizens to keep the money in Geauga County. Mr. Heely added that "Buy Geauga" is a great idea, especially in these challenging times, for CIC to find a way to support each other-together. Ms. Stocker added that the CIC is a great organization that is really meant to put businesses together.*

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*The Board reviewed calendar and events.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB

*The 4-H members explained what 4-H has meant to them and how 4-H has helped them in their lives as well as how much fun they are having. They wanted everyone to know how important 4-H is. The students explained the Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition.*

*Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko explained that the Geauga County Commissioners Office, a very small office, took up a one day collection of food and wished to donate to the competition and to the Hunger Task Force.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-163 Honoring the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: September 3, 2009*

*Resolution: 09-163*

**RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB**

*WHEREAS, 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club organized and sponsored the Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition, a community service project under the direction of their 4-H advisor Marcia Reilly; and*

*WHEREAS, this is the fourth year for the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition; and*

*WHEREAS, the competition is open to all 4-H club members from the age of five through eighteen and is based on a point system for the number of non-perishable food items or cash donations collected by each club, with bonus points given to clubs who registered for the competition by the deadline; and*

*WHEREAS, the 4-H Clubs have been collecting in various areas and by various means throughout the county; and*

*WHEREAS, the final collection of non perishable items took place at the Geauga County Fairground Rabbit Barn on August 13 and 14, 2009 which were delivered in cardboard boxes and loaded in a truck provided through United Way and transported to the Geauga Hunger Task Force for disbursement within Geauga County. The monetary donations will be presented to the Geauga Hunger Task Force at the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Session at the Great Geauga County Fair on September 3, 2009; and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for their outstanding dedication and service to Geauga County, Geauga Hunger Task Force, 4-H and for organizing this cooperative and beneficial community service project; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.*

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 26, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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MEETINGS

9/3 thru 9/7 *The Great Geauga County Fair.*

Mon., 9/7 *County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.*

Tue., 9/8 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 9/10 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Fri., 9/11 *Patriot Day Ceremony on the Geauga County Court House at 8:15 a.m.*

Fri., 9/11 *NOACA*

Tue., 9/15 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Tue., 9/15 *Advisory Committee meeting after session.*

Tue., 9/15 *The Board will meet at the County Home cemetery for an Eagle Scout flag pole ceremony at 3:30 p.m.*

Thu., 9/17 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.-*

Mon., 9/21 *Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services.*

Tues. 9/22 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

Thu., 9/24 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M.**

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*

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