

Commissioners' Journal
August 14, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 14, 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 President of the Board, Craig S. Albert opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 12, 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>Aye</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Officer Heidi Delaney reported the financials as a cash transfer for Job and Family Services from the Children's Services Fund to the Public Assistance Fund for administrative expenses.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-115 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 14, 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>Aye</i>

BOARD OF MR/DD – BID OPENING ADVERTISEMENT – TRANSPORTATION DRIVE AT BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM CENTER PROJECT

Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent Metzenbaum Center reported that the bid is for the installation of a new drive that will be serving the future driveway for the shared bus garage with West Geauga Schools. The new garage is not ready to proceed but this will allow for construction traffic for well drilling that will be commencing.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Transportation Drive at the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center Project with a bid opening to be held on September 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be published on August 18, 2008 and the county web site.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REMOVE JOB POSTING – ADULT DAY CARE AIDE

Director Sally Bell reported that David Craig, a worker in the department, stepped up and will fill in so they do not have to hire someone for this position. Ms. Bell added that she was very proud of him and her department. The aide is a state regulation.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to remove the job posting for Part-time Adult Day Care Aide (#1008) in the Department on Aging as this position will not be filled.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WRAAA AGING SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET PROGRAM

Ms. Bell reported that this is new money to the department. The State aging network has worked out a contract for \$50.00 per income eligible, over the age of sixty, senior citizen (not like the current Department on Aging farm market program that is nutrition related). They will be given vouchers to spend at local community farm markets in Geauga County.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2008 Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement for the period of August 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008.*

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ODOT OPERATING GRANT AND CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for the CY 2009 ODOT Operating Grant Application and the CY 2009 ODOT Capital Grant Application to be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Notice of this hearing will be advertised August 15, 2008 and September 13, 2008.*

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – FIVE STAR FIRE PROTECTION – KIWANIS LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award for Five Star Fire Protection Services Incorporated for installation of a fire suppression system and stove hood at Kiwanis Lake Community Center, under grant #B-F-07-026-1, in the amount of \$12,475.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT - FIVE STAR FIRE PROTECTION – KIWANIS LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Three-Party Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Kiwanis Lake Community Center and Five Star Fire Protection Services Incorporated for the public rehabilitation project at Kiwanis Lake Community Center, under grant #B-F-07-026-1, in the amount of \$12,475.00.*

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED - FIVE STAR FIRE PROTECTION – KIWANIS LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Program Coordinator Rhea Dykes explained that Kiwanis Lake is hoping to use it more for community events now that the kitchen will be up and working and the doors are being replaced.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and*

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authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Five Star Fire Protection Services Incorporated for installation of a fire suppression system and stove hood at Kiwanis Lake Community Center, under grant #B-F-07-026-1, in the amount of \$12,475.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #1 – AYERS WELL DRILLING

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the service contract with Ayers Well Drilling Limited for additional material and labor costs, in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DON MEYER
Director Gus Saikaly reported that Don Meyer has been with the department for thirty seven (37) years and a resolution will be coming in the near future.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the retirement resignation of Don Meyer from the position of Wastewater Operator III (#2313), to be effective August 29, 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>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – JOHN SENCY
Mr. Saikaly reported that, due to the cost of gas, Mr. Sency found another job closer to home.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of John Sency from the position of Electrician (#2314), to be effective August 29, 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>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTION - DAVE OSBORN

Mr. Saikaly reported that Mr. Osborn has been with the department for twenty three (23) years and came to work for the department right out of high school.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the promotion of Dave Osborn to the position of Full-time Supervisor, Garage (#2323), to be effective August 18, 2008, at a rate of \$24.11

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE - MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) –MERRITT ROAD GARAGE AND MCFARLAND CREEK

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to advertise for the position of a Full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage location.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for the position of a full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) at the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant location.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE INTERNAL POSTING – WATER/WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR I - MERRITT ROAD GARAGE

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise internally, for ten days and in accordance with the union contract, for the position of a Full-time Water/Wastewater Plant Operator I (#2326) at the Merritt Road Garage location.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE - INTERNAL POSTING – WATER/WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR II - MERRITT ROAD GARAGE

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise internally, for ten days and in accordance with the union contract, for the position of a Full-time Water/Wastewater Plant Operator II (#2313) at the Merritt Road Garage location.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - TRANSIT DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Albert opened the public hearing on at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed transit fare increase by stating the project was properly advertised.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the public notice.*

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

Director Kristina Fenselon reported that there has not been a fare increase since 1996. An increase has not been as badly needed as now due to dwindling federal and state grant funds, the high cost of fuel and rising costs for health care, electric and natural gas. Ms. Fenselon reported the proposed increases will be: the extra stop an increase from \$.50 to \$1.00, \$4.00 to \$6.00 for one-way, and half fare from \$2.00 to \$3.00. (Commissioner Young briefly left session at this point.) Ms. Fenselon reported 34,827 trips (without Saturday service) were made at the end of the second quarter, which is an increase. Operation Manager Jack Jackson added that a demand for service is up also but they cannot provide the service for all the requests. There is federal money available but there will be a 50% match requirement for these funds. Ms. Bell (Department on Aging) reported they have already included this increase in their budget but understands because the fuel increases are being felt in the Department on Aging as well. Ms. Bell added that with the aging population a good transit system is needed to keep them a part of the community. Ms. Bell added that it was reported that because people are cutting back on gas consumption that it is affecting the available resources for road construction due to lower gas taxes available.

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Being no further comments from the public Commissioner Albert closed the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the Transit Department fare increase to be effective September 1, 2008, as follows:

*\$6.00 for general riders / one-way
\$3.00 one way with Buckeye card
\$3.00 children ages 6 thru 17 one-way
\$1.00 for Extra Stop*

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

OTHER

There will be no monthly economic development meeting for August.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. The Plan Review for Chardon Township Park, Submittal #1, in Chardon Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- b. The Plan Review for Hambden Congregational Church Addition, Submittal #1, in Chardon Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- c. A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending July 2008.*

MEETINGS

Thu., 8/14 The Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on August 14, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed Transit fare increase.

Mon., 8/18 Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m.

*Tue., 8/19 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled as the Board will be attending County Commissioners' Days in Ross County.***

Thu., 8/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/21 The Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on August 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed issuance by the proposed issuer of Multi-Mode Variable Rate Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (Montefiore Housing Corporation Project)

Tue., 8/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 8/26 The Commissioners will hold PUBLIC HEARING #1 to discuss an increase in the Geauga County Sales and Use Tax Rate to be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

*Thu., 8/28 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:30 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair on the Junior Fair Stage. NOTE DIFFERENT STARTING TIME AND DIFFERENT LOCATION.***

Mon., 9/1 County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.

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Tue., 9/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

Thu., 9/4 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:45 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk