

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 21, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 21, 2012 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 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Jemison was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 16, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental appropriation for the Board of Developmental Disabilities residential services fund to increase appropriations for SFY12 and SFY13 for additional Medicaid waiver matches and for advances to Maple Leaf Residential for community home purchases and for the Board of Developmental Disabilities construction fund to increase appropriations for alternatives #1 and #2 to the base remodeling bid for the remodeling project; an Appropriation transfer for the Board of Developmental Disabilities operating fund to correct appropriations for supplies and unemployment costs; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Mental Health Board fund for a portion of 2012 funding for the Youth Center; a Cash transfer out of the Water Resources fund for the debt payment on the Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant; a Contract for Excavation Works, Incorporated for the Office of Community and Economic Development for a septic installation in the amount of \$15,240.00; and Travel requests for the Commissioners' Office and the Probate Court.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-148 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 21, 2012.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING BERNARD P. (BERNIE) HARCHAR ON HIS RETIREMENT AS FIRE CHIEF OF MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

*Commissioner Samide explained how she was to adopt this resolution, referring to the nine years she served as a Munson Township Trustee along with Auditor Frank Gliha, who was also present. Ms. Samide read the Resolution honoring Bernie Harchar, noting that it would signed by Commissioner Claypool, herself and Clerk Christine Blair, adding that Commissioner Jemison was not present but would have been just as pleased. Ms. Samide explained that while in Munson working with Mr. Harchar and the Trustees that Munson was able to receive a Split 6-3 ISO rating that is usually only given to cities in proximity of water, but was attained due to Munson's installation of multiple fire ponds. Mr. Harchar served during difficult times when the annual budget was about \$190,000, but as the fire department grew over the years, the budget has also grown. Mr. Claypool added his congratulations.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-149 Honoring Bernard P. (Bernie) Harchar on his Retirement as Fire Chief of Munson Township.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-149*

*Date: August 21, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BERNARD P. (BERNIE) HARCHAR ON HIS RETIREMENT  
AS FIRE CHIEF OF MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, Bernard P. (Bernie) Harchar grew up and graduated from Euclid High School in 1970 before becoming a Firefighter for the City of Euclid, where he worked as a Full-time Firefighter until his retirement in 2002; and*

*WHEREAS, Bernie Harchar began his twenty-four years with the Munson Fire Department in 1988 as a volunteer, before serving as an officer, and then later taking on the leadership responsibilities and challenges in 1992 by becoming Chief; and*

*WHEREAS, Bernie Harchar was instrumental in the growth and improvements to the Munson Fire Department taking it from a volunteer with part-time staffing operation, to a twenty-four hour operation, with full-time staffing, making sure training standards were kept to the most current and up to date in the State; and*

*WHEREAS, Bernie Harchar was always involved in activities throughout Geauga County and in the State of Ohio, working to better the communication and collaboration of emergency responses to citizens in need; and*

*WHEREAS, Bernie Harchar provided hard work, dedication, leadership and professionalism to Munson Township residents as the Chief of Munson Fire Department; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Bernie Harchar on his Retirement as Fire Chief of Munson Township.*

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

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

*Mr. Gliha recalled that while there were some differences involving the budget that they were still friends, adding that they had grown up as neighbors in Euclid before moving out to Geauga. Mr. Gliha added that Mr. Harchar would be greatly missed. Ms. Samide recalled a number of late meetings, as well as very early meetings that were called by Mr. Gliha. Mr. Harchar acknowledged the support of the community by the trustees, along with the voter's support of additional levies. Mr. Harchar acknowledged the Sheriff's Department and Chief Deputy Hildenbrand (whom is also Hambden Fire Chief) that no other county has the level of cooperation between law enforcement and fire departments. Mr. Harchar stated that he was going to miss the upcoming growth and the new things to come with the fire service into the communities, regarding preplanning using internet based systems. Mr. Harchar stated that if it wasn't for the township trustees, along with support from the county commissioners', things would not be as good. Mr. Harchar expressed his pleasure and hoped that Chief Mark Lynn will follow in his footsteps and continue to do well, and looks forward to coming back to visit. Mr. Harchar thanked everyone and the Board took a moment for pictures.*

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – HIRE AMBER SHERBONDY – PART-TIME INTERMITTENT  
PERMIT COORDINATOR (#1106)**

*County Administrator David Lair explained Ms. Sherbondy is currently an employee in the Archives and Records Center and will be continuing to work in that position but will be trained to allow the Administrative Secretary in the Building department to take leave for vacation. Mr. Lair noted that Ms. Sherbondy would receive the differential in pay only when she is covering this position.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Amber Sherbondy to the position of Part-time Intermittent Permit Coordinator (#1106) to be effective August 20, 2012 at a rate of \$10.99 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$11.57 per hour.

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – HORIZON EXCAVATING – INSTALLATION OF ENVIROGUARD SEPTIC SYSTEM**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this is the fourth system being installed under the \$160,000.00 grant through the EPA, adding that Horizon Excavating is a Geauga-based company.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Horizon Excavating for the installation of a Enviroguard septic system located at 8444 Coveridge Road, South Russell, owned by Gary and Mary Curran, under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$10,998.00.

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RHEA BENTON – PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

*Director Anita Stocker expressed that Ms. Benton's departure will be a real loss to Geauga County; but added that this was a good career opportunity for her. Mr. Claypool inquired if voting no would require Ms. Benton to stay; Ms. Stocker appreciated the sentiment.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Rhea Benton, Program Coordinator to be effective August 31, 2012.

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

**RECORDER'S OFFICE – DIRECT FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00) OF EACH FILING/RECORDING FEE TO THE RECORDER MICROGRAPHICS (CRM) FUND**

*County Recorder Sharon Gingerich explained that the maximum amount allowed per the O.R.C. is \$7.00, but that \$4.00 was all they needed to provide for the equipment. Brief discussion took place regarding the ownership of the source code, along with the ownership of the equipment and if the company went out of business if it would become the property of the county.*

*Mr. Claypool expressed that the county is doing the right thing in renting these types of systems rather than purchasing them due to amount of updates involved.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve, in accordance with O.R.C. 317.321, to continue to direct four dollars of the fee collected for filing or recording a document in the Recorder's office to the County Recorder Micrographics (CRM) fund for a period of five years effective January 1, 2013.

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

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**OTHER – BERNIE HARCHAR**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that he had the opportunity to work with Bernie Harchar during several emergencies and that he was a good man to have present. Sheriff McClelland expressed his thanks to Mr. Harchar for his service, along with his admiration for the cooperation.*

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE GEAUGA COUNTY 9-1-1 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

*Sheriff McClelland stated that the Village of Middlefield had provided notice of discontinuing their dispatch, which will require a change in the existing county plan that documents the routing of emergency calls. Sheriff McClelland stated that the process will be the appointment of a planning committee that will establish a technical advisory committee to document the needed changes. In response to a question by Mr. Claypool as to why Middlefield Village was not included on this committee and would they participate in this process, Sheriff McClelland stated that the procedure was established by the PUCO to ensure call routing plans are developed acknowledging all contingencies which might occur, and that looking at the entire plan is necessary. Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand added that the PUCO is required to oversee this process. Sheriff McClelland stated that several years ago this process was followed when the Chester Police phased out their own dispatch. Chief Deputy Hildenbrand added that the PUCO is part of this process because of the multiple voice phone providers that serve the county. Sheriff McClelland stated that we need to do this technically and correctly without loss of service, and the taxpayers will save money.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint the following members to the Geauga County 9-1-1 Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) in accordance with O.R.C. 4931.42 to establish the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):*

<i>President, Board of County Commissioners</i>	<i>Mary E. Samide</i>
<i>Chief Executive Officer, City of Chardon</i>	<i>Randy Sharpe</i>
<i>Board Trustee, Most Populous Township</i>	<i>Jeff Markley (Bainbridge)</i>

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, September 4, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</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 8, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tues., 8/21 Peach Jamboree – Department on Aging, Chagrin Falls Senior Center 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.*

*Tues., 8/21 Meet and Greet Cookout at GMHA Community Room, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

*Wed., 8/22 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill – Dry Run*

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*Thu., 8/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 8/24 Ribbon Cutting & Dedication of Casa Lucia Senior Apartments, 1:00 p.m., Middlefield*

*Tues., 8/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 8/30 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair stage. NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION.***

*Mon., 9/3 County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.*

*Tues., 9/4 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled. (pending above motion)***

*Tues., 9/4 The Commissioners will attend a Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m. District office in Warren, Ohio*

*Thu., 9/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:37 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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