

Commissioners' Journal
June 28, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 28, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 26, 2012.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT – MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES GENERATOR PROJECT

Project Coordinator Rhea Benton stated that this was the environmental clearance for the Maple Leaf Community Residences generator project so we can move forward.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula #B-F-11-1AZ-1 for the Maple Leaf Community Residences Generator Project at multiple locations in the county.

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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</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 Auditor's REAF for maintenance contracts for the remainder of the year; Then & Now's for the Municipal Court for appointed attorney fees; and payments to Government Finance Officers Association for PAFR fees for the Auditor's office.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-122 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 28, 2012.

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

MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION

Director Glen Vernick explained that this is a service contract with Auburn Fence to do repairs at some of the tower sites and at the Department of Emergency Services. Mr. Vernick noted that this contract is for two years, mainly for repairs but there if we do need to use it.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Auburn Fence Corporation to perform fence repairs, replacements, and installations as needed at various Geauga County Building sites for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ASH’S MAYFIELD WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY – SAFETY CENTER AND COUNTY BUILDINGS

Mr. Vernick explained that these contracts are for window cleaning at the safety center and at the county buildings for two years. Mr. Vernick explained that usually they do the windows before the Maple Festival, but are late this year, but will get the windows for the bicentennial building done before the fair. The windows are done alternating based on the events happening around them.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ash’s Mayfield Window Cleaning Company to perform yearly window cleaning for the Geauga County Safety Center for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,970.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ash’s Mayfield Window Cleaning Company to perform yearly window cleaning for Geauga County Buildings for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$23,050.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – LEASE – GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER – RENTAL SPACE IN BUILDING #2 AND BUILDING #8

Mr. Vernick stated that he had been working with the Board of Education and came to an agreement with them for three years that includes an increase of almost \$10,000.00 over the previous year. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the amount of square footage they lease. Mr. Vernick replied that it was roughly six to seven thousand between the two buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Educational Service Center for rental space at 470 Center Street, Building #2 and Building #8 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, at the rate of \$65,568.98 for the first year, \$67,536.04 for the second year, and \$69,562.11 for the third year.

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

SHERIFF’S OFFICE – AGREEMENT – BIRD TECHNOLOGIES (TX RX SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED) P25 DIGITAL UPGRADE TO 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM

Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that this equipment was part of the upgrade that had been discussed on several occasions that the employees would be doing the work of the installation that they would just need to purchase the equipment. Chief Deputy Hildenbrand stated that the funds had been previously set aside for this purchase and that the equipment needed would be installed on the old towers to replace the original equipment on the towers to bring them current. This new equipment takes the radios onsite and combines the connections together on the antennae to receive and to transmit. Sheriff Deputy Gary Gribbons added that there are two combiners on each tower and there are eight towers that need to be upgraded. The equipment on the two new towers don’t need to be replaced.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement with Bird Technologies (TX RX Systems, Incorporated) for the purchase of equipment

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(Ceramic Combiners, TTA Compact Auto Quad Tower Boxes, and Port RX Multi-couplers) that are needed for the P25 Digital Upgrade to the 800 MHz Radio System in the amount of \$166,991.76.

Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

TRANSIT – APPROVE NEW POSITION – JOB DESCRIPTION – REVISED
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADVERTISE POSTION- SERVICE WORKER (#2215)

Director Kristina Reider explained that a few months ago a Full-time Driver position became available and the current Hostler at the time was moved into that position and that left the Hostler position vacant. In working with Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart and County Administrator David Lair it was decided to update the title and job description to really what the position is doing. Ms. Reider stated that about ten or twelve years ago when that position was created they were in the old facility and that person was only filling the buses and washing them. Someone else at that time was paid to clean the facility. Ms. Reider stated that since then they have upgraded the facility and this position now does inside and outside cleaning, building maintenance, the vehicles, and washes the windows. Ms. Reider explained that they were asking to update the position to Service Worker #2215, revise the organizational chart and advertise for the position.

Motion: *by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the new position and job description for Service Worker (#2215) to be effective June 28, 2012.*

Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

Motion: *by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the revised organizational chart to remove and make obsolete the Hostler (#2214) position and add the new Service Worker (#2215) position to be effective June 28, 2012.*

Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

Motion: *by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for the position of Service Worker (#2215). This position will remain posted until filled.*

Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Commissioner Jemison</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Young</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Samide</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – LEVY DISCUSSION

Executive Director Jim Adams explained that the Board of Mental Health had met on Wednesday, June 20th and made allocations for their SFY 2013 which begins for them on July 1, 2012. Those allocations are based largely on the reporting requirements for the State and Federal Government. Mr. Adams stated that their anticipated revenues over the last three years have dropped \$1.7 Million, adding that cuts have been made in the last three years, including eighteen programs at the meeting on the 20th. Mr. Adams explained that their board discussed the .5 mill Mental Health Levy that will be on the ballot in November. Mr. Adams stated that the board discussed alternatives and what they might look like, including that they had spoken to the County Auditor's office at the anticipated revenue in the .5 mill and .7 mill levies, and what might be generated over the next year and then the next five or six years with both of the levies. Mr. Adams noted that the board has lost about \$300,000.00 of that levy in the last three years, mostly in personal property taxes. Mr. Adams added that the board was trying to replace some of the funding by renewing the .5 mill and adding a .25 mill to it, bringing about \$700,000.00, and replacing just about 40% of the funding they have lost in the last three years. Mr. Jemison inquired about the thought process of combining those two into one request versus renewing the

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.5 mill and then adding the .25 mill and giving the voters an opportunity to decide if they want to provide the additional funding to their agency. Mr. Adams explained that the board's main reasoning is that this increase represents the original funding that was put into the levy, and that it replaces what has been lost. This would be continuation in the future and would be spread out over the next five or six years and replaces about half of what they have lost. Mr. Adams expressed the need for services being a single package and being continuative care. Mr. Jemison inquired about the concern of adding that increase and the residents voting no, that separating that out gives them a renewal which they are comfortable with; this is kind of a "Russian Roulette" it's all or nothing. Mr. Adams stated that the board did discuss that if it did fail what their options would then be. Mr. Adams expressed the boards concern about the .7 mill being so close to this .5 mill in 2013. Mr. Adams explained that in looking at the State Levies for behavioral health issues across the state, new levies have about a 20% chance of passing, a replacement has about a 75% chance and that renewals have about a 99% passing rate. A renewal with an increase has much better odds than putting a brand new levy on the ballot, adding that they want to bring the message of continuity and that people understand how important this is. If the levy fails they would come back in the fall with a renewal of the .7 mill the year after. The Board and Mr. Adams discussed the concern for the delay of a financial increase for another year, and that agencies will have to be closed. Mr. Jemison expressed that the Board of Mental Health does a great job and that their services are desperately needed, which is unfortunate, but right now everyone is in a time that we all have to do more with less. Commissioner Samide expressed her concern and feeling that it would be fairer to the voters to vote for the renewal and the chance to vote on the increase. Ms. Samide stated that Mental Health is very important in Geauga County but that linking them both together doesn't give them much of an option. Mr. Jemison and Ms. Samide asked if Mr. Adams would consider taking this option of the split back to their board. Mr. Adams responded by stating that he could take anything they wanted back, but that with a small time crunch and the scenario of replacing a significant portion of the funding they lost, noting that they were down \$1.7 Million. Mr. Jemison expressed his understanding for the loss of funding, but again expressed his concern over giving all or nothing to the voters that could cause the board to end up with nothing and then see them really cut programs. Mr. Adams expressed that the board had struggled with that decision, adding that they are serving 9,000 people in shared services and that cuts in the last two years Geauga County has seen record numbers of psychiatric hospitalizations that have been paid for and if the trend continues will continue to increase over time. The Board then discussed with Mr. Adams that they didn't have a problem with two levies, that they just have a problem with them being attached to each other, that having them separated out and giving the voters the option would be the best.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to table the vote for the request for Resolution #12-119 until Tuesday, July 3, 2012.

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

The following motion was never read:

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-119 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, as authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25, and .26.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING CODY E. NOWELS – EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-120 Honoring Cody E. Nowels on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-120
Date: June 28, 2012

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*A RESOLUTION HONORING CODY E. NOWELS FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, lifesaving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Cody E. Nowels is a member of Boy Scout Troop 360, Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Cody E. Nowels provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Cody E. Nowels' Eagle Scout project consisted of Renovation of the Poultry Barn at the Great Geauga County Fairgrounds by painting the ends of the barn, installing a brick patio on the north end, building and placing two benches and adding a flower box on the south end; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Cody E. Nowels for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM S. YOUNG FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Ms. Samide stated that it was difficult to say goodbye to old friends and read the following resolution:

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-121 Honoring William S. Young for his Dedication to Public Service.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-121
Date: June 28, 2012

*A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM S. YOUNG
FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE*

WHEREAS, William S. Young was born February 7th in Roanoke, Virginia and experienced many address changes during his childhood that included living in fourteen (14) cities in nine (9) states in the United States and Mexico City, Mexico before meeting and later marrying his beautiful wife, Marion with whom he has raised three sons Chris, Jeff and Mike; and

WHEREAS, William S. Young and his family also shared many address changes during his profession as an Executive in the Insurance Benefits Industry before settling into South Russell, in Geauga County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, William S. Young began serving the residents of Geauga County as a member of South Russell Village Council for four years, then serving for eleven years as the

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Mayor of South Russell Village, and most recently as a Geauga County Commissioner, beginning his first term in January of 2003; and

WHEREAS, William S. Young will always be recognized for his leadership, professionalism, and the many positive relationships he built over the last nine and half years with the many board members and other Elected Officials with whom he served, and the friendships that developed through his work with the Planning Commission, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Commission (NOPEC), Chardon Rotary, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), and the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO); and

WHEREAS, William S. Young will always be remembered for his dedication to the residents of Geauga County for overseeing their safety with the construction of a new Safety Center, establishing a permanent base for an emergency helicopter at the Geauga County Airport, and for maintaining high quality service within diminished revenue resources, along with saving the county millions of dollars on health care costs due to his knowledge of health insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, William S. Young will be greatly missed, but will be remembered around the office for having the "best legs", always bringing the "sparkling wine" to every luncheon and sharing his "ginger snap" cookies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor William S. Young for his dedication to public service and on his retirement as Geauga County Commissioner; and

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

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

**Commissioner Young did not vote on his resolution.*

Commissioner Young thanked everyone so much, expressing his emotion over this recognition. Mr. Young stated that he was 72 and was born in 1940. Mr. Young noted that everyone has been wonderful, and that he enjoyed talking about the things that have happened. Mr. Young briefly talked about a few of the projects he was involved with, including the stopping of the building of the underground courthouse. Mr. Young thanked everyone for what they have done, adding that he and his wife have no immediate plans of moving, that they plan to stay in South Russell and are lucky to have one of their sons who has two children close in the area and one of their sons who has three children in Chicago. Mr. Jemison stated that Mr. Young has been a pleasure to work with, that he was a great partner on the Board and that he had learned a lot from him, even when he was the Mayor in South Russell. Mr. Jemison wished him the best, that he hoped he would have a great retirement and that it was well deserved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 20, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for May 16, 2012.*
- c) The Corrected Monthly Obligations and Securities report filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of April 2012, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 7/2 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m., Auditor's office

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- Tues., 7/3 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 7/3 *The Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. to hear comment on the proposed Vacation of the remainder of West Street (TR 142) in Burton Township.*
- Tues., 7/3 *The Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. to hear comment on the proposed 2013 Tax Budget*
- Wed., 7/4 *County offices will be closed for general business due to the Fourth of July holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.*
- Thu., 7/5 *The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.*
- Tues., 7/10 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 7/10 *The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 7/11 *Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Middlefield Fire Department*
- Thu., 7/12 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 7/13 *NOACA, 10:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Sat., 7/14 *Health and Safety Fair, University Hospitals and Department on Aging, 10:00 a.m through 2:00 p.m.*
- Mon., 7/16 *Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tues. 7/17 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 7/19 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:48 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk