

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 16, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 16, 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 14, 2012.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING JEANNETTE (TEETER) GROSVENOR ON HER RETIREMENT**

*Commissioner Samide read the resolution honoring Jeannette (Teeter) Grosvenor and highlighting her many accomplishments over the years.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-146 Honoring Jeannette (Teeter) Grosvenor on her retirement of Sexton of Claridon Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-146*  
*Date: August 16, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JEANNETTE (TEETER) GROSVENOR**

*WHEREAS, Jeannette “Teeter” as she is known by, graduated from Burton High School, attended college at Oklahoma University and received a degree with honors in Biology, before joining the Coast Guard and served as a SPAR; and*

*WHEREAS, Teeter is a remarkable women who has run a successful business as a carpenter, was a teacher in the Claridon and Chardon School districts, worked part-time for the Chardon Public Library, shared her expertise and knowledge with the Geauga County Historical Society, is active and has served as a historian for Claridon Congregational Church, was instrumental in helping collect the names for the Veterans Memorial, and has been involved for several years with Leadership Geauga; and*

*WHEREAS, Teeter visited every cemetery in Geauga County recording each stone then created a database and shared this information as a reference guide with the Townships, starting the Genealogy Reference Room at the Library, has helped many individuals with researching their families, the history of Geauga County, and with making birth, marriage and death records available online; and*

*WHEREAS, Teeter has written several books that include the Grosvenor Descendants, Raccoon Bridge, and the Geauga County Pictorial, which she co-authored with Jim Anderson; and*

*WHEREAS, Teeter held the position as Sexton of Claridon Township for many years and was often seen at the cemeteries ensuring that on special days that everything went smoothly; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Jeannette (Teeter) Grosvenor for her kindness, generosity and*

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*many years of dedicated service to Claridon Township, Geauga County and congratulate her on her retirement; and*

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

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

*Ms. Grosvenor expressed her appreciation for this recognition. The Board presented Ms. Grosvenor with her resolution and took a moment for pictures.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THE CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL ENVIROTHON TEAM**

*Ms. Samide read the resolution honoring the Chardon High School Envirothon Team.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-147 Honoring the Chardon High School Envirothon Team for placing Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) at the 2012 North American Canon Envirothon.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-147*  
*Date: August 16, 2012*

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FOR PLACING  
FOURTH AT THE 2012 NORTH AMERICAN CANON ENVIROTHON**

*WHEREAS, the Envirothon is one of the largest weeklong high school academic and environmental competitions for students in grades nine through twelve in North America and Canada. Geauga County was pleased to have Chardon High School participate among forty-four states and nine Canadian provinces and one Canadian territory; and*

*WHEREAS, each team completes training and testing on their knowledge of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry and wildlife. This year's topic was "Nonpoint Source Pollution / Low Impact Development". Working together, students gain team-building skills, knowledge of science and appreciation for local natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2012 Chardon High School Envirothon Team consisted of the following five members: Captain Kim Savides, Kirsten Tysl, Will Porter, Anna Parker and Sarah Cunningham; and*

*WHEREAS, the Chardon High School Envirothon Team started by competing in the Area competition held in Wayne County where Chardon placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of sixty-four (64) teams from seventeen (17) northeast Ohio counties; the top four teams then competed at the State Competition held at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio where Chardon placed 1<sup>st</sup> and earned a spot at the North American Competition held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, where Chardon placed FOURTH, their highest ranking in the six years they have qualified, winning \$10,000.00 in scholarships, \$2,000.00 for each member of the team; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners wish to recognize, congratulate and honor the Chardon High School Envirothon Team and their coach Marilyn Rohr on their accomplishment; and*

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

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

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*Commissioner Jemison recognized the efforts of the advisor to the Envirothon Team, Ms. Marilyn Rohr, and Ms. Carmella Shale. Ms. Shale stated that this year's achievement was the highest-place finish in the history of Geauga County's participation in this event. Mr. Jemison added that Ms. Shale and the Soil and Water Conservation District have played a key role in advising students during this event. The Board then presented a resolution to each member of the team and their coach and took a moment for pictures.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RECLASSIFY RACHEL LANE FROM FULL-TIME SUMMER HELP TO PART-TIME SEASONAL**

*Administrative Secretary Kelly Belconis stated that they were asking to continue to allow Ms. Lane to work as a seasonal employee, explaining that Ms. Lane has been working on digitizing many of the department's records.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the extension of Rachel Lane's Full-time Summer help and reclassify her to Part-time Seasonal help to be effective October 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 at her current rate of \$8.50 per hour, with a not to exceed maximum of 520 hours worked.*

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

**COUNTY HOME – CLOSE POSTING FOR FULL-TIME ATTENDANT – RECLASSIFY MEGAN CONNOLLY FROM FULL-TIME SUMMER HELP TO PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP**

*County Administrator David Lair explained that Director Karen DeCola could not be present today, and that Ms. DeCola requested that he explain to the board they would like to extend Ms. Connolly, a summer worker to seasonal status so that she will be able to work the Christmas season. Mr. Lair added that the County Home is always in need of help at that time, allowing for fulltime employees to have time off at the holidays. Mr. Lair stated that Ms. DeCola had noted Ms. Connolly was a wonderful asset at the County Home this summer. Mr. Lair stated that the second action is to close the fulltime attendant position without filling it. Ms. DeCola needs to address part-time attendant problems before making this move, and is aiming for two (2) full-time and two (2) part-time attendants on each shift. Attaining this goal will take some shuffling of the part time attendants before she is able to move a full-time attendant from 2<sup>nd</sup> shift to 1<sup>st</sup> shift, at which point Ms. DeCola will request to advertise for the full time attendant.*

*Commissioner Claypool stated that he wanted to make a comment regarding the departments that he has visited, acknowledging Geauga Transit Director Kristina Reider who was present at session; acknowledging the County Home and Ms. DeCola, whom he considered to be an outstanding individual that is doing a great job. Mr. Claypool stated that we need to recognize the great people we have in this county. Ms. Samide and Mr. Jemison expressed their appreciation to the employees as well.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to close the posting for Full-time Attendant (#1504), as the position will not be filled at this time.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the extension of Megan Connolly's Full-time Summer help and reclassify her to Part-time Seasonal help to be effective October 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 at her current rate of \$8.25 per hour, with a not to exceed maximum of 520 hours worked.*

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

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**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AMENDMENT #1 INCREASING  
CONTRACT WITH FOGLE/STENZEL ARCHITECTS, INCORPORATED – BESSIE BENNER  
METZENBAUM REMODELING 2012 PROJECT**

*Business Manager Steve Tucker explained the ongoing projects that are being done to modify the primary function of the Metzenbaum Center building as a school for young developmentally-disabled children toward its current use of serving adults and seniors with disabilities. Mr. Tucker explained that these projects were originally planned to take place over a course of three separate projects, after having the second project specifications drawn, it was decided to look at adding the necessary portion of the third project in as alternates with the second project. These modifications to the building also include making the building ADA compliant. Mr. Tucker stated that the addition of Alternate #1 and #2 as proposed are seen as being more cost-effective to undertake at this time, at the same time the other remodeling activities are underway. Metzenbaum management felt it was appropriate to allow Fogle/Stenzel Architects to submit an invoice for the alternates, as this work was not incorporated into the base project upon which their initial fee had been based. In response to a question from Mr. Claypool, Mr. Tucker explained that additions following vendor submittal of bids for the base project required a change in scope to the work performed by the architect, while they had been held to a not-to-exceed figure on the base project. Mr. Claypool asked about integration of Metzenbaum's computer systems into the county network; Mr. Tucker responded that they are on the New World accounting systems of the county, but other applications are still handled separately, with email handled through LGCA. Mr. Tucker explained to Mr. Claypool that the action taken to accept the bid bond with Gottschalk stemmed from an action to accept their bid taken last week when Mr. Claypool was absent. Mr. Jemison explained that Metzenbaum's mission has changed from serving children in traditional classrooms toward services to adults, many requiring handicap access to rooms and restroom facilities. Mr. Claypool stated that he would vote for the scope change action and abstain from the bid bond acceptance and notice of commencement actions as not having adequate information at this time to make an informed vote.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Amendment #1 increasing contract with Fogle/Stenzel Architects, Incorporated for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Remodeling 2012 project for additional architectural and engineering services related to Alternate #1 and #2 in the amount of \$2,580.00, bringing the total contract to \$28,380.00.*

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

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – CONTRACT – GOTTSCHALK BUILDING  
COMPANY – BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM REMODELING 2012 PROJECT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Contract with Gottschalk Building Company for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Remodeling 2012 project in the amount of \$281,000.00, further accepting the Bid Bond submitted to be held and serve as the Performance Bond for this project.*

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

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT (AKA TO  
PROCEED) – GOTTSCHALK BUILDING COMPANY – BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM  
REMODELING 2012 PROJECT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Commencement (aka to proceed) with Gottschalk Building Company for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Remodeling 2012 project.*

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

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**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – HIRE JOSEPH PRUZINSKY – SERVICE WORKER (#2215)**

*Director Kristina Reider explained that this position was changed from the previous Hostler position to Service Worker, to include the responsibilities of cleaning and maintenance on the vehicles and building.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the hiring of Joseph Pruzinsky to the position of Service Worker (#2215) to be effective August 20, 2012 at a rate of \$12.03 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$12.66 per hour.*

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

**OTHER – REPLACEMENT OF AUBURN ROAD BRIDGE**

*Ms. Samide complimented County Engineer R.L. Phillips for the great job that his department had done on the replacement of the Bridge on Auburn Road at Sherman Road. Mr. Phillips stated that he had visited the site last night and checked out the surface to ensure it was properly prepared.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR HEMLOCK ROAD, HEMLOCK POINT ROAD, AND RUSSEL ROAD IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP – FURTHER REQUESTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO AMEND THE GEAUGA COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM – MAKING A MAP OF THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM SHOWING THESE AMENDMENTS AND FURTHER ASSIGNING ROAD NUMBERS AND SECTIONS**

*Mr. Phillips explained that the action being recommended by his office is in response to the latest letter from the County Commissioners' Office asking to provide the board with statistics and information regarding the specified township and county roads within Russell Township. Mr. Jemison expressed his appreciation to Mr. Phillips for his assistance in bringing about the desired change. Mr. Phillips stated that this change will save the county money, adding that this change would become final once approval of this change was received from Columbus. Mr. Claypool asked for an explanation as to whether the savings would be greater overall; Mr. Phillips replied that it would be less cost to the county, and might end up being an up-front savings to the township if they chose to repave that road based on a lower standard.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of statistical information from the County Engineer as to the relative importance and value for traffic of Hemlock Road, Hemlock Point Road, and Russell Road in Russell Township, and further request the County Engineer to make the following amendments to the Geauga County Highway System: Add 1.250 miles of Russell Road in Russell Township, Remove 1.128 miles of Hemlock Road in Russell Township, and Remove 1.320 miles of Hemlock Point Road in Russell Township.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to request the County Engineer to make a County Highway System Map depicting these changes to the Highway System in accordance with O.R.C. Section 5541.02 and further assign road numbers and sections for these changes to the Highway System in accordance with O.R.C. Section 5543.04.*

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

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**LIQUOR LICENSE – TRIFECTA CLEVELAND III, INCORPORATED – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to concur with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Trifecta Cleveland III Incorporated, located at 8586 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls (C TREX 9050190).

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

**BUILDING – HIRE DANIEL SPADA – ASSISTANT BUILDING OFFICIAL (#1102)**

*Mr. Claypool made a comment regarding the new hire, stating that the board had followed the recommendation of Mr. Mihalisin, and that both candidates interviewed as finalists were good.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Daniel Spada to the position of Assistant Building Official (#1102) to be effective September 4, 2012 at a rate of \$27.70 per hour (Grade 6, Step 16E), and serve a 180 day probationary period.

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 8/16 Annual Potluck Dinner, Geauga County Agricultural Society, @ 6:30 p.m.  
Fairgrounds School Building*

*Mon., 8/20 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Mental Health*

*Tues., 8/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*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*

*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.***

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:47 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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