

Commissioners' Journal
August 23, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 23, 2011 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, Tracy A. Jemison opened the meeting at 10:04 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 18, 2011.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as cash transfers out of the General Fund for 2011 funding for the Transit Department and the first Quarter SFY 2012 commitment for Family First Council; travel requests for Juvenile and Common Pleas Court, the Department of Job and Family Services and the Maintenance department.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-127 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 23, 2011.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RECLASSIFY DANIELLE TAYLOR – PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP (#0101)

Director Sally Bell explained that this year they had summer help and utilized the girls by cleaning the senior centers, doing floors, and all kinds of things they usually don't do regularly. Ms. Bell stated that one of the girls will be finishing her schooling up at Kent Geauga and will be living at home. Ms. Bell stated that they were asking to bring her on as seasonal help, which has a limit of thirteen (13) weeks. Ms. Bell explained that they wouldn't be full weeks as they would use her as her schedule allows.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to reclassify Danielle Taylor from Full-time Summer Help (#0101) to Part-time Seasonal Help (#0101) for the period of October 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 for a maximum of 520 hours at her current rate of \$8.25 per hour.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – MODIFICATION OF 2011 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION AGENT AGREEMENT – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Ms. Bell stated that they had received a call from Western Reserve about the Senior Farmers' Market and that they would be releasing more coupons that had not been redeemed. Ms. Bell stated that the Federal Government has established guidelines that make them financially eligible and nutritionally at risk and based on those guidelines a computer program is used to determine who is eligible and that has requested the coupons. All the original 175 coupon sets that they received were given out and they have a list of 15 more that are eligible. Ms. Bell stated that the coupon sets are valued at \$50.00 and can be used to purchase fruits and vegetables at farmers markets in the county. Ms. Bell stated that they would be receiving fifteen

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additional coupon sets valued at \$750.00 and noted that if the coupons sets are not redeemed that the Federal Government may not continue this program. Ms. Bell also noted that each coupon set is \$50.00 and that all goes to the senior, there is no administrative costs that come out.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Modification of 2011 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Geauga County Department on Aging for the period of June 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 for an additional fifteen (15) coupon sets for the total value of \$750.00.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OHIO SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM JOB CERTIFICATION SUMMARY – SIMON DEYOUNG CORPORATION

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton explained that the Simon DeYoung Corporation was a Revolving Loan Fund client and part of requirement for the funding is that the company has to create new jobs within a set time frame and they have satisfied that requirement.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Job Certification Summary for Simon DeYoung Corporation, as the job creation criteria of the Geauga County Revolving Loan Fund Program has been satisfied.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – BRIAN A. AND LAURA G. ROSS

Ms. Benton stated that Brian and Laura Ross were "CHIP" clients that received funding for housing. Ms. Benton stated that the Ross's are asking to subordinate the mortgage because they would like to refinance and go from a thirty year term down to a fifteen year term, reducing their interest rate by 2.336% percent; reducing from 6.625% down to 4.259% and also reduce their monthly payment amount.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Charter One Bank, a division of Citizens, RBS as Brian A. and Laura G. Ross are refinancing for a lower interest rate and shorter term on property located at 8771 Madison Road, Montville under the Geauga County Infrastructure Program.

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

Ms. Benton noted that they have had quite a few clients taking advantage of the lower interest rates.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT PAVEMENT RECYCLING OF AQUILLA ROAD

Engineer Mike Stone stated that survey crews have been out on Aquilla Road doing some work and they have a master plan to do major improvements in the next couple of years, but in the short term, the plan is to recycle the pavement and make use of it until they can do the rest. Commissioner Jemison inquired on the process of recycling. Mr. Stone explained that it was

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entirely done through a heat process with a self contained unit that will lay the asphalt back down. Mr. Stone noted that this stretch of road is about 2.7 miles.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Pavement Recycling of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Section C) in Burton and Claridon Townships in the amount of \$249,086.16, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for the project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL DECREASE CONTRACT – C.I.R. INCORPORATED

Mr. Stone stated that the Hemlock Point Road Bridge has been completed and we were able to save a little bit of money on the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final decreasing the contract with C.I.R. Incorporated for the Replacement of the Hemlock Point Road Bridge in the amount of \$3,905.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACCEPT EXTENSION OF ROCKER AVENUE FOR TOTAL MAINTENANCE AND RELEASE MAINTENANCE GUARANTY

Mr. Stone stated that Rocker Avenue is located in Chagrin Falls Park and the Jedson Company has completed the work and release it Bainbridge Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the extension of Rocker Avenue (TR-466) for total maintenance by Bainbridge Township and to further release the Maintenance Guaranty in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus interest being held by the Board of Middlefield Banking Company.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – NEW HIRE APPOINTMENTS

Human Resources Officer Anita Rohl explained that the Social Services Worker 2 position had become open due to an employee that was returning to school and could no longer do both. Ms. Rohl stated that the Clerical Specialist 1 is a part time position that had previously not been filled, since then a full-time position had been vacated and instead have chosen to fill the part-time position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the following new hire appointments of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners hiring process:

Michelle Warren-Hering, Social Services Worker 2, August 8, 2011 (replacement)
Katherine Hostetler, Clerical Specialist 1, August 16, 2011 (replacement)

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

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MAINTENANCE – HIRE ANDREW A. HUNT – FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

Director Glen Vernick stated that they had received between sixty and seventy applications, and many were very qualified. Mr. Vernick stated that Maintenance Supervisor Richard Newsome had handled the process of hiring and looked at ability requirements for the needs of shoveling snow, cutting grass, pulling weeds and many other little things that would be required, allowing the technicians to do other projects that need to be completed. Mr. Vernick stated that Mr. Hunt is local resident from Huntsburg and will start at the County Home and then move uptown to the Courthouse.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the hiring of Andrew A. Hunt to the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective September 6, 2011 at a rate of \$11.69 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$12.31 per hour.

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

Mr. Vernick updated the Board on the progress taking place from the water damage that happened at the Courthouse.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING – CY 2012 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) OPERATING GRANT PROPOSAL

Director Kristina Reider explained that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) was not requiring that a public hearing be held, but has since changed that requirement.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing for the CY 2012 Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Operating Grant Proposal to be held on September 27, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this public hearing will be advertised on Thursday, August 25, 2011 and Saturday, September 24, 2011.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – HIRE MICHAEL KASPER – DRIVER SUPERVISOR (#2207)

Ms. Reider stated that they had received over forty applicants for the Driver Supervisor position and interviewed between ten and twelve. Ms. Reider noted that usually they prefer to fill positions from within the department, but feels confident that they have chosen the right person for the job. Ms. Reider stated that Mr. Kasper is coming to us with thirty-four years of experience with UPS, with twenty of those years as a supervisor. Ms. Reider noted that Mr. Kasper has only worked for UPS and though is not ready to stop working is looking forward to less stress at the county.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the hiring of Michael Kasper for the position of Driver Supervisor (#2207) to be effective September 6, 2011 at a rate of \$16.82 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$17.71 per hour.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – GEORGE (TIM) TAYLOR – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED REHIRING OF RETIRANT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the retirement resignation of George (Tim) Taylor, Executive Director with the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services, to be effective October 31, 2011.

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County Administrator David Lair explained that Mr. Taylor has his time in and is eligible to retire, but has a number of years of service that he'd like to provide. Mr. Lair stated that Mr. Taylor is the most respected Director of Job and Family Services in the state of Ohio. Mr. Taylor has spoken with Mr. Lair and each of the Commissioners and is suggesting it be appropriate that he take a five percent (5%) cut in his pay rate and cut his paid hours by ten percent(10%), that will be a savings to the taxpayers of over fourteen percent (14%). Mr. Lair stated that this would give Mr. Taylor some flexibility in his schedule, as a new employee is not eligible for vacation for the first year. Mr. Lair noted that this is a savings to county and Mr. Taylor manages over eighty (80) people in his department and recommends that the Board move forward.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise giving public notice and to hold a public hearing for the proposed rehiring of George (Tim) Taylor as a retirant and employment to the position of Executive Director in the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services, to be effective November 1, 2011. This public hearing will be held on October 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The public notice for this issue and notice of this hearing will be advertised on August 25, 2011.

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

Local resident Walter Leagan asked if that meant that Mr. Taylor was eligible to draw funds from his retirement. Mr. Lair stated that is does not come into effect until the actual retirement date and then OPERS requires that if you return to the same position that you forfeit the first two months.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING JEREMY SCHULMAN ON ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-128 Honoring Jeremy Schulman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-128
Date: August 23, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JEREMY SCHULMAN 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, life saving 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, Jeremy Schulman is a member of Boy Scout Troop 99, Newbury Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Schulman provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

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WHEREAS, Jeremy Schulman's Eagle Scout project took place at Highbrook Lodge Camp and consisted of coordinating the clean out and rebuilding of the large stone fire circle, re-mulching the area; coordinating, creating and constructing an open-sided woodshed adjacent to the area of the fire circle and filling it with three cords of wood; along with all this Jeremy repaired the guide lines that run throughout the Camp's woodland trails to help provide safety and independence to campers and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Jeremy Schulman 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.

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

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 8/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/25 The Big 6-OH! Birthday Party at Orchard Hills Park, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., 8/29 Board of Revision

Tues., 8/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 9/1 **The Commissioners will hold regular session to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairgrounds Junior Fair stage. NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION.***

OTHER –

A brief discussion was held regarding the Commissioners meeting that will be held at the fair and a concern over the public being able to attend.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to cancel session for Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The 2011 Second Quarter Report "Economic State of Geauga" filed by the County Auditor.*

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

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk