

Commissioners' Journal
October 2, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 2, 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 10:10 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 September 23, 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 – HIRE FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER – DENNIS POWERS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Dennis Powers for the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) at the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, to be effective October 6, 2008 at a rate of \$13.31 per hour. Mr. Powers will serve a 120 day probationary period.

<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>

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SUBSTITUTE ATTENDANT – SAMANTHA BORNTREGER

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Samantha Borntreger for the position of Substitute Attendant (#1504-2) in the County Home to be effective October 9, 2008 at a rate of \$8.35 per hour. After the successful completion of a 700 hour probationary period, the rate will increase to \$8.80 per hour.

<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>

COUNTY HOME – CLOSE POSTING – FULL TIME ATTENDANT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to close the posting for full-time attendants (2 positions). These positions will not be filled.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR MELISSA MARTIN AND BEVERLY CROWE

Program Coordinator Rhea Dykes explained that after the homes are complete Habitat puts a mortgage on the property and the County always subordinates to them. The county gives \$20,000.00 under grant B-F-07-026-1.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Subordination Agreement / Real Estate Mortgage between The Geauga County Board of Commissioners (\$20,000.00 under Grant # B-F-07-026-1) and

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Habitat for Humanity (\$112,000.00) for Melissa Martin and Beverly Crowe for property located at 14788 Glen Valley Drive, Middlefield.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR JULIE R. BELL

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Subordination Agreement / Real Estate Mortgage between The Geauga County Board of Commissioners (\$20,000.00 under Grant # B-F-07-026-1) and Habitat for Humanity (\$123,000.00) for Julie R. Bell for property located at 14707 Steeplechase Drive, Middlefield.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CDBG PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Status Report for Grant #B-F-07-026-1 for the period September 1, 2007 to 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AGREEMENT LOAN-GRANT AND CONTRACT – DDC CLINIC INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement for Loan / Grant and Contract for Public Service between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and DDC Clinic Incorporated for acceptable activities including providing transportation from home to DDC for at-risk clients and supplying a nurse practitioner with support to provide medical follow-up, in the amount of \$20,000.00, under Grant #B-F-07-026-1.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REVOLVING FUND LOAN REVIEW REPORT – LOST POND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Report Form in regards to Lost Pond Construction Services Incorporated.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the update to the budget hearing schedule.

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1:00 Treasurer
1:45 Archives/ Recorder
2:30 Planning
3:15 Maintenance

October 9, 2008
1:00 Dept on Aging
1:45 Metzenbaum
2:30 Board of Elections
3:15 Auditor/ADP

October 14, 2008
1:00 Sheriff
1:45 DES
2:30 Community Dev
3:15 Commissioners

October 21, 2008
1:00 Engineer
1:45 Transit
2:30 Public Defender
3:15 Veterans

October 23, 2008
1:00 Soil and Water
1:45 Clerk Courts
2:30 Prosecutor
3:15 Job and Family

October 28, 2008
1:00 Muni Court
1:45 Juvenile Court
2:30 Mental Health
3:30 Common Pleas
4:00 Coroner

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Commissioner Samide will make the presentation.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-146 Honoring Betty Wallis for the Geauga County Library Foundation 2008 Chapman Award.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 2, 2008

Resolution: 08-146

RESOLUTION HONORING BETTY WALLIS

WHEREAS, Betty Wallis, a longtime resident of Chardon Township, is the recipient of the prestigious Chapman Award, bestowed once a year by the Geauga County Library Foundation and is given to a person nominated who best represents the values of bringing books and people together; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wallis is married to Richard and has three children, Christopher, Sarah Hill and David, and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wallis has been a member of the Chardon Friends Group for 30 years and President for the last nine. Chardon Friends was the first group that Betty became involved with when she moved here in 1976. Betty Wallis commented that the Friends Group represented community, the library and enrichment to her life. During her administration the Friends Group added the Christmas Tree program, after hours coffee houses and taking books to the jail; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wallis was always ready to help with any task, whether it was working at book sales, putting up yard signs for a levy or supporting the library. Betty Wallis estimates that she has worked over fifty book sales. Betty and Richard will be mentoring a refugee family from Burma to help them become acclimated to the lifestyle in America; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wallis is a third grade teacher at Willow Hill Christian School for the past six of her twenty-five years in education. In her free time Betty Wallis does scrapbooking, gardening, is a ski advisor for her school and of course loves to read; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Betty Wallis for her dedication and service to the library, the community and congratulates her for being the recipient of the 2008 Chapman Award.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County 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 Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OTHER

The Board reviewed calendars.

Commissioners Clerk Claudine Kozenko reported that directors were told of the upcoming holiday hours and stated that the directors were very grateful for the time off. Ms. Kozenko also reported that the directors were glad to be able to plan ahead and also asked if anything was decided regarding time off around the New Years Holiday. The Board consensus was that there will be no additional time off for the New Years Holiday.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PROPOSED SEWERS - MAPLE HILL SUBDIVISION – SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE

The Commissioners' Office conducted a discussion regarding the proposed sewers at Maple Hill Subdivision in South Russell. Mayor Matthew Brett introduced Council Members William Koons and James Flaiz who were also in attendance. Mayor Brett stated that they are requesting the Commissioners extend sewers to the homeowners on Maple Hill Drive. This is not a village initiative, it is something the homeowners of Maple Hill Drive have requested. The villages' role is to support the residents in either direction they wanted to go and they were there to assist the residents to make an informed decision, as it is confusing and involved. Mayor Brett explained there are approximately 300 homes on septic systems with approximately 41 homes on Maple Hill Drive. There have been many changes over the years in septic systems due to state laws and the new septic systems. In 2005-2006 several of the communities requested meetings with the Mayor, Water Resources and the Health Department to get up to speed on the septic / sewer solutions. Some homes in the meantime had put up the newer septic systems that are not attractive and stick out of the ground. In 2006, Maple Hill involved the Village Council in finding out what is involved in switching over to sewers. There was an informational meeting with Maple Hill Drive and Silver Springs. In May of 2007 the residents presented council with their own opinion poll for interest in switching over to sewers and asked the Village to look at a larger group of individuals as well, for possible economic reasons. The Village got involved and put on a number of informational sessions in June, August and October of 2007 for residents identified as being on septic systems. The meetings included information regarding septic systems with questions and answers and sewer information with questions and answers. In November of 2007 an opinion poll was conducted with 260 homes with the overall results of this large group was that they did not want to switch over to sewers. The Village is maintaining a third party role without a vested interest in either direction and not to persuade anyone to one solution or another, although some residents preferred the Village to make the decision. Two streets expressed interest: Maple Hill and Sun Ridge Lane. The cost estimates for the original large group was an assessment of \$23,000.00 but with the revised plan, with Sun Ridge, the cost was revised to \$34,000.00. Sun Ridge residents conducted their own opinion poll where it was decided that they were not in favor of sewers. Maple Hill Subdivision asked the Village to conduct the last poll with the ultimate result being: of 41 homes, 26 voted in favor of sewers, 10 voted against sewers, 1 voted acceptable either way and 4 did not participate in the survey. Based on this poll on May 27, 2008 the Village introduced an ordinance and after three readings the ordinance was passed on July 14, 2008. There was a referendum effort in August but was later determined to be flawed. This ordinance has had a lot of discussions including the financial implications it will cause. Maple Hill does have a number of aging septic systems so the Village came before the Board to support those residents wanting to switch over to sewers. Commissioner Albert questioned why, if all the sewer lines would pass all these other possible septic areas in the Village, not have them tie in to the sewer system. Mayor Brett commented that they are respecting the wishes of those not in favor of switching over to sewers. Commissioner Samide questioned if the septic systems are actually failing. Mayor Brett responded that it depends on who you ask. The Health Department reported that the history of the older like systems, not these actual systems, had a low passing rate when inspected, less than 10%. Commissioner Samide expressed concern for the homeowners who just put in new septic systems and are in the path of the sewer system and questioned if they would have to tie in. Mr.

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Saikaly replied that they would most likely be forced to tie in. Mayor Brett commented that the Maple Hill assessment has risen to \$24,500.00. There was a discussion on the size of the pipe and if a larger pipe could be installed if potential sewers would be required in the future. Perhaps this could amount to a cost savings. Water Resources Director Gus Saikaly reported that, from experience, there are a number of years that lapse before construction begins and inflation costs are included in these estimates. Mr. Saikaly stated that he understands the request to use a larger pipe in the sewer line to Maple Hill but his department was asked to create a design for Maple Hill only. If a larger forcemain pipe was installed now for later use, the current Maple Hill users would be paying for users other than those on Maple Hill. Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan reported there is an original Master Plan that was scaled down for Maple Hill. Sewers could be done for the remainder of the Village, at a later date, but they will have to pay for the upgrade to the system. The upgrade would include a redesign to the system and a new plan with the Village to undertake sewers, but it would have to be at the Villages' request. It was discussed that perhaps the Village pay the difference for the larger forcemain pipes, etcetera, for future development of sewers or they could search for a grant. The Department of Water Resources does not have the authority to put in sewers without the Village's ordinance. There is no EPA mandate at this time for sewers which is why the Village has restricted the sewerage area to Maple Hill. Mr. Saikaly explained the process as a planning phase, an engineering phase and the construction phase. The Department has been doing some of the planning up to this point at the expense of the Village. To move forward, Mr. Saikaly recommended putting the projected expense for the engineering through an assessment process which would entail assessment hearings giving the property owners the opportunity to express their views, and, if need be, appeal (based on three conditions) the decision through the courts. The engineering phase cost would be covered by the assessment to the Maple Hill property owners. This way the department will not expend money for engineering if the project were not to go through. The next process would be the assessment process for the construction phase. A resident and owner of 47 Maple Hill property commented that she is in favor of sewers as long as there is a long term thought to the plan. She added that she is overwhelmed with the cost of this project, especially if it is not mandated, as there are not many people involved in the cost of these sewers. Mr. Saikaly reported that he will check to see if the assessment process can be extended out to forty years and he is researching every possibility for funding assistance for this project. Another resident, Dick Dietrick on Maple Hill, is for the sewers and commented that he believes there is a health issue on Maple Hill. He believes that any of the systems that have been inspected recently have passed and believes the Village should be proactive and sewer the entire Village. The Commissioners questioned if point of sale will be changed to mandatory pumping of septic systems. Mike Tusick from the Health Department reported he is not aware of any mandatory pumping at this time. The current point of sale does not hold up any transfers of property.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept Ordinance No. 2008-27 Requesting County Commissioners Extend Sanitary Sewer Service to the Maple Hill Subdivision of South Russell Village and further to authorize the Department of Water Resources to proceed with the planning assessment procedure for sanitary sewer service to the Maple Hill Subdivision of South Russell Village.

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 24, 2008 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

- b) The Plan Review Submittal #1 for DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children in Middlefield Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*

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MEETINGS

Thu., 10/2 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. Treasurer 1:45 p.m. Archives/Recorder
2:30 p.m. Planning 3:15 p.m. Maintenance

Tue. 10/7 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled as the Commissioners will be participating in the Perry Plant evaluated drill.**

Thu., 10/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 10/9 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. Dept. on Aging 1:45 p.m. Metzenbaum
2:30 p.m. Brd of Elections 3:15 p.m. Auditor/ADP

Fri., 10/10 NOACA in Lorain County

Mon. 10/13 **The County Offices will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.**

Tue., 10/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 10/14 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Mon., 10/20 Family First

Tue., 10/21 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. Engineer's 1:45 p.m. Transit
2:30 p.m. Public Defender 3:00 p.m. Veterans

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:40 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk