

Commissioners' Journal
April 19, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 19, 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 10:00 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 April 12, 2012.

<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 – AMEND MOTION – SUMMER HELP

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair explained that the only change was to the returning third year, that when it was originally done it specified \$8.50 for the second and third and it should have been \$8.75 for the third and subsequent years.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the motion from March 20, 2012 to read: grant permission to advertise to hire Summer Help (#0101) for the approximate period of May 1, 2012 (or the end of the school year) through September 30, 2012 (or at the start of the school- whichever comes first) for a maximum of 21 weeks (840 hours) to be worked. This posting will remain posted until all positions are filled, with compensation to be set at \$8.25 first year, \$8.50 returning second year and \$8.75 returning third and subsequent years for the following departments: (1) Community and Economic Development, (3) Department on Aging, and (2) for Water Resources.

<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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RECLASSIFY DANIELLE TAYLOR – SUMMER HELP (#0101)

Director Sally Bell explained that they were blessed to have wonderful summer help that turned into seasonal help and would like to reclassify Danielle Taylor back to summer help. Ms. Taylor is a college student at Kent State and worked last year on all the projects, but is really good with answering the phones at the center.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to reclassify Danielle Taylor to the position of Full-time Summer Help (#0101) to be effective May 7, 2012 at a rate of \$8.50 per hour for the period of sixteen weeks.

<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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – HIRE AMBER WEINHART – FULL-TIME SITE COORDINATOR (#1004)

Ms. Bell explained that they had two job positions posted and received good applications for both of them. Ms. Bell felt that she would be able to find one person who would be able to do both positions, but unfortunately wasn't able to do so. Ms. Bell then looked at the applicants for each one of the specific positions, the first being the Site Coordinator that will run the Chagrin Falls Senior Center which is the third largest site in the county and really has potential for growth. Ms. Bell is excited to submit Amber Weinhart for approval, which is dependent upon the passage of the drug and alcohol and background checks. Ms. Weinhart is finishing up her second degree and will be able to start right away. Commissioner Jemison asked what Ms.

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Weinhart's background was. Ms. Bell stated that she has a degree in accounting, that she was doing when she realized that she really liked working with people and went back and got a second degree in Gerontology at Kent State. Ms. Weinhart is a very creative person, who's experience is limited with seniors, but has had a lot of life experiences that make people feel that she is trustworthy.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Amber Weinhart to the position of Site Coordinator (#1004) to be effective April 23, 2012 at a rate of \$17.16 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$18.06 per hour.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CLOSE CURRENT FULL-TIME SENIOR CENTER SUPERVISOR POSTING – RE-ADVERTISE POSITION AS PART-TIME SENIOR CENTER SUPERVISOR

Ms. Bell stated that Mr. Tomsick has been very successful at running the senior center and supervising the other centers because of his experience. Ms. Bell's hope was to have been able to find an internal candidate who was willing to take over those responsibilities, but doesn't have anyone at this time. Ms. Bell had an option that she felt they should explore by withdrawing the current posting for the Full-time Senior Center Supervisor and re-advertise that position as a Part-time position to see what the candidates would present. Commissioner Samide inquired if it would be twenty-five hours a week. Ms. Bell stated not more than that, that she was thinking twenty, about four hours a day, being flexible. They need to be able to cover if a Site Coordinator is on vacation, so they may work forty hours one week for coverage and then be off the next since they got their hours in. The idea is to have a supervisor, but be able to handle all the responsibilities, noting that out of the people in that division, the one person who has the least amount of experience has been with the department eight years, so it's not that they need someone to be hovering over them, but to be there to help ensure that twenty big events are not scheduled on the same day, and to be able to communicate to the public about what is offered at all the centers.

Mr. Jemison noted that Mr. Tomsick hadn't been doing the supervisor position full-time, that he was doing it while he was a Site Coordinator. In looking at it, Ms. Bell stated that she couldn't justify it being a full-time position, but added that if she couldn't find someone, she may want to shift responsibilities and change her organizational chart.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to close the posting for the Full-time Senior Center Supervisor (#1003).

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for a Part-time Senior Center Supervisor (#1003) with a maximum of twenty-five (25) hours per week. Applications will be accepted April 27, 2012 through 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2012.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – UPDATE ON GARDEN

Ms. Bell explained that about ten years ago a family had donated a tree in memory of their loved one, and it was planted and died. This was a terrible feeling of loss for the family to go through again, and quite honestly they didn't want to go through that again. Ms. Bell explained that they went to the Pattie Group and asked them to help develop a design that would go all the way around the Department on Aging and as people chose to make donations to the garden it would be implemented. They came up with a beautiful design that encompassed all the needs at the time. Ms. Bell stated that this project has been done through volunteer donations, that this is not

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using tax payer money, but families' donations in memory of a loved one, parent, or grandparent. Phase 1 is in, Phase 2 is complete up to a connecting bridge that needs to have a raised walkway, Phase 3 is what we are working on and will be just east of the existing pavilion. One of the first gifts received was for a waterfall and it has not yet been completed. The committee, which consists of not for profit board members and members from the Aging Advisory Board met last Monday and then presented the Board with a drawing of what the garden will look like. Ms. Bell stated that the patio will be put in just south of the existing pavilion and connect with a boardwalk, and with the handicap entrance of the building. All total, the patio will be 5,348 square feet, and will be a huge flat area done with pavers. This area will include the waterfall, which will be pond-less, so there is no standing water to worry about. This design is to be as maintenance free as possible; there will be no high maintenance plants. This is about what the community supported for seniors, what they would give us and what we could take on. Ms. Bell stated that today was just to remind you that there is a garden project, and the entire project will cost around \$100,000.00, it is already in place, and is all donated.

Ms. Bell explained that a few people on the committee included current Maintenance Director Glen Vernick, the previous Maintenance Director George Davis, Gerry Hornak, from the not for profit committee and Jonathon Hall who is the attorney who represents the not for profit committee and Barb Kahn who is the drive behind this; she is a Burton Township resident.

This project is really for the Alzheimer clients and the clients with limited ability, to be able to get out and move around in a safe environment. There will be markers put in so that when a client goes off the path, an alarm will sound, and there are benches about every fifteen feet so you can go off and have a private conversation if you wanted to. Ms. Bell noted that the person who donated the money for the waterfall is not in good health, and she needs to get this done for them. This will be a big area that will allow them to hold big events. This will be handicap accessible by a paver path to the driveway. Phase 4 will eventually connect to the Veterans Memorial area. The plants and trees will be a separate pocket of funding; some of it may get done around the waterfall, but the rest will have to come in time. Ms. Bell stated that the quote was \$95,300.00; it includes the waterfall and the 5,348 square feet of patio. Eventually this will be an activity area, and will include a putting green, gazebo, bocce ball and horseshoe pits. Commissioner Samide inquired if this had been bid; Ms. Bell replied that it indeed had been and Chesterland Nurseries is who will be performing the work, and this came in about \$30,000.00 under what they thought the cost was going to be.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE PARTY CONTRACT – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING – JEREMY P. LEONARDI - INSTALL SEPTIC SYSTEM

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this is the first septic system to be installed under the new EPA grant. Geauga County had been awarded \$160,000.00 and this will be the first \$8,900.00 used from those funds. Ms. Samide asked about the cost. Ms. Stusek stated that she had recently read in the newspaper that Marilyn Drive had been experiencing a lot of flooding problems and had the contractor check with the Health department to make sure they didn't want to make any changes to where things would be placed. Ms. Stusek noted that this system was less than what they had anticipated and that the Health department did not require any changes.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Three-party Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Auburn Bainbridge Excavating, and Jeremy P. Leonardi for the installation of a septic system at 13213 Marilyn Drive, Chesterland under the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$8,900.00, (EPA Grant 85% \$8,160.00, Homeowner 15% \$1,440.00) for a total project cost of \$9,600.00.

<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>

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED –
AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING – INSTALL SEPTIC SYSTEM

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed to Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for installation of a septic system at 13213 Marilyn Drive, Chesterland under the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program.

Roll Call Vote:

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – NIMS COMPLIANCE INFORMATION FORM
– APPLICATION TO OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FY2011 HOMELAND
SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Director Dale Wedge and Munson Fire Chief Bernie Harcher were present to discuss a list of ideas for the grant funds. Mr. Wedge explained that on Tuesday, April 17th the Terrorism, Mitigation and Planning Committee met and Chairman Hildenbrand requested everyone bring their ideas to the floor and they came up with the following list:

10 Ballistic Shields for the police departments *\$1,500.00 each*

Mr. Wedge noted that these would have been helpful with the Chardon shooting incidents, and with any domestic shootings

<i>A Message Sign</i>	<i>\$14,000.00</i>
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The Sheriff requested this item. Mr. Harcher explained that it's a good way to communicate information quickly to drivers at intersections of emergency situations.

<i>A Light Plant</i>	\$8,000.00
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Mr. Wedge stated that there are currently two light plants in the county; they are located at Chardon Fire Department and at Russell Fire Department. The Sheriff utilizes them quite a bit and during the fair and it would be nice to have one centrally located in the county at Post 2.

2 Satellite Phones \$4,000.00 total

Mr. Wedge stated that during the Chardon High School shooting, cell phone service became unavailable when all the kids were texting their parents, so this would be another means of communication. Mr. Jemison inquired about the cost for service. Mr. Wedge stated that the Sheriff would absorb the cost.

Upgrades to oxygen cascade system and equipment on the Mass Casualty Trailer

Mr. Harcher explained that the trailer is currently not well organized, and that they would like to improve the organization by building shelving inside the trailer. Mr. Jemison inquired what the trailer was. Mr. Harcher explained that it houses extra backboards, an oxygen cascade system to refill bottles and other extra items for large incidents.

Maintenance to the Generators at the Fire Departments in the County	\$5,000.00
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Some time ago the Commissioners placed generators at the fire departments that didn't have them, along with one at the Huntsburg town hall and the Claridon town hall, this is to cover the annual maintenance on those generators.

Filter Replacement to those that have expired through Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Mr. Harcher stated that this is a replacement for something that is already there, they have just exceeded their expiration. Mr. Jemison inquired what the filters were for. Mr. Harcher stated they were HEPPA filters for air masks.

Mr. Wedge explained that under FEMA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission they are required to house animals in the event that there is an evacuation for the Power Plant. Mr. Wedge stated that President Bush also signed into law housing after Hurricane Katrina when pets were not taken care of. This is a Federal / Presidential directive, plus it is now required for the Power Plant. The A-CERT team would like to have cages and other items available if they have to respond to a house or barn fire, or if there is an evacuation in the county. They priced this high at \$6,000.00.

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Mr. Wedge stated that Mr. Folsom shops around for the best prices on items and usually looks for three or four for comparison. Last year by doing this they saved enough money to be able to cover a few projects that Munson Fire Department was requesting. Mr. Harcher explained that they were looking to purchase some confined space and structural collapse equipment, they received a donation of \$13,000.00 to do so. Mr. Jemison inquired about other items they had on a list. Mr. Wedge stated that they really didn't have any additional items, but that if they find that they have funds left, Mr. Hildenbrand as Chairman will put out an email stating there are X number of dollars left, and to please submit any ideas. Another item discussed was the replacement of EMS bullet proof vests. They have an expiration date of every three to five years. Mr. Harcher stated that even though these are not subjected to the day to day wear and tear that a police officer goes through, they still break down over time due to sweat and UV light. If something happens, they are still expired. These would have doubled the amount on the grant, as they are \$800.00 each to replace. They are looking at a separate grant called the Fire Ax grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the NIMS Compliance Information form for the application of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency FY2011 Homeland Security Grant Program, and further approve and authorize Director Dale B. Wedge to execute and submit the appropriate application forms in the amount of \$50,042.00.

<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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPOINT DANIALLE LYNCE – GEAUGA, ASHTABULA, PORTAGE PARTNERSHIP (GAPP) AREA 19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to appoint Danialle Lynce as a Business Representative on the Geauga, Ashtabula, Portage Partnership (GAPP) Area 19 Workforce Investment Board for the remainder of the unexpired term of Melody Musick-Obery, ending June 30, 2012.

<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 – LICENSE AGREEMENT – TODD MONTAZZOLI

Director Glen Vernick explained that there is approximately twenty acres on three parcels in Auburn Township that Mr. Montazzoli contacted us about hunting on. County Administrator David Lair stated that it is located off of State Route 44, and that the property was donated to the County in the 1950's. Mr. Montazzoli lives around the corner from these parcels and would like to use it for hunting. Mr. Jemison inquired if Mr. Montazzoli would have exclusive use. Mr. Vernick stated that at this time this was the only inquiry that they had, that if others contact them, they would work something out. Mr. Vernick stated that they spoke with the Park District and the Prosecutor's office in order to find out what is required and what could or couldn't happen. Mr. Montazzoli was required to provide insurance and must carry a map of the property when he is hunting. Ms. Samide inquired if it was for trapping. Mr. Vernick stated that it was for legal hunting based on the state hunting laws and seasons.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the License Agreement with Todd Montazzoli giving permission to hunt legal game on county owned property (Parcel No. 01-706200, 01-706300, and 01-706500) in Auburn Township for the period April 25, 2012 through March 1, 2013.

<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>

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MAINTENANCE – 2012-2013 LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICE – COUNTY OWNED SITE GROUPS - #1 CHARDON SQUARE, #2 24 HOUR SERVICE AREA AND #3 SAFETY CENTER

Mr. Vernick explained that they broke the areas down into three groups and bid for a two year contract. Prices came in good according the other Townships that Mr. Vernick had spoken with. This does not include the old jail property this year. Mr. Jemison inquired when this contract would begin. Mr. Vernick explained that it would be shortly after the contracts are executed. Currently the maintenance department is mowing the areas with an old mower. Mr. Vernick presented the Board with a breakdown of the three areas and cost per the contract by mow and the year, including the total cost for all three areas. Mr. Vernick included safety features into the specifications, like the use of bags that eliminate stone throwing and damage to vehicles. The Courthouse area is set up to be mowed twice a week so it looks nice throughout the week and on the weekends for the events in the park. Mr. Vernick stated that he felt we might luck out for the Maple Festival and not have as much mud this year, but added that there are some areas of the lawn that are dead and would be fixed after the Maple Festival.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site Group #1, Chardon Square in the amount of \$8,980.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site Group #1 Chardon Square, in the amount of \$8,980.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site Group #2, 24 Hour Service Area in the amount of \$12,720.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site group #2, 24 Hour Service Area in the amount of \$12,720.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Signature Lawns and Landscaping, Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site Group #3, Safety Center in the amount of \$7,200.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Signature Lawns and Landscaping,

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Incorporated for the 2012-2013 Lawn Maintenance Service to the County Owned Site group #3, Safety Center in the amount of \$7,200.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT – WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Technology Officer Steve Decatur explained that this agreement helps to address some long standing communication problems with Post 2; this remote location has been problematic and has used a lot more resources than originally anticipated. This agreement that has been worked out with Windstream will reduce the cost of our 3 voice circuits by \$200.00 each and will help mitigate some of the cost of the 5MG circuit to Post 2. This will give us 5MG in both directions and VLS circuits will come all the way to the data center; currently it's a 2MG download and whatever upload, it's been running about 384K and they have been struggling with voice service and it has been difficult to manage service. This will leverage the fact that the PRIs are at the end of their current contract and reduce the overall cost for voice, and for an additional \$400.00 it will more than increase the bandwidth serving Post 2 and resolves a lot of current problems. Once in place, we no longer need the BCE from Time Warner. Mr. Decatur explained that they have been documenting a lot of problems they have been having with Time Warner that Time Warner doesn't know how to fix and they have agreed with thirty days' notice we can get out of the contract. Mr. Jemison stated that overall it's a \$1,900.00 a year increase, but solves the problems down at Post 2. Mr. Decatur stated that they are using the same service with the Park District and are driving thirty plus (30+) phones and about two dozen PC's, so this should be able to accommodate Post 2. Mr. Jemison inquired about this being outside of Windstream's territory and if this was a problem. Mr. Decatur stated that this is what took so long to engineer, that AT & T will be tail circuiting as provider and is happy to get any kind of involvement. Mr. Lair stated that Windstream is getting tail circuit out of the CO in Burton. Ms. Samide noted that it was being pulled all the way down to Post 2.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute and initial the Customer Service Agreement with Windstream Communications for the period of three years.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #1 – OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$67, 117.50.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing the discipline of public employees.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 11:06 a.m., as a result the following actions were taken:

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Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to rescind the motion from April 17, 2012 to terminate Brandon Willman, Operator I, in the Department of Water Resources and accept his resignation letter effective April 17, 2012.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge the receipt of waiver to the right to a disciplinary hearing and to suspend without pay Damien Field, Maintenance Worker in the Department of Water Resources, for one hundred twenty (120) hours for violations of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Fine, Involuntary Disability Separation per O.R.C. 124.34.

<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 J R BLANCHARD – 2012 MAPLE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-074 Honoring J R Blanchard as the 2012 Geauga County Maple Hall of Fame Inductee.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-074

Date: April 19, 2012

**A RESOLUTION HONORING J R BLANCHARD AS THE
2012 GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

WHEREAS, J R Blanchard remembers driving from Euclid into Chardon with his parents to buy maple syrup, in 1981 he and his family moved to Chardon and began making maple syrup as a hobby, took classes on how to properly make it and started on the kitchen stove, then took over the gas grill on the patio, before purchasing a real evaporator; a half pint 55 gallon drum with pan cut for a wood fire; and

WHEREAS, J R Blanchard still makes syrup as a hobby today, but has 475 taps between his property and his surrounding neighbors that allow him to tap for payment of free syrup; and

WHEREAS, J R Blanchard became a committee member in 1994, worked his way through to the executive committee in 2003, and was President of the Maple Festival in 2010 and 2011. J R Blanchard is a member of the Ohio Maple Producers Association, the Northeastern Ohio Maple Producers, and helped to build the Burton Sugarhouse located on the Burton Fairgrounds in 2004;

WHEREAS, J R Blanchard has had several top finishes including seven (7) finishes at the Maple Festival, taking first place in 1999; J R Blanchard has also taken first at the Geauga County Fair in 2007 and in 2011; and

WHEREAS, J R Blanchard promotes the Geauga County Maple Syrup Industry by teaching others how to be a producer, bringing interest and awareness to this historical pastime, in addition to working to get a permanent sugarhouse built on Chardon Square;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor J R Blanchard as the 2012 Geauga County Hall of Fame Inductee.

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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 11, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 4/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.

Tues., 4/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 4/24 The Commissioners will tour Hebron USA in Newbury Township, 2:30 p.m.

Wed., 4/25 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Dinner, 6:30 p.m. St. Dennis Party Center

Thu., 4/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/26 The Commissioners will attend a Portage Geauga Joint Board meeting, 2:30 p.m. Portage County Commissioners' Office

Tues., 5/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 5/1 The Commissioners will hold Public Hearing #2 at 10:30 a.m. for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Sewer and Water Program

Tues., 5/1 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Department on Aging, 1:00 p.m.

Thu., 5/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:13 A.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk