

Commissioners' Journal
January 27, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 27, 2009 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, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2009.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp explained the financials as including cash transfers for the 2009 transfer to the Transit Department, the quarterly transfer to Family First from Children's Services and the General Fund and the quarterly transfer to Community Development from the General Fund; encumbrances include a purchase order for Geauga's portion of the 11th District Court of Appeals; 2009 service contracts for Water Resources and four travel requests for various departments. Commissioner Jemison asked if the Court of Appeals purchase order of \$44,000.00 is Geauga's portion for the entire year. Ms. Arp replied that is was to which Commissioner Jemison commented that it is down from what it has been in the past and that their prudence is appreciated.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-010 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 27, 2009.

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

OTHER

Commissioner Young asked for a moment of silence for the passing of County Engineer Robert L. Phillips's father.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – FULLERTOWN CORNERS

County Engineer R.L. Phillips reported on the letter of January 21, 2009 to the Board of Commissioners and copied to Newbury Township Trustees. Mr. Phillips reported that the issue of more signage at the intersection of Sperry and Fairmount Roads (Fullertown Corners) was discussed several times at the township and brought before the Board for discussion on December 30, 2008. Mr. Phillips wrote in the letter that and told Mrs. Majeski several times that the signage requested does not address any problems that may exist at this intersection. Mr. Phillips mentioned that during an investigation it was noticed that a sign had been knocked down and hadn't been replaced. The sign has since been replaced and vegetation in the area has been cut down and will be monitored. Mr. Phillips added that accidents in that area occur due to driver error and that no amount of signage would prevent driver error. Mr. Phillips responded to the comment that was made at the discussion regarding the signage at Caves Road and Sherman Road saying more signs were requested there and that intersection has a lower rating (1.3) than Fullertown Corners. Flashers were added around 2000 and the accident count went from 208 to 106 with a current rate of 1.57. In the letter Mr. Phillips stated "of the twenty-one accidents in the last seven years, four at fault drivers were 70 year old or older and four were 20 years old or younger. The conclusion is that older and new drivers are not the best drivers and occasionally make mistakes. Two accidents were at night, when the flashers are the most effective. Mr. Phillips added that speed may be the issue also. County Administrator Dave

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Lair (also Newbury Fiscal Officer) added that Newbury Township received the letter and had no issues. Mr. Phillips added that the Sheriff has indicated that the area would be monitored to see what is actually occurring at this intersection.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – WESTERN RESERVE RESOURCE
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE – KATIE
NAINIGER**

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to, in conjunction, jointly appoint Katie Nainiger, current employee of Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and resident of Lake County to the Geauga County Member-at-Large to the Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development Council for a three year term of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS – BURTON VILLAGE
ADA REHABILITATION IN CENTURY VILLAGE AND MIDDLEFIELD ADA SIDEWALK
PROJECTS**

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Combined Notice of No Significant Impact (NOI) and Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF) for the CDBG Formula Grant #B-F-08-026-1 Burton Village ADA Rehabilitation in Century Village and Middlefield ADA Sidewalk Projects.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$2,466.56.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – LEPC / SERC GRANT APPLICATION

Brian Laney, Deputy Director –Planning reported these grant funds can be used for internal training, bringing in trainers, consultants and for studies. They apply every year and request the maximum amount but don't receive it. Last year was the smallest amount received which was \$18,000.00. This year the funds are to be used to do more training and bring in a consultant. This also sets off some of the personnel costs for doing paper work.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the Geauga County's Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC) State Fiscal Year 2010 State of Ohio Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Grant Application in the amount of \$106,500.00, with no local match. The grant period is for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-011 Honoring Eagle Scout Thomas Jackson.

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Resolution: 09-011
Date: January 27, 2009

*A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS JACKSON
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, Thomas Jackson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 190, St. Mary's of Chardon, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*
- WHEREAS, Thomas Jackson provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*
- WHEREAS, Thomas Jackson's Eagle Scout project consisted of converting an asphalt parking lot into a garden located outside of the library of his church's elementary school;*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Thomas Jackson 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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-012 Honoring Eagle Scout Philip Gilbert.

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Resolution: 09-012
Date: January 27, 2009

*A RESOLUTION HONORING PHILIP GILBERT
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, Philip Gilbert is a member of Boy Scout Troop 190 St. Mary's of Chardon, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

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

WHEREAS, *Philip Gilbert's Eagle Scout project consisted of renovating a student courtyard located at Chardon High School;*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Philip Gilbert 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.

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

OTHER

Commissioner Young briefly discussed the incident at the Annex on Sunday night. Commissioner Samide stated that she was alerted of the alarm by the Chardon Fire Department. One of the pipes on the hydronic heating system slipped loose at around 10:15 p.m. on the third floor in the newly renovated Prosecutor's Office. Commissioner Samide was alerted by the Chardon Fire Department. Commissioner Young, Commissioner Jemison, County Administrator Dave Lair, Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko were notified and arrived on site, except for Commissioner Young who was "under the weather" at the time and could not be on site. The Maintenance Director Glen Vernick and staff were already on site assessing the damage and in the process of repairing the pipe and cleaning up. Judge Henry and his wife Linda, Karen Sweet (from the Prosecutor's Office) and County Recorder Sharon Gingerich were alerted and arrived on site as well. Commissioner Samide reported the pipe did not break it appeared that it just slipped apart. It appeared that it was never soldered correctly at the time of the 1975 renovation. Commissioner Samide continued that the Chardon Fire Department received a fire alarm because the flooding water shorted a fire detector. They found three floors flooded. The map room was flooded, Judge Henry's Court Room and the civil side of the offices were flooded, and a little dripped down into a corner in the Records Office. The Board added that it was a testament to the Maintenance Department that those offices could still be open today. Commissioner Jemison stated that the Maintenance staff worked all night and brought in most of the staff to clean up all the water. Contractors were brought in as well as insurance adjusters. Big fans were installed to dry out all the areas. Mr. Lair added that everyone, including Judge Henry's wife Linda, Commissioner Samide's husband Frank, Ms. Kozenko and himself all pitched in to clean up to allow the Maintenance staff to get rid of the water and do further inspection of the site. The Maintenance staff was there all night and into the morning. Commissioner Young visited the area and was told that there is a 70% chance that the carpet would not have to be replaced. The issue of mold (if the conditions are right) was discussed to which Commissioner Jemison asked that the mold issue be monitored to protect the employees. Mr. Lair added that humidity detectors are in the area to monitor this. Commissioner Samide added that being the winter the air is dry which will help in drying out the area and not allowing mold to develop. The Board commended the quick efforts of the Maintenance staff.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 14, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b. *The Ohio County Commissioners Annual Report filed by Geauga County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile showing the distribution of the money collected from marriage licenses and divorce cases for domestic violence shelters.*
- c. *The Plan Review Notice of Compliance for Hambden Congregational Church Addition, Submittal #3, in Montville Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*

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- d. *The Plan Review for Albino Shopping Center Development, Submittal #1, in Chester Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- e. *A response regarding signage at the intersection of Sperry and Fairmount Roads (Fullertown Corners) in Newbury Township submitted by the Geauga County Engineer.*
- f. *The 2009 Annual Inventory of all materials, machinery, tools and other county supplies pursuant to ORC 305.18 for the following: Aging, Archives, Auditor's Office, Building, CASA, Clerk of Courts, Community Development, Commissioners' Office, Coroner, County Home, Criminal Investigator, DES, Dog Warden, Board of Elections, County Engineer Office, Intensive Probation, Judge Burt's Office, Judge Fuhry's Office, Mental Health, Metzenbaum, Municipal Court, Planning, Probate / Juvenile, Prosecutor, Recorder, Sheriff, Transit, Treasurer, Veterans and Water Resources.*

MEETINGS

Tue., 1/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 1/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 2/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 2/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 2/13 NOACA

Mon., 2/16 The County Offices will be closed in honor of the Presidents Day Holiday.

Tues., 2/17 The Commissioners' regular session is cancelled.

Thur., 2/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

2/22 thru 2/24 Some of the Commissioners will be attending CCAO Commissioners Training.

Tue., 2/24 The Commissioners' regular session is cancelled.

Tue., 2/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/26 Public Viewing on the petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:47 A.M.

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Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

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William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk