

Commissioners' Journal
July 17, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 17, 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 10:02 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 July 10, 2012.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 12, 2012.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT VICE PRESIDENT – TRACY A. JEMISON

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Tracy A. Jemison as Vice President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the remainder of 2012.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATED LETTER OF COMMITMENT – MK ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

Director Anita Stocker explained that the previous motion letter was correct but the amount in the Letter of Commitment was wrong, the numbers were transposed. The minutes reflect the correct amount, this is just to correct the body of the letter.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the updated Letter of Commitment for MK Enterprises, Incorporated for the purchase of machinery and equipment for their facility located at 16110 Industrial Parkway, Middlefield, by lending \$23,200.00 in Revolving Loan Funds for a period of five years (60 months) at a fixed interest rate of 3.0 %.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Presentence Investigation fund for the payroll advance for grant funding not received; Supplemental appropriations for the Intensive Supervision Probation department for increased funding for SFY13; a Cash transfer into the General Fund for the Job and Family Services building lease payment of \$5,288.75 for the month of July, 2012; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2012 funding for the County Home, Community and Economic Development, Engineer's Office and the First Quarter SFY13 commitment for Family First Council; and a Contract for MK Enterprises for the Office of Community and Economic Development for a Revolving Loan Agreement in the amount of \$23,200.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-130 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 17, 2012.

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Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Jemison Aye
 Commissioner Samide Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – WATER / WASTE WATER PLANT OPERATOR I (#2326) – THEN EXTERNAL UNTIL FILLED IF NO QUALIFIED CANDIDATE

Director Doug Bowen explained that Cory Allen had been with the department for a year and half through the ARCO program as a “free” intern to the County. Mr. Allen was then hired as a summer help employee. Mr. Bowen explained that during the last two years Mr. Allen has obtained an education by working at all of the treatment plants and has recently obtained his Operators License. Through the union contract it is required that the position be posted internally first and then if needed, posted externally until filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Water / Waste Water Plant Operator I (#2326) in accordance with the union contract for a period of ten (10) days. In the event no qualified candidates are found the position will be advertised externally until filled.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Jemison Aye
 Commissioner Samide Aye

SHERIFF’S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT

Deputy Jeff Powers explained that the next three requests were for grant paperwork that is required to be completed every quarter and submitted to meet the requirements of the grant. Deputy Powers stated that the “VAWA” requests are to help pay for Deputy Robin Morris who performs the domestic violence investigations. Mr. Powers stated that the grant ending in 8214B or the first request has had all funds depleted and will just be to submit the report, the second request for the grant ending in 8214 is for a reimbursement to help cover the cost of Deputy Morris’ salary. Deputy Powers explained that the third request for the grant ending in 5108 is for an improvement project in the interview rooms at the Sheriff’s Office to install digital audio and video equipment that was required by Senate Bill 77 (SB77). Mr. Powers explained that the project has been completed and this report includes a reimbursement of over \$9,000.00. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the total cost of the project. Deputy Powers noted that the cost was \$18,000.00 and that we would be receiving about half of the cost back. County Administrator David Lair inquired about the requirements of SB77. Deputy Powers replied that SB77 required that all interview and interrogations be digitally recorded and archived on a server and kept archived for a length of time determined by the charges, jail sentence or other. Deputy Powers noted that there is a backup server to the server to protect these archived items.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant #2009-WF-VA2-8214B for the period ending June 30, 2012.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Jemison Aye
 Commissioner Samide Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant #2011-WF-VA2-8214 for the period ending June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$14,201.83.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Jemison Aye
 Commissioner Samide Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Sugrant Report for Technology Improvement (JAG-LE)

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Grant #2011-JG-LLE-5108 for the period ending June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$9,231.90.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTIONS DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Commissioner Samide explained that Executive Director Jim Adams came again today regarding the Mental Health and Recovery Services levy, noting that it was apparent that they had split them into two issues. Ms. Samide expressed their appreciation for them taking this action. Ms. Samide explained that after attending the Mental Health's Board meeting, it was the strong feeling of the Commissioners to allow the taxpayers the chance to make the choice, especially in this economic time. Mr. Adams noted that he and the Mental Health Board have had several discussions about this levy and expressed that the Mental Health Board had explained what they were looking for and their need. Ms. Samide noted that the Commissioners were behind them and support them, but their feeling is to give the people a choice. Resident Skip Claypool asked what the split of issues was about as he had not been present for the prior discussions. Ms. Samide explained that the Mental Health Board had come before to ask for their .5 mill renewal with an additional .25 attached. Ms. Samide stated that the Board expressed their concern over a loss of funding over the last several years and wanted to place it on the ballot as one issue. Ms. Samide stated that the Commissioners felt very strongly in asking that the issues be split so the taxpayers have a choice instead of bundling it together and making it an all or nothing issue. Mr. Jemison stated that there will be two issues on the ballot for November, the .5 mill renewal and an additional .25, instead of a .75 with the increase. Mr. Claypool inquired about additional information regarding the funding. Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair explained that these resolutions are the first step, that they request the certification from the County Auditor regarding the dollar amount that these will generate. Once that certification is received there is a second step before it can be placed on the ballot. Mr. Claypool expressed his misunderstanding on the loss of funding. Mr. Jemison introduced Mr. Adams to Mr. Claypool noting that Mr. Claypool would be sworn in on Thursday as Commissioner. Both Ms. Samide and Mr. Adams explained that the information that had been presented previously discussed the amount of funds that have been lost and how the programs offered and supported have had funding cut or been cut altogether. Mr. Lair added that since the Chardon School shooting that the Mental Health and Recovery Services has seen an increase in the need, at least in the last several months. Mr. Claypool stated that splitting the issues was a good idea, to keep the increase separate from any renewal. Mr. Jemison added that this gives the voter a choice on how they want to choose to fund the agency.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-119 Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, as Authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-119

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 17th day of July 2012, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:

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Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Jemison moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services fna Geauga Community Board of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, hereby certifies to the Geauga County Auditor this resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify to the Board of County Commissioners the total current tax valuation of Geauga County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal levy of one-half (.50) mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding one-half (.50) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$0.05) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of one-half (.50) mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy shall be for a period of five (5) years and this levy is a renewal levy of one-half (.50) mill to be placed upon the tax year 2013 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Commissioner Samide seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-132 Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental

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Health and Recovery Services, as Authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-132

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding one-quarter (.25) mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to two and a half cents (\$0.025) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation,

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for a period of five (5) years and which levy is an additional levy for said mental health programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy shall be for a period of five (5) years and this levy is an additional levy of one-quarter (.25) mill to be placed upon the tax year 2013 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Commissioner Samide seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Samide stated that this was a good example of the Board doing their homework, by speaking to the department individually and learning the needs to find a solution to have concurrence before taking it to a vote.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-131 to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of Voting at the Annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association (CCAO) of Ohio in 2012.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 17, 2012
Resolution: 12-131

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2012

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mary E. Samide, President is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tracy A. Jemison, Vice President is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Geauga County.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC)
DISTRICT 7 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint Mary E. Samide (Michael Stone as alternate) and Tracy A. Jemison (David Lair as alternate) as Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 7 County Representatives for a three year term beginning on July 21, 2012.

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

Mr. Claypool inquired about how OPWC relates to NOACA. Ms. Samide explained that all money that comes into the area has to go through an MPO, which is NOACA, it has to by law. This goes to OPWC and the OPWC Board is made up of representatives that include Townships from Ashtabula, Lake, Portage and Geauga Counties. This Board then decides who gets what funds and how those funds are lined up for Road and Bridge work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 7/19 Wetlands Mitigation Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. – Cancelled 7/13/12

Thu., 7/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 7/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.

Tues., 7/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Wed., 7/25 Ohio Public Works Commission Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m., Highway Garage

Thu., 7/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 7/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

The Board briefly discussed the Board of Revision, which includes the County Auditor, the County Treasurer and the President of the Board of Commissioners or their designated alternate. This board hears from those homeowners who file to have their property valuation lowered. This is not about taxes, but the property valuation and can only be done once every three years or if the Auditor has changed the valuation.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:23 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

ABSTAIN*

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

**Commissioner Claypool had not yet been sworn in as a Commissioner at this meeting.*