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January 17, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 17, 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Albert introduced Amy and Christy, two students from Notre Dame Cathedral Latin who attended Commissioners' session for their Government class.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2008.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Officer Diane Arp reported the financials including supplemental appropriations for the airport and U.S. Marshall Funds; a contract and voucher payment for the Airport pass-through grant and voucher payments for the reimbursed U.S. Marshall Fund expenses.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute resolution 08-007 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 17, 2008.

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVESTIGATOR AGREEMENT

Commissioner Albert inquired if Karen Sweet received the funds from a bill with Portage County. Ms. Sweet sent the bill three times but no money was received. Commissioner Young added that this was brought to his attention by the County Prosecutor. Commissioner Young met with the Director of Solid Waste Management (who has a difference of opinion whether this money is owed or not) to discuss the matter. It was decided the director would work out the details of the bill with the Prosecutor. Ms. Sweet reported she received the full grant amount this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Subgrant Agreement for Prosecutor's Criminal Justice Investigator for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$80,000.00 (\$60,000.00 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and \$20,000.00 from the General Fund) subgrant #2007-JG-D01-6468.

<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>

BURTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – GEORGIA ROAD DISCUSSION

Burton Township Trustee Dan Whiting was present to discuss a stop sign safety petition for Georgia Road with the Board as requested by the Burton Township Trustees. Mr. Joe Vauter was present also. Mr. Vauter stated he was before the Board about a year ago regarding this same matter. He went before the township trustees who suggested Mr. Vauter get a petition

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started. The petition presented to the Board (Exhibit "B") has been signed by a total of 245 people including citizens from Mosswoods, Chipmunk, Georgia East and West, White B&M Tool, miscellaneous and 42 "kids from Georgia Road School". The request is for stop signs and crosswalks on Georgia Road specifically, a 3-way stop and crosswalk at Georgia and Chipmunk, a 3-way stop and crosswalk at Georgia and White, and a crosswalk in front of the Georgia Road Parochial School. The citizens are concerned with the safety of the citizens and children that travel on Georgia Road. The group is looking to be pro-active rather than reactive to this issue. Mr. Vauter added that the township hired the Sheriff's Office for extra patrol in the amount of \$2,100.00 for about 30 hours of high visibility traffic enforcement for the months of October, November and part of December. Mr. Vauter presented the Board with the Sheriff's traffic enforcement Activities report (Exhibit "A"). There were sixteen tickets in November alone in front of the school. Mr. Whiting reported that the County Engineer stated that the question of stop signs and crosswalks has not been requested formally. Mr. Whiting added that they understand the Board of Commissioners do not make the decision for stop signs but would appreciate their support. Commissioner Albert questioned if there weren't rules for installing stop signs. County Engineer R.L. Phillips commented that stop signs are not erected for safety they are to control access to enter an intersection and not to slow down traffic (which has been held up in court many times). Mr. Phillips added that the requested stop signs and crosswalks are overly redundant. Mr. Phillips continued that education is needed for the traveling public, parents and the children in the school zone and stated that the Sheriff's Office is working on this education. Mr. Phillips commented that if the public won't observe existing signs what would lead anyone to believe they would observe more signs. Flashing lights were discussed and the timing of these lights. Mr. Phillips stated that the Sheriff's Office was looking to buy a radar unit that mounts on a telephone pole that records the speed and the time and monitors traffic patterns. This would be helpful in earmarking and monitoring the traffic patterns and the traffic activity to more effectively use high visibility traffic enforcement. Mr. Whiting and Mr. Vauter both approved of the idea of the radar unit and will pursue that option along with flashing lights and thanked the Board and Mr. Phillips.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Mr. Phillips reported the mileage has not changed since last year. There was a brief discussion on the gas tax.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the 2007 County Highway System Mileage Certification certifying the total mileage for January through December 31, 2007 for Geauga County is 227.95 miles.

<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>

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND

Director Kristina Fenselon reported of the \$0.28 tax per gallon collected they get \$0.27 per gallon back per quarter.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young 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, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in the amount of \$2,793.26.

<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 – CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION / CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT – BURTON SCOT

Director Anita Stocker stated this request is doing paperwork in advance, is non-binding and is part of the release process.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project for the Burton Scot Construction Project at 11330 Kinsman Road, Newbury Township.

<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 – ACCEPT SANTARY SEWER LINE AND WATERLINE – CANYON LAKES COLONY SUBDIVISION #12-A

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the new sanitary sewer and waterline and all appurtenances for the Canyon Lake Colony Subdivision #12-A in Bainbridge Township as they have been constructed in accordance with the department standards and are constructed within the public right-of-way or easements as platted on the Final Plat of Canyon Lakes Colony Subdivision #12-A, as recorded in Vol.40 Pg. 67 of the Geauga County Recorders Office.

<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 – JACK GIBSON CHANGE ORDER #2 – SHERMAN HILLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute change order #2 increasing the contract with Jack Gibson Construction Company for the addition of valves in the pump station and additional site grading for the Sherman Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion Project in the amount of \$2,048.00.

<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 – CLEMSON EXCAVATING CONTRACT – METZENBAUM CENTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a contract with Clemson Excavating Incorporated for the Metzenbaum Center Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$84,600.00.

<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 – PIRC COMPANY LANDSCAPING AND SNOWPLOWING LLC CONTRACT – 2008 LAWN MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROJECT – CONTRACT A NORTHERN LOCATIONS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a contract with Pirc Company Landscaping and Snowplowing LLC for the 2008 Lawn Maintenance Program Project (Contract A – Northern locations) in the amount of \$7,600.00.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – DELTA INSTRUMENTATION INCORPORATED SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service contract with Delta Instrumentation Incorporated to perform repairs and calibrations to flow meters and electronic equipment as needed for the 2008 Year in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

<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 – DELTA DENTAL PLAN CONTRACT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the two year Delta Dental Plan Group # 7193 Contract for group dental coverage in the amount of \$26.21 for single coverage and \$70.89 for family coverage, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

<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 ON-LINE AUCTION UPDATE

Special Projects Coordinator Linda Burhenne gave a year end update on the county on-line auction by stating the fiscal year end grand total net for 2007 was \$99,666.33 after paying \$7,505.20 for GovDeals fees. 28 county offices and agencies were served with the auction this year, with 514 items having been sold including 35 vehicles. There were some items that did not sell and will probably never sell so a recycling program was started to dispose of them as these items have a recycling value. Water Resources had one recycling event, Maintenance Department had three events for a total of four events for which \$2,612.00 was collected. County Administrator Dave Lair added that some assets were redistributed within the departments that otherwise would have been purchased new. Ms. Burhenne stated the auction is a very smooth process. The “closets are getting cleaned out” and added that many areas are tidier.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. The 2008 Annual Inventory of all materials, machinery, tools and other county supplies pursuant to ORC 305.18 for the following: Archives, Auditor, CASA, Common Pleas (Judge Burt and Judge Fuhry), Community Development, County Home, Criminal Investigator, Department of Emergency Services, Board of Election, Intensive Probation, Maintenance Department, Mental Health, Transit and Veterans.*
- b. A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending December 2007 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- c. The 2007 Fourth Quarter Report “Economic State of Geauga” filed by the County Auditor.*
- d. A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 9, 2008 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- e. The 2007 Annual Report filed by the Geauga Park District of the Husted Memorial Forest and Whitlam Woods as required by the lease agreements.*

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MEETINGS

- Fri., 1/18 NOACA - TAC meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., 1/21 **County offices will be closed for general business in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Tue., 1/22 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**
- Thu., 1/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Thu., 1/24 The Commissioners' will hold a public objection hearing for Improvement of Franklin Street CH 35 at 10:15 a.m.
- Thu., 1/24 The Commissioners' will hold a public hearing to discuss the Proposed Amendment to the County Subdivisions Regulations at 10:30 a.m.
- Tue., 1/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Thu., 1/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:16 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk