

Commissioners' Journal
April 3, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 12, 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 Vice President of the Board, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Samide was absent from today's meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the Park District work session of March 26, 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>Absent</i>

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 27, 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>Absent</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on the Financials from March 29, 2012, Resolution #12-062, as a Supplemental Appropriation for the Department of Job and Family Services General Juvenile fund and Voucher payments to the United Way for the Commissioners' Office and the Department of Job and Family Services, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 19, 2012 authorizing the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and/or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board through the end of 2012, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30, and further authorize the County Administrator to approve financials during the months of January and February 2012, if it is necessary for financials to be approved at a time between regular scheduled sessions of the Commissioners.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer into the General Fund from the Department of Job and Family Services for the building lease payment for April; an amended purchase order to Utility Truck Equipment, Incorporated for the purchase of a Ford F550 Crane Truck for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$91,495.00; and Travel requests for the Commissioners' Office and the Treasurer's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-063 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 3, 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>Absent</i>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton explained that they were asking to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month and that their office handles the civil rights complaints in relation to housing

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and offers education workshops for landlords and tenants in regards to their civil rights. Commissioner Jemison asked if they had held a workshop. Ms. Benton stated that it was coming up on April 19th at Punderson, adding that it is usually well attended and that they offer them twice a year.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-064 Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month and acknowledge the County's commitment to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act and policy of Fair and Equal Access to Housing.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 3, 2012
Resolution: 12-064

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, April 2012 is the 44th Anniversary of the Passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, April has traditionally been designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the President of the United States and by the Governor of the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the mission of fair housing in Ohio is to improve the quality of life for all residents and celebrate Ohio's fair housing law which is substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to remember where we started, to celebrate 44 years of successes, and to march toward the future in ensuring justice and housing opportunities for all Americans.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio wish to acknowledge the County's endorsement and commitment to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of the Passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act and the policy of Fair and Equal Access to Housing and do hereby proclaim the month of April as FAIR HOUSING MONTH and encourage citizens to acquaint themselves with their rights that are protected under the law, and join in reaffirming a commitment to Fair Housing for all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, familial or disability status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will 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 Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Absent</i>

COMMON PLEAS COURT / COURT TECHNOLOGY – RESTATED AND AMENDED SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT – COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED

IT Systems Administrator Jim Walsh explained that they had signed the original contract with CourtView in 2004 for their software package; since that time CourtView has upgraded the software package and now the middleware that it sits upon is doing license counts. They are looking to lock down the license counts that each of their customers have and came back to us and wanted additional money for the number of people we actually have using the system in comparison to the number they perceived we were licensed for. Mr. Jemison asked when this was bid out if in the original contract it was unlimited. Mr. Walsh stated that it had been unspoken, and he took it as a site license. Mr. Jemison added that in any of the contracts or agreements that the subject was never broached at all. Mr. Walsh noted that it had not, but that it played in the county's favor. Mr. Walsh stated that he did take it as a site license and felt that

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they had a reasonable argument. After not getting anywhere with the site license, they went with the number of names used in the bid specifications. In those specifications we named people who would have to use the software, totaling seventy-nine (79) names, which was well beyond our needs. Mr. Walsh explained that after one and half years of going back and forth, they have agreed to the seventy-nine (79) licenses without any additional costs. This restated and amended agreement is to lock that down. Mr. Jemison inquired on how many actual licenses are used. Mr. Walsh said concurrently we are running about forty (40), so this gives a little bit of room to expand some of that coverage to the Sheriff's and possibly some other departments in the county. This positions us to the next level, which is their web based product, where we will be entitled to seventy-nine seats on that as well, and the wording in the original contract entitles us to that without additional cost; this puts us in a good position for not only today but for the future.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Restated and Amended Software License Agreement with CourtView Justice Solutions, Incorporated.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – LEASE AGREEMENT – JOHNSON FAMILY ENTERPRISE, LLC

Engineer Mike Stone explained that this lease has been in place with the Johnson family before. This lease is to use property located at the eastern end of Woodin Road as a place for the county to store clay. If while working on a project like ditching and we happen across good material that can be used again for shoulders, it a way to have storage locations throughout the county and this location is our northern one. The cost is \$2.00 for the two year lease.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Johnson Family Enterprises, LLC for property located at 12613 Woodin Road, Chardon for the use and occupancy of one acre for the period April 1, 2012 through April 1, 2014 in the amount of \$2.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING AUBURN ROAD – NEWBURY AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Stone explained that this was to bid our Federal Aid projects that over the last month or so we have reviewed the plans in session. We have received Federal authorization to bid the projects now; originally they were scheduled for Fiscal Year 2013, but were moved up into Fiscal Year 2012 wherein the State Fiscal Year ends in July. This will allow us to get them bid earlier and get the projects completed in better weather. Mr. Stone stated that the Auburn Road section was done about six years ago with only one lift in anticipation of Federal funding. This is the section from Fairmount Road to Mayfield Road. The Bell Street project is the section from the South Russell line to Munn Road and then skips over and goes from Auburn Road to State Route 44.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections K-M) in Newbury and Munson Townships to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on April 5, 2012, April 12, 2012, April 19, 2012 and on the county web site.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE BIDS FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING BELL STREET – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bell Street (CH 10, Sections D & F) in Newbury Township to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on April 5, 2012, April 12, 2012, April 19, 2012 and on the county web site.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – NEW HIRE APPOINTMENT – DEBRA VAUGHT

Human Resources Officer Anita Rohl explained that this is a part-time position that was left vacant at the end of February when the employee resigned seeking full-time employment. This position was then advertised and Ms. Vaught was found to be the best applicant from those that applied.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the following new hire appointment of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners hiring process:

Debra Vaught, Clerical Specialist I, March 27, 2012 (replacement)

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – RE-APPOINT CHRISTINE PEACE

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to re-appoint Christine Peace to the Planning Commission to fill her unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.

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

PLEASANT HILL COUNTY HOME – TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY – APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS CREDIT ACCOUNT

Mr. Lair stated that Ms. DeCola had acquired some farm animals, in hopes of producing goods for the residents. Ms. DeCola would like to purchase supplies from Tractor Supply and would like to open a store account. Mr. Jemison stated that he believed it was for a monthly limit of \$300.00, and inquired about the kinds of animals that would be there. Mr. Lair stated that he believed it was chickens and a couple of pigs.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Tractor Supply Company, Application for Business Credit Account to be used for agricultural feed and supplies.

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

OTHER – RESOLUTION PRESENTATION

The Board presented Ms. Evelyn Luoma with her Resolution, approved March 29, 2012 in recognition of her retirement from Burton Township. Mr. Jemison congratulated Ms. Luoma on her distinguished career with Burton Township noting that she first started as a Township Clerk and was there through the change to Fiscal Officer. Mr. Jemison added that as a Burton resident he felt that he knew the money was safe when her hands were watching over it. Mr. Jemison added that he appreciated everything that she did and that the Board was pleased to present this resolution to her.

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Mr. Jemison noted that also in attendance were fellow former Fiscal Officers Sue Miller from Troy Township and Carol Stafford from Claridon Township.

OTHER – GEAUGA COUNTY RANKED 2ND HEALTHIEST

Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler stated that it had just been announced that Geauga County is #2 as the Healthiest County in the State of Ohio. This ranking is done by the Robert Wood Foundation, through the University of Wisconsin and is based on two factors; Health Outcomes and Health Factors. Geauga County came in on both of these factors in the 2nd position.

Ms. Hostutler noted that the Health Outcomes look at the Mortality and Morbidity rates, while the Health Factors include categories of Health Behaviors like smoking, obesity, physical activity, drinking, motor vehicle crash death rates, sexually transmitted infections and the teen birth rate; Clinical Care factors include numbers of uninsured, primary care physicians, preventable hospital stays, diabetic and mammography screenings; Social and Economic factors include statistics regarding high school graduation, college, unemployment, children in poverty, inadequate social support, children in single parent households and violent crime rates; Physical Environment factors look at issues such as air pollution, recreational facilities, access to healthy foods and fast food restaurants.

Ms. Hostutler added that she believed this was the third year that they had done this study and Geauga County was ranked 2nd in 2011 as well. Mr. Jemison and Mr. Young both added that this was great news.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Revised State Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report for the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. It was noted that the Planning Commission meeting was being changed to 8:30 a.m. instead of the 7:00 p.m. normal meeting time.

MEETINGS

- Tues., 4/3 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Farm Bureau Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Bass Lake Tavern*
- Wed., 4/4 United Way Annual Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. Notre Dame Cathedral Latin*
- Thu., 4/5 **The Regularly Scheduled Commissioner meeting is Cancelled***
- Tues., 4/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 4/10 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 4/11 Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Grandview Golf Club*
- Thu., 4/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 470 Center St., Building #8 (Note Different Location)*
- Thu., 4/12 The County Auditor will present the Economic State of Geauga at 470 Center St. Building #8*
- Fri., 4/13 NOACA, 10:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 4/16 Family First Council, 2:00 pm. at Mental Health*
- Tues., 4/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 4/17 The Historical Society will give a 2012 presentation update.*

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Thu., 4/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:22 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

 ABSENT
Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk