

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 9, 2010**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 9, 2010 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 4, 2010.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials included a cash transfer for a portion of the 2010 funding for the County Home; a transfer into the General Fund for payment of the Job and Family Services building lease payment; travel requests for the Recorder's Office, Department of Job and Family Services and the Dog Warden; a Then and Now for the Law Library; and a contract for Zimmco Enterprises for a Revolving Loan commitment of \$35,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 10-033 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 9, 2010.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT #2007-WF-VA2-8214A**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland introduced Deputy Sheriff Jeff Powers who will be replacing Deputy Sheriff Chuck Negrón (upon his retirement). Sheriff McClelland explained that they have received these grants for a number of years which pays for the salaries of the deputy assigned specifically for violence against women.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board execute the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Subgrant (#2007-WF-VA2-8214A) Award Agreement for the total amount of \$4,508.23 (\$3,381.51 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and a local match of \$1,127.08 from the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund) for the period January 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWA) SUGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT - #2009-WF-VA2-8214**

*Sheriff McClelland explained the money from the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Trust Fund is seizure money that comes from crimes and is used for such programs as this one.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board execute the Geauga County STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Subgrant (#2009-WF-VA2-8214) Award Agreement for the amount of \$74,775.20 (\$56,081.40 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a local match of \$16,398.93 from the County general fund and \$2,294.87 from the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund) for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – VANGUARD ANNUITY DISTRIBUTION FORM – ESTATE OF CONSTANCE THOMAS**

*County Administrator Dave Lair explained that the Board will sign these documents as Claimant/Beneficiary for partial funds being bequeathed to the Department on Aging that needs to be guaranteed by a bank officer.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Vanguard Variable Annuity Lump-Sum Distribution Form and the Geauga County Probate Waiver of Notice of Hearing on Inventory form as beneficiary to the Geauga County Department on Aging for the receipt of a portion of an annuity from the Estate of Constance Thomas.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REVISED RUSSELL TOWNSHIP 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Director Doug Bowen stated that this was a request from a resident on Thornapple Drive to the Russell Township Trustees to be included in the sewer wastewater treatment plant for a 1.5 acre lot with a failing septic tank. The owners had passed away and the property had to be sold. The township approved the request after the department gave the “okay” for the inclusion in the wastewater treatment plant.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the revised Russell Township 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include parcel #26-044600 (8020 Thornapple Drive) to the “May Be Sewered” designation, upon the request of the Russell Township Trustees.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE – JOSH PILARCZYK**

*Mr. Bowen explained that this request is an extension for leave for Josh whose back is still bothering him.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Josh Pilarczyk, Maintenance Worker, beginning March 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010.

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

**COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – JENNIFER EMCH-TALION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Jennifer Emch-Talion, Substitute Attendant, to be effective March 28, 2010.

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

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY – UPDATE**

*Kurt Updegraff, Historical Society Board President and Cheryl McNulty, Site Manager were present to conduct a presentation and update. Mr. Updegraff mentioned some of the events of 2009 such as the Model A Poker Run; their first Tractor Parade (which they hope to make bigger each year); CASA Safety Day (a new event) with safety activities and many free bike helmets were given away; and Geauga Learn (2<sup>nd</sup> year) at the Geauga County Fair (they may add another two schools to this event); and a Community Garden (a cooperation with Joyce Blair, Burton Mayor's wife). The Historical Society has over 300 volunteers. Ms. McNulty, who is the representative (along with the Tom Curtin of the Geauga County Park District) discussed the Western Reserve Heritage Feasibility Study that encompasses eighteen counties in the Western Reserve area. By the end of the year a proposal will be submitted to the government proposing that the Western Reserve area be designated as a National Heritage Area which would help the area get grant money, forest designation and would do a lot for tourism. An album by Eric Bibb (Booker's Guitar) was recorded at the Bainbridge Store at Century Village in Burton. This album came out about a year ago and is number one on the "blues" charts. Mr. Updegraff discussed the Ohio History "Exploring the Public Value of Ohio's History" study. One of the results of the study shows that Ohioans who say they value Ohio's history on average score 23% higher on the Civic Participation Index. Historic sites offer quality family time as well as education. The report discusses economic opportunities of historic sites as an opportunity to stimulate Ohio's heritage tourism industry and historic preservation as a key to sustainable growth and to join with the environmental community in projects that provide job creation, environmental sustainability and infrastructure repairs. At Century Village they do one or two programs a year to encourage and educate the community about preservation and how to go about painting their own historic homes, at no charge for the program. Mr. Updegraff stated they spent \$23,490 on advertising in 2009 to newspapers and radio. They believe there is a good return on investment as they received \$100,000 in admissions. Mr. Updegraff discussed the gas line and that they are using a significant amount of free gas from their well and have dropped in outside purchasing of gas. They have dropped to 116,000 in 2009 from 182,000 in 2008, they believe that is due to the new water saving toilets, part of the new bathroom upgrade project, while attendance has been the same as last year. Mr. Updegraff mentioned several capital improvement projects including a house restoration on the grounds and the Ohio Maple Museum with the Hall of Fame. The museum will hold exhibits on loan from the Holden Arboretum and some exhibits will be hands on. Mr. Updegraff stated that Senator Tim Grendell got the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission to give them \$20,000 which will allow them to finish Phase one of the museum project, which will be the shell. The Historical Society will start fundraising for Phase 2 soon. They also received a grant from the 1772 Foundation to restore their Bartholomew barn. They will be restaging the Hickox House outside of a gun exhibit and it will be decorated as a house from 1865-1875. Mr. Updegraff thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support in the past as it has made a difference for them on many projects. Commissioner Jemison inquired as to how the attendance was to which Mr. Updegraff reported that it was about the same. Diane Ryder, from the audience, inquired about the status of the Geauga Lake building. Mr. Updegraff responded that it was in storage. There are so many projects going on right now; they are concentrating on capital improvement and other projects at the moment. Walter Leagan, from the audience, requested a copy of the Power Point presentation, to which Ms. McNulty said she would supply that to him.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Forms authorizing David Lair, Glen Vernick and Diane Arp to sign their name and or the Elected Official's name or Department Head's name on the Department Head line on all accounting forms for the A, N5 account.*

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

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*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Forms authorizing David Lair, Bernadette Gliha and Heidi Delaney to sign their name and or the Elected Official's name or Department Head's name on the Department Head line on all accounting forms for the A, BED, Q01, Q02, Q04, Q08, Q47, TAT, U05 accounts.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT KRISTINA PORT – NOACA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to appoint Kristina Port to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Private Sector Appointment.*

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed calendars and events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 3/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Building #1C, 470 Center Street*

*Thu., 3/11 A public hearing for the review of plans and specifications for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County, Year 2010 to be held at 10:15 a.m.*

*Fri., 3/12 NOACA Governing Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NOACA Offices*

*Tue., 3/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 3/16 A public hearing for the review of plans and specifications for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road (CH 8, Sections G-L) in Munson Township to be held at 10:15 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/16 A public hearing for the review of plans and specifications for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH 606, Sections C-F) in Bainbridge and Auburn Townships to be held at 10:20 a.m.*

*Tue. 3/16 Portage Geauga Joint Detention Center Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Joint Detention Center in Portage County.*

*Thu., 3/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/18 Leadership Geauga Youth Day*

*Fri., 3/19 NOACA TAC meeting at NOACA Offices*

*Tue., 3/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:00 A.M.***

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ABSENT  
*William S. Young*

*Tracy A. Jemison*

*Mary E. Samide*

*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*