

Commissioners' Journal
December 18, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 18, 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 10:09 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 16, 2008.

<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 – BILL SUGLIA EXCAVATING CHANGE ORDER – PARKMAN SEWER PROJECT PHASE II

Business Manager Adrian Gorton explained that the change order was for items the department requested. Mr. Gorton added that a driveway needed to be repaired as a results of the work going on with the project and there was a pit that may have been missed on the engineering plan for the Congregational Church on Route 528.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Bill Suglia Excavating LLC for additional pit and asphalt repair pertaining to the Parkman Sewer Project – Phase 2, in the amount of \$17,026.40.

<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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Fiscal Specialist Heidi Delaney reported the financials as including supplemental de-appropriations for the Sheriff's Fair Rotary Fund, Juvenile Court Domestic Violence fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund; appropriation transfers to re-appropriate funds where necessary; cash transfers for November interest payments, unemployment and phone charges; contracts for M&M Home Improvements to be made at the County Home in the amounts of \$5,945.26 and \$3,450.24; and one increase to a travel request.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-177 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 18, 2008.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING AUBURN ROAD IMPROVEMENT – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

County Engineer R. L. Phillips, reported this improvement is from Wilson Mills to Thwing and is the only section that does not qualify for federal funding. Mr. Phillips added that they may make the paving wider next time to make it qualified for funding and a curb near Cheshire has to be moved.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-178 to Improve Section P of Auburn Road (CH 4) in Munson Township.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: 08-178

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTION P OF AUBURN ROAD (CH 4)
IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section P of Auburn Road (CH 4) from Wilson Mills Road (CH 8) to Thwing Road (CH 27) in Munson Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section P of Auburn Road in the Township of Munson, County of Geauga by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Auburn Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Munson Board of Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING BASS LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENT – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-179 to Improve Section A of Bass Lake Road (CH 23) in Newbury Township.

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**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTION A OF BASS LAKE ROAD (CH 23)
IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Bass Lake Road (CH 23) from Kinsman Road (SR 87) to Stone Road (TR 149) in Newbury Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Bass Lake Road in the Township of Newbury, County of Geauga by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Bass Lake Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Newbury Board of Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING MUSIC STREET
IMPROVEMENT – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Phillips reported this is from Hemlock to Route 306, the east west section and the Board will have a hearing on this project in two weeks on the Hemlock improvement. Mr. Phillips reported there will be discussions in the future about Russell Township taking over Music and the County Engineer's Office taking over Hemlock.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-180 to Improve Section A of Music Street (CH 26) in Russell Township.

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*Date: December 18, 2008
Resolution: 08-180*

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**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SECTION A OF MUSIC STREET (CH 36)
IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Music Street (CH 36) from Hemlock Road (CH36a) to Chillicothe Road (SR 306) in Russell Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section A of Music Street in the Township of Russell, County of Geauga by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Music Street, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Russell Board of Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – PERMISSIVE TAX FUND ENCUMBERANCE – VILLAGE OF AQUILLA – ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and encumber \$24,979.85 from the Municipal Road Funds (MRF)-Permissive Tax Fund for the Village of Aquilla for a portion of a match for the OPWC road resurfacing project.

<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>

OTHER

Commissioner Albert asked Mr. Phillips what he knew about the "Obama dollars" to be available next year. Mr. Phillips reported that he talked to LaTourette's office and every indication is, at this point, that it will be a direct pass-through to the states and no funds to the locals. In Ohio there is no time to spend these funds in the time frame that the President- elect wants so it will have to pass through local agencies like NOACA and county engineers.

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TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM CY 2009 OPERATING GRANT CONTRACT

Director Kristina Reider stated she “aimed high” for this grant and came out shy only about \$15,000.00 and they are pleased. There is no capital in this grant, due to a working project with NOACA (swapping out fuel money) as ODOT took the capital grant for next year to use that money to swap out for CMAC money. They are getting busses next year but it will be paid out of CMAC money as opposed to ODOT capital money. Ms. Reider explained they were not selected for the Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA) and Geauga County Transit OTTO TMCC Project they have been working on. The project is receiving \$180,000.00 from ODOT towards the project and FTA will have about \$100,000.00 to offer to each project that was not selected. Mrs. Reider added they are re-grouping and see what they can do with this amount of money. The software vendor is still committed to the project as they stand to gain a lot of money from this project. They are now looking at the project in a different way. The project is not dead.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Rural Transit Program CY 2009 Grant Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for Operating Grant funds in the amount of \$817,291.00 (Federal funds of \$674,826.00 and State funds of \$142,465.00) for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2008 HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Present for the discussion was Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand and DES Deputy Director –Preparedness Ken Folsom. Mr. Folsom stated that last year's grant was for \$101,000.00. Twenty-five percent has to be used for planning this year. The Geauga County Terrorism Task Force approved three planning projects: purchase of Incident Command Preplanning Software for each fire department in the county -\$11,980.00, hiring a consultant or contractor to review and/or write Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) for each jurisdiction in the county - \$10,000.00, and purchase public emergency preparedness educational materials - \$2,495.23. The equipment projects selected were: purchase of 800 MHz radios for fire and police departments for a total of 23 radios - \$69,000.00, and purchase of “special traffic vests” to be used for those agencies working on federally funded highways for police, fire, local townships/villages/city departments including water, highway, sewer, etc. - \$4,475.67

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the submission of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2008 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Application in the amount of \$97,900.90 (with no local match) and to further authorize the Department of Emergency Services Director to execute the appropriate application forms.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – APPENDIX E DISBURSEMENT – SHERMAN HILLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant Appendix E Disbursement Request Form and Certification #4 (Final) to release the State grant funds for the Sherman Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion Project (P0003, OPWC#CG22J/CG23J).

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

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROMISSORY NOTE AND MORTGAGE – MATTHEW AND MEAGAN JOHNSON

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Promissory Note and Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Matthew and Meagan Johnson for down payment assistance under recaptured funds, in the amount of \$7,900.00.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CDBG AMENDMENT FORMULA GRANT

Director Anita Stocker explained that recaptured funds are when mortgages were put on properties and were sold the money comes back into the county. Although the department no longer does the CHIP grant the funds are reused or get sent back to the state.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Amendment Formula Grant B-F-08-026-1. This amendment is due to the change in activity name from "Project 05-Conversion/Rehabilitation/Renovate" to "Project 09-Private Rental Rehabilitation" at the request of the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

<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 & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS – LOST POND PROPERTIES SERVICES LLC

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the following legal binding documents between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Lost Pond Properties Services, LLC / Lost Pond Construction Incorporated for the purchase of land and building located at 13176 GAR Highway, Hambden Township, in the amount of \$114,000.00 for twenty (20) years (240 months) at four (4) percent interest, upon the recommendation of the Local Revolving Loan Fund Committee: Loan Servicing Letter, Mortgage, Promissory Note, Corporate Guaranty of Lost Pond Construction Incorporated, Personal Guaranty of Jeff and Kellie Tortorea, and Participation Agreement.

<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 & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS - RICKELMAN PROPERTIES, LLC

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the following legal binding documents between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Rickelman Properties, LLC / L.M.R. Construction Company Incorporated / North American Cast Stone, Incorporated for the purchase of land and building located at 14819 Thut Road, Burton Township, in the amount of \$200,000.00 for fifteen (15) years (180 months) at three and three fourths (3.75) percent interest, upon the recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee: Loan Servicing Instructions, Mortgage, Promissory Note, Guaranty of Rickelman Properties, LLC / L.M.R. Construction Company Incorporated / North American Cast Stone, Incorporated, Richard and Louise Rickelman, and Participation Agreement.

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – ADD AND REMOVE PERSONNEL

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the use of County Credit Cards form (Personnel Policy 7.11 form- ORC 301.27) to remove Craig Albert and Linda Burhenne and to add Tracy A. Jemison.

<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 – PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM – TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Payroll Authorization Form authorizing the listed individuals to sign and approve payroll and status change forms for the Transit Department: Kristina M. Reider, Kathryn Weybrecht, Jack Jackson, David Lair, Diane Arp and Heidi Delaney.

<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 - ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORM - TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Form authorizing the listed individuals 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 Transit Department: Kristina M. Reider, Kathryn Weybrecht, Jack Jackson, David Lair.

<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>

EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTIONS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-181 honoring Eagle Scout Michael Olson.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 08-181

Date: December 18, 2008

*A RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL OLSON
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, Michael Olson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102 in Bainbridge, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

WHEREAS, Michael Olson's Eagle Scout project consisted of creating signs and trail markers at Centerville Mills Park in Bainbridge in the newly acquired park for the township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Michael Olson 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-182 honoring Eagle Scout William Fogarty.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 08-182

Date: December 18, 2008

***A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM FOGARTY
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, William Fogarty is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102 in Bainbridge, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

WHEREAS, William Fogarty's Eagle Scout project consisted of moving the flag pole at River Road Park in Bainbridge to a more central location and landscaping around the new site;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes William Fogarty 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-183 honoring Eagle Scout Steven Heintel.

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Resolution: 08-183
Date: December 18, 2008

*A RESOLUTION HONORING STEVEN HEINTEL
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, *Steven Heintel is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102 in Bainbridge, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*
- WHEREAS, *Steven Heintel provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*
- WHEREAS, *Steven Heintel's Eagle Scout project consisted of working with the Bainbridge Police to move the Safety Town buildings to a new location;*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Steven Heintel 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-184 honoring Eagle Scout Patrick Steiger.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 08-184
Date: December 18, 2008

*A RESOLUTION HONORING PATRICK STEIGER
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, *Patrick Steiger is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102 in Bainbridge, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

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

WHEREAS, Patrick Steiger's Eagle Scout project consisted of working with the Kenston Middle School PTO in a beautification project at the entrance of the middle school building;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Patrick Steiger 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-185 honoring Eagle Scout Don Neil Moran.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 08-185

Date: December 18, 2008

**A RESOLUTION HONORING DON NEIL MORAN
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, Don Neil Moran 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, Don Neil Moran provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Don Neil Moran's Eagle Scout project consisted of restoring seventy-five yards of fencing at Headlands Park which is part of the Geauga County, Ohio Park System;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Don Neil Moran 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER CRAIG ALBERT FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

Several employees' from the Commissioners' Office shared some stories and pictures of Commissioners Office. Commissioner Samide presented Commissioner Albert with her sign

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“Not necessarily the Opinion of this Board” and her bar of Fels-Naptha Soup that she kept in her drawer in case of any “foul comments” from Commissioner Albert. Commissioner Albert reminisced with some stories from the past. Commissioner Young commented that Commissioner Albert brought strength in the legal area to this Board, among many other strengths, and added that he was honored to “hang out” with him for these past four years. Commissioner Samide commented that this Board will always be there for him.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-186 Honoring Craig S. Albert for Dedicated Public Service.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 18, 2008

Resolution: 08-186

RESOLUTION HONORING CRAIG S. ALBERT FOR DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Craig Albert, through hard work and relentless campaigning became County Prosecutor in 1981. After serving the citizens of Geauga County with distinction for seven years as County Prosecutor, Craig Albert sought to bring change and cost-effective justice to the position of Judge of Chardon Municipal Court, winning that office in 1987 and taking office in January of 1988. Serving as Municipal Court Judge for 16 years, Craig Albert operated his court in a fair, firm, economical (and occasionally controversial) manner, dispensing justice not merely to uphold the law and protect the citizens of this county, but also to help those who had broken the law become productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, retiring from the position of Municipal Court Judge in 2003, Craig Albert set his sights upon the executive branch of County Government, pledging to eliminate waste and usher in a new era of cooperation between elected officials, county employees, and the citizens depending on county government; and

WHEREAS, upon taking office as Geauga County Commissioner in January of 2005, Craig S. Albert immediately began working with his fellow Commissioners, Mary Samide and Bill Young to bring about positive change. Throughout the four years that have passed since Craig Albert’s oath of office as County Commissioner, he has always sought to do the right thing, sometimes diplomatically, and sometimes...not so much; and

WHEREAS, Craig Albert’s hand has touched and changed for the better of Geauga County in numerous ways, including the location of MedEvac at Geauga Airport, promotion of economic development throughout the county, and through the continual questioning, highlighting, and elimination of government waste; and

WHEREAS, while all would agree that Craig Albert’s methods are out of the ordinary, most would also agree that his time as County Commissioner has, in a similar manner to all the other roles he has held in his adopted home county, left us a far better place for his having made the choice to come here so many years ago; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby honors Craig S. Albert for his dedicated service to the residents of Geauga County, and hereby extends to him the status of honorary Geauga County Citizen for Life, as long as he pays his taxes.

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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

MEETINGS

Tue., 12/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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Wed - Fri., 12/24 – 12/26 The County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, will be closed at noon (half day) on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 and all day Thursday, December 25, 2008 and Friday, December 26, 2008. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Tue., 12/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 1/1/09 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the New Years holiday.** Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.*

Tue., 1/6/09 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 1/6 thru 1/8/09 The Commissioners will be attending the Ohio Fair Managers Association Convention January 6 through January 8, 2009.

*Thu., 1/8/09 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 1:00 p.m. Please note different starting time.***

Mon., 1/12/09 The Commissioners will hold the re-organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m.

*Tue., 1/13/09 **The Commissioners regular session is cancelled.***

Thu., 1/15/09 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 1/19/09 The County offices will be closed for general business in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:25 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk