

Commissioners' Journal
January 22, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 22, 2009 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, William S. Young opened the meeting at 10:07 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 January 15, 2009.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Fiscal Specialist Heidi Delaney reported the financials as including supplemental appropriations for the Sheriff's 911 Program Fund for training, the Sheriff's Rotary Contracted Services fund for other expenses, and the Engineer's Municipal Road Tax and Ditch Funds to appropriate carryover balances; cash transfers for Department of Emergency Services and Job and Family Services for interfund reimbursements and administrative costs; one Then and Now and two travel requests.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute resolution 09-009 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 22, 2009.

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

Commissioner Jemison commented that he would like to be brought up to speed on the this Georgia Road Project. Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko replied that she would notify the Engineer's Office that the Board would like someone from their office to be present at session for their items that are on the agenda, especially since there is a new commissioner. Commissioner Young added that the Middlefield Trustees were happy to have this work done on this section of Georgia Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with C.I.R. Incorporated for The Reconstruction of a Portion of Section C and Section D of Georgia Road (CH 40) in Middlefield Township (Contract # RD-40CD-08), in the amount of \$47,927.99.

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

ENGINEERS OFFICE – CANYON LAKES COLONY PHASE 12A FINAL PLAT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the final plant for the Canyon Lakes Colony Phase 12A Subdivision, in Bainbridge Township.

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

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ENGINEERS OFFICE – REDUCTION OF MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to reduce by 33% the maximum load limit permitted on all County and Township roads effective February 2, 2009 in accordance with Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

Ms. Kozenko reported to the Board that this is same amount as last the last request. Ms. Nancy Seelbach added that it is the same amount every six months.

.Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Job and Family Services, the Geauga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Geauga County Juvenile Court for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. This Agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$20,434.00 from the General Fund.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – CY 2009 LPA TRANSIT GRANT AGREEMENT

Director Kristina Reider explained that this grant is for the swap out capital money for fuel from CMAC and was worked out through NOACA and ODOT.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the CY 2009 LPA Transit Grant Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the purchase of two (2) replacement light transit vehicles, in the amount of \$136,643.00, which covers 100% of the cost of the vehicles.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – LETTER OF AGREEMENT – PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Letter of Agreement to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) naming the Department of Emergency Services as the lead agency in Geauga County for handling and coordinating response to area wide emergencies within the County to incidents involving the Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CARD FOR REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REPORT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Authorized Signature Card for Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report (DS2 Appendix 1 form).

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – DIANE HENDERSON-ODOM

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Diane M. Henderson-Odom for property located at 7209 Woodland Avenue, Chagrin Falls Park, in the amount of \$27,300.00, as the conditions of the mortgage have been satisfied.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – ROBERT ROWLAND

Director Gus Saikaly reported that Mr. Rowland went back to his previous job for the better pay.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Robert Rowland from the position of full-time Maintenance Worker Water/Wastewater Systems (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage, to be effective January 16, 2009.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE AGREEMENT – AYERS WELL DRILLING LIMITED

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ayers Well Drilling Limited for well and well pump services as needed at various water facilities for the 2009 Year in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT – SUSZYNSKI CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Suszynski Construction Incorporated to perform construction and roofing services as needed at various county buildings within the department for the 2009 Year, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DITCH IMPROVEMENT UNDER KENSTON LAKE DRIVE – PUBLIC VIEWING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Kozenko gave the Board an update on the hearing, dates and the pending mailing of the legal notice. Ms. Kozenko will be attending a meeting tomorrow with legal counsel and the Engineer's Office regarding the first and second petition submitted for this viewing and hearing. Ms. Kozenko has reserved the Bainbridge Town Hall and was advised that the Trustees will be in attendance at the hearing. Ms. Kozenko handed out the maps that were created by Soil and Water Conservation District as requested by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Jemison suggested that Ms. Kozenko contact the map room to get ortho maps of the area for the hearing to get a better idea of the watershed area. Mr. Jemison briefly discussed some comments from a Bainbridge Trustee and added that the trustee will call each of the commissioners with information on the area.

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Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to set a Public Viewing on the petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bainbridge Township Hall. Notice of this hearing will be published on January 29, 2009 and the county web site.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSIONS

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE –

Commissioner Jemison reported that the Auditor's Office has been trying to work on solving late fees as there is no real mechanism to pay late fees but there is the threat of turning off the power and such. Sometimes when session is cancelled it backs up the payments from being paid on time. If everything could be ready on Friday the Administrator could approve them on Tuesday (if session is cancelled). Employees spend so much time trying to get late fees removed. Commissioner Jemison added that they are working on late fees and when there is no session it backs up payments and sometimes late fees are applied, so if they stay on the schedule of paying bills on Tuesday it would be helpful. There are other issues in solving the late fees but this would help solve one of them.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board through the end of 2009, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30, and/or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day.

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

OTHER

Ms. Kozenko asked if the Board will be attending the 2009 CCAO Regional Legislative Briefing. All the Commissioners, Mr. Lair and Ms. Kozenko will be attending. Ms. Kozenko will send in the registration.

Commissioner Samide inquired if the Board will be attending the Tourism Punderson Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27. All three will be attending.

Ms. Kozenko reminded the Board of the Solid Waste Meeting that will be held January 28, 2009.

Ms. Kozenko informed the Board that Tourism will be doing a presentation on February 10 and Historical Society will do a presentation on February 19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of a public employee.

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

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m. No action was taken at this time as a result of this executive session at this time.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CDBG FUNDING PUBLIC HEARING #1

Commissioners Young opened the Public Hearing #1 to discuss Geauga County's application to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program to be held January 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

Director Anita Stocker explained that every year there must be two public hearings for every grant they apply for. The State has allowed one general hearing that would cover all of them and if they decide to go for a specific grant they must have a second hearing for each specific grant. In the past the second hearing was for the Formula. Ms. Stocker said they will not have to do a second hearing for the NSP grant. The following grant possibilities include:

Ohio Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) - \$2,149,707.00 will be divided between the region with the greatest need with eighteen months to complete the project or the funds will be taken back. The funds can be used for acquisition, rehab, demolition and resale. Geauga is eligible for a portion of these funds. Region 6 includes Ashtabula County, Ashtabula City and City of Conneaut. This can be for be used only for residential or a park. This is for foreclosed, abandoned or Sheriff's Sale properties.

Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) – this will probably be used for credit counseling. The county does not do much with this grant anymore.

Formula Allocation Program – application will go out in April and the applicants will come before the Board at a second hearing to present their applications.

Water and Sanitary Sewer Competitive Program – this is a very competitive program and a very, very low income area is needed for this program like Parkman Sewer.

Economic Development Program – This is if the department ever depletes the CDBG Revolving Loan Program funds

CDBG Discretionary Fund – decided by the governor if you have a program that does not fall in the usual categories

Microenterprise Business Development Program – this will probably not be used as the risk is too high

Imminent Threat Set-Aside Program – this is truly imminent threat and is really for loss of life potential

Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program – City of Chardon could apply on their own for this grant. You must have a design for downtown such as color combination and all must agree to it. This may be a way to keep business to use existing structures where buildings may be empty.

Emergency Shelter Grant Program – this is usually pursued by the Housing Coalition or Jim Adams of Mental Health or Ravenwood.

Training and Technical Assistance Program – Ms. Stocker added that they never get money for this grant and she may take this out of the advertising next year.

New Horizons Fair Housing Program – if an applicant wants to pursue fair housing and do more publications. The department probably will not be pursuing this grant.

Community Distress Program – the risk is too high on this grant as it is for the NSP grant

Housing Assistance Grant Program – this is for CHIP related issues but on a smaller scale.

If the department applies for any of these grants Ms. Stocker will give an in depth explanation of each grant.

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Being no comments from the Board or audience, Commissioner Young closed the hearing at 11:20 a.m.

Ms. Stocker briefly discussed the Geauga County Inventor's Workshop (with Bob Cannon, CMC) flier and possible upcoming meeting in March. Commissioner Jemison suggested Ms. Stocker check with Kent State to combine it with the GEL Breakfasts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board reconvened at 12:07 p.m. The following action was taken as a result of this executive session:

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to hire Bernadette J. Gliha for the unclassified position of Full-time Special Projects Coordinator, overtime exempt, at the rate of \$16.14, to be effective January 25, 2009.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to list the following personnel exemptions with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services in compliance with Section 124.11 (A) 9 of the Ohio Revised Code: Bernadette J. Gliha, Special Projects Coordinator.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. 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 2008 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- b. The County Auditor's 2008 fourth quarter report on the Economic State of Geauga County.*

MEETINGS

Tue., 1/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 1/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 2/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 2/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 2/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 2/16 The County Offices will be closed in honor of the Presidents Day Holiday.

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:14 P.M.***

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Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk