

Commissioners' Journal
August 28, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 28, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JUNIOR FAIR STAGE in Burton, 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 10:37 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT / MORTGAGE – NATIONAL CITY BANK AND BEAN COUNTER

Director Anita Stocker stated they are just switching banks for a lesser amount of money and there is no loss of security position.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Subordination Agreement / Real Estate Mortgage between The Geauga County Board of Commissioners, National City Bank and Bean Counter LTD for property located at 121 South State Street, Chardon, in the amount of \$232,000.00. This mortgage is due to refinancing by Lake National of the original loan held by Chase / Bank One and will replace that loan with no increase of principal or cash out.

<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 – G.A.R. SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service contract with G.A.R. Paving to chip and seal the driveway at the Valley View Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Newbury Lift Station, for the period of six months in an amount not to exceed \$23,205.00.

<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 – C T CONSULTANTS CHANGE ORDER – MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

Director Gus Saikaly reported this is to finalize the contract with other contractors on the job and the contract exceeded the time frame of the original contract and CT Consultants had to be compensated.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #2 increasing the contract with C T Consultants for the McFarland Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project for vendor claims and finalizing the project, in the amount of \$29,403.77.

<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 RESIGNATION – JOHN R. ADAMS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of John R. Adams from the position of McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, to be effective August 18, 2008.

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<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 – HIRE SUPERVISOR MCFARLAND WWTP – NATHAN COEY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Nathan Coey to the position of Full-time Supervisor, McFarland (#2301) for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant facility at a full, non-probationary rate of \$24.11 per hour to be effective September 22, 2008. Mr. Coey will complete a 120 day probationary period during which time he is required, as a condition of hire, to obtain a CDL license.

<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 – RESOLUTION FOR THE RETIREMENT OF DON MEYER

Don Meyer's friends and family were present and introduced at session for the presentation of the resolution. Mr. Saikaly thanked Mr. Meyer for "being one heck of a colleague these past 37 years".

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-122 Honoring Don Meyer on the occasion of his retirement.

Date: August 28, 2008

Resolution: 08-122

**RESOLUTION HONORING DON MEYER ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, Don Meyer has served the people of Geauga County for thirty-seven (37) years; and

WHEREAS, Don Meyer served as Chief Operator at the start of the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and supervised the remote inspections and repair of the department's service lines; and

WHEREAS, Don Meyer distinguished himself the past twelve years by operating his plants with the highest standards, consistently meeting and exceeding Ohio EPA requirements; and

WHEREAS, Don Meyer served his fellow employees by representing them as their Union Steward during contract negotiations and daily personnel matters, trusted by both sides for his consistency and integrity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners commemorate Don's retirement with this Resolution, thanking him for his service, and for continuing the distinguished public service exemplified earlier by his late mother, May Lou Meyer's work with Job and Family Services and his late father, Donald Meyer, first Executive Director for the Geauga County Park District, and wish him the best as he moves on with his life; and

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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW SAINT HELEN CHURCH EXPANSION

Commissioner Samide reported the resolution was for the construction of the new church.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08- 120 Recognizing the Achievements of Father Jay McPhillips and the Parishioners of Saint Helen Church.

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Date: August 28, 2008

Resolution: 08-120

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT HELEN CHURCH
AND REVERAND JAMES (JAY) MCPHILLIPS, PASTOR**

WHEREAS, the Community of Saint Helen Church and The Reverend James McPhillips, Pastor announced the completion of the new church and worship area with the dedication to be held September 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. with the Rite of the Church presided by His Excellency Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Saint Helen Church began as Saint Helen Mission Church in June 1947 with masses held at the Kiwanis Lake Community Hall in Newbury by Father James Maher, the founding pastor of the forty-two Catholic families; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese of Cleveland purchased 10.5 acres with a farm house (which was converted to a rectory and office in 1952) and a barn (which was converted to a church on August 28, 1949) and a year later the Church and Altar were dedicated by Bishop Hoban. In 1952 Father James Moran became the first resident pastor; in 1961 the first class (23 fifth graders) was opened; in 1965 the Unicycle Drill Team was formed; in 1983 the church was re-dedicated after a fire; and in 1995 a Perpetual Adoration Chapel was built; and

WHEREAS, a planning committee was formed in 1998 which established that the church size needed to accommodate 900 people at a Sunday Mass and expand the classrooms, offices, PSR rooms and meeting rooms. The parish boundary has grown to cover over 200 square miles with 1,300 families. The Church building construction began in early 2007 and was completed in August 2008; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge the achievements and contributions of Father McPhillips and the Parishioners of Saint Helen to the communities of Geauga County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County 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>

4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB PRESENTATION

The 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club presented the results of their fourth Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition to the Geauga Hunger Task Force Representative. This year they doubled the amount collected. President of the Geauga Hunger Task Force Zach Peterson stated they operate seven food pantry's across Geauga county and this donation will go directly to feed people who are hungry and in need. \$2,055.00 was collected in cash donations as part of this competition. Auburn Swine Club was the winning club in this Food-A-Thon competition. Marcia Reilly, 4-H Advisor commented that the more clubs that participate, the more that is collected and the more people get food to eat.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-121 Honoring the 4-H Hair Raisers Rabbit Club.

Date: August 28, 2008

Resolution: 08-121

2008 RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB

WHEREAS, 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club has organized an Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition, a community service project under the direction of their 4-H advisor Marcia Reilly; and

WHEREAS, this is the fourth year for the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition is open to all 4-H club members from the age of five through eighteen and is based on a point system for the number of non-perishable food items or cash donations collected by each club, with bonus points given to clubs who registered for the competition by the deadline; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Clubs have been collecting in various areas and by various means throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the final collection of non perishable items took place at the Geauga County Fairground Rabbit Barn on August 14 and 15, 2008 which were delivered in cardboard boxes and loaded in a truck provided through United Way and transported to the Geauga Hunger Task Force for disbursement within Geauga County. The monetary donations will be presented to the Geauga Hunger Task Force at the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Session at the Great Geauga County Fair on August 28, 2008; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for their outstanding dedication and service to Geauga County, Geauga Hunger Task Force, 4-H and for organizing this cooperative and beneficial community service project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County 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>

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PRESENTATION

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Team Leader Glen Quigley conducted a brief presentation encouraging spending in Geauga County by presenting the Board with T-shirts with various logos promoting "Keep your money where your house is! Think, Shop and Buy Geauga". Mr. Quigley implemented the promotion of encouraging spending in Geauga County and will be passing out 10,000 bumper stickers promoting local businesses. Encouraging spending in the county will bring business opportunities, jobs and taxes into the county. President Carolyn Balogh stated that CIC is supportive of retail industry and the people of Geauga County. Commissioner Young added that with increased businesses in the county, people outside the county are coming in and spending money in the county. It is good to have money coming into the county and finding out what a tremendous county Geauga is. Commissioner Samide added keep "Gauga Green".

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MEETINGS

- Thu., 8/28 **The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:30 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair on the Junior Fair Stage. NOTE DIFFERENT STARTING TIME AND DIFFERENT LOCATION.**
- Thu., 8/28 **The monthly economic development meeting is cancelled for August.**
- Mon., 9/1 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.**
- Tue., 9/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**
- Thu., 9/4 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 9/4 *The Commissioners will hold PUBLIC HEARING #2 to discuss an increase in the Geauga County Sales and Use Tax Rate at 11:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/9 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 9/9 *Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. County Home
1:45 p.m. Building Department
2:30 p.m. Dog Warden*
- Thu., 9/11 *Patriot Day Ceremony on the Geauga County Court House at 8:15 a.m.*
- Thu., 9/11 *The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 9/12 *NOACA meeting in Medina County*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:10 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk