

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**July 10, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 10, 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 10:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Officer Heidi Delaney reported the financials as including a contract for Auburn Bainbridge Excavating in the amount of \$13,500.00 and one for G.A.R. Paving in the amount of \$17,500.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-100 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 10, 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 TREASURER & COUNTY AUDITOR - MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of June, 2008 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<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 accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of June, 2008 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<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>

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE – NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – COURTHOUSE DONATION FUND**

*County Administrator Dave Lair explained that this new fund is to accept funds from a class action settlement with funds specified to towards courthouse improvements. We are looking to receive around \$400,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the Geauga County Auditor to establish a new special revenue fund to be known as the Courthouse Donation Fund to allow for the proper accounting of revenues and expenditures for a Restricted Donation for the Geauga County Courthouse.*

<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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*Celesta Mullins, Deputy Clerk in the Records Office reported receiving County Archivist Dr. Bari Stith's resignation to be effective August 14, 2008. Dr. Stith will be teaching at a university in Cleveland. Commissioner Samide added that we all liked Bari and she will be missed.*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RONYAK PAVING INCORPORATED UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – AQUILLA ROAD PROJECT

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to execute a Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving Incorporated for Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Sections A&B) in Burton Township, in the amount of \$373,939.00.*

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – C.I.R. INCORPORATED UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – CEDAR ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to execute a Unit Price Contract with C.I.R. Incorporated for the Cedar Road Bridge Replacement Project, in Chester Township, in the amount of \$141,802.00.*

<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>

OTHER

*Commissioner Albert discussed the bridge on Wisner Road as discussed at the previous session. Chardon Township does chip and seal to the last driveway and the rest of the road is dirt. The Board should have a discussion with the Arboretum regarding this section of Wisner Road and perhaps un-dedicating the road.*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – LINDSAY CONCRETE PRODUCTS UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – GEORGIA ROAD BRIDGE CONCRETE BOX CULVERT

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to execute a Unit Price Contract with Lindsay Concrete Products Company for The Design, Fabrication and Delivery of a Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert for The Georgia Road Bridge (Structure #40-2.51) Project in Middlefield Township in the amount of \$50,746.40.*

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND AND RETURN BID GUARANTY – LINDSAY CONCRETE PRODUCTS - GEORGIA ROAD BRIDGE CONCRETE BOX CULVERT

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the Performance Bond submitted by Lindsay Concrete Products Company and to further release the Cashier's Check (#1250212279 - \$5,074.64) which served as the bid guaranty.*

<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 JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – GEAUGA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young 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*

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*Recovery Services and the Geauga County Juvenile Court for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Albert</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – THENDESIGN ARCHITECTURE LIMITED CHANGE ORDER – COURTHOUSE PROJECT**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that Laura LaChapelle APA was responsible for the change order. The project came in at \$594,000.00 but went out at \$545,000.00 which was underestimated. Mr. Vernick explained this \$25,000.00 will be used in other areas of the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the AIA Document G701-2001 Change Order Form decreasing the contract with ThenDesign Architecture Limited for the return of a portion of the Architect's base fee, in the amount of \$25,000.00.*

<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>

**OTHER**

*Mr. Vernick reported on the water seepage and damage to the archives section of building #8 is due to the fact that the building on one section was never water proofed. The section has to be dug up and sealed.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – PETERSEN CONSTRUCTION – KIWANIS LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award to Petersen Construction and Contracting for public rehabilitation ( installation of interior and exterior doors and siding repair) at Kiwanis Lake Community Center, in the amount of \$7,236.78, under grant #B-F-07-026-1.*

<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 HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – JENNIFER HENDERSON**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of Jennifer Henderson from the position of Full-time Attendant (#1504), to be effective July 1, 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS – GEAUGA VETERANS MONUMENT PARK**

*This is just housekeeping for the grant that Senator Tim Grendell obtained for the Veterans.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge receipt (June 2, 2008) of the Capital Improvement Grant "Gauga Veterans Monument Park" in the amount of \$25,000.00 (pertaining to the Capital Improvement Budget – "Pass Through Agreement" Ohio Department of Natural Resources).*

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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>

**COMMON PLEAS, PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT AND CLERK OF COURTS – DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

*The Board held a discussion with Common Pleas and Clerk of Courts regarding project funding. Present for the discussion included Denise Kaminski, Clerk of Courts, Dave Lubecky Juvenile Probate Magistrate / Court Administration and Jim Walsh, IT Systems Administrator. Mr. Walsh publicly thanked the Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko and Heidi Delaney on their assistance with this project. The funding situation was resolved before session regarding the balance for this project in the amount of \$30,000.00 which will now be coming from unappropriated CTF funds. Ms. Kaminski commented that they are excited about this project and it will save a lot of time and money. They have desk top scanners and for bulk scanning the copy machine can be used, which means you don't need dedicated hardware. Mr. Lair reported this is a good price for this project. Ms. Kaminski reported that the request for copies was enormous and costly. Most of these same documents can be now be forwarded and not have to be printed. This project will help the work flow of the offices. The plan is to do document imaging for files from day forward, the open cases and then back scanning for the twenty year open files. Eventually using electronic signature was discussed as well. A discussion followed on the Title Office and the possible take over of the Title Office by the State as the offices cannot sustain themselves on the title fees alone, perhaps they could if they could process licenses as well, but currently there is no space to handle licenses. Mr. Walsh added that Common Pleas Court includes Probate / Juvenile Court. Commissioner Young added that he was glad to see the monthly report on the court cost collection analysis. There was a brief discussion on removing from the list the people who will never pay to give a more accurate report.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young award the bid to Vista Solutions Group for the Document Management System for the Common Pleas Court and the Clerk of Courts for 9.1 Hardware Total - \$2,065.00, 9.2 Software Total - \$86,755.00, 9.3 Training Total - \$22,850.00, 9.6 Maintenance / Support Grand Total by year 2008 - \$21,388.00, 9.10 Vendor Innovations, Accessories and Enhancements - \$18,900.00, for a total amount of \$151,958.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

<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 URGING THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD TO CERTIFY, IN CASE NO.07-0171-EL-BTX, A ROUTE OTHER THAN THE “COMBINATION ROUTE” DESCRIBED IN OPSB STAFF IR-16 BY THE END OF THE YEAR**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-101 Urging the Ohio Power Siting Board to certify, in Case No. 07-0171-EL-BTX, a route other than the “Combination Route” described in OPSB Staff IR-16 by the end of the year.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 10, 2008*  
*Resolution: 08-101*

**RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD TO CERTIFY, IN CASE NO. 07-0171-EL-BTX, A ROUTE OTHER THAN THE “COMBINATION ROUTE” DESCRIBED IN OPSB STAFF IR-16 BY THE END OF THE YEAR**

*WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007 FirstEnergy Corp. subsidiaries The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and American Transmission Systems, Inc. applied to The Ohio Power Siting Board for authorization to construct a high-voltage electric transmission line in Geauga County and, as part of that application, proposed routing the line along either a “preferred route” or an “alternate route”; and*

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*WHEREAS, since September 28, 2007 residents and municipalities in Geauga County have had opportunity to learn about the need for and potential routing of the proposed electric transmission line;*

*WHEREAS, on March 25, 2008, OPSB Staff requested FirstEnergy to study a "Combination Route" that would run north from Mayfield Road in Geauga County along the "Maple Highlands Trail" public park and into and through the City of Chardon to the ATSI "Pinegrove Substation" in Chardon; and*

*WHEREAS, on May 19, 2008 – as supplemented on May 29, 2008 – FirstEnergy submitted the results of its study of the Combination Route to OPSB Staff and such results are available on the OPSB's internet website (www.opsb.ohio.gov); and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County's citizens and businesses need safe and reliable electric service.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that:*

- 1. The proposed electric transmission line is needed to improve, and if constructed will improve, electric service for citizens and businesses in Geauga County;*
- 2. Geauga County's citizens and businesses have had ample opportunity to review and evaluate the numerous alternatives for routing of the proposed electric transmission line;*
- 3. Factual and legal considerations that are described in the utility's response to OPSB Staff's inquiry about the Combination Route seemingly compel a finding that running the line on the Combination Route or some iteration thereof would result in unacceptable new burdens on the Maple Highlands Trail public park and therefore would impact adversely 95,000+ Geauga County citizens that taxed themselves to pay for the use and enjoyment of this park,*
- 4. This Board of Commissioners prefers and strongly recommends that the Ohio Power Siting Board certify the proposed line to run on some route other than the Combination Route or some iteration thereof;*
- 5. This Board of Commissioners finds and recommends that the Ohio Power Siting Board should issue a certificate authorizing construction of the proposed electric transmission line as soon as possible – and in all cases by the end of 2008 – so that electric service for the citizens and businesses in Geauga County can be improved as expeditiously as possible.*

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

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed calendars and discussed the Perry drill coming up in September and October and the addition of an extended drill that must be done every six years, which will extend the day by another three hours. This has to be agreed upon by all three counties involved. The time could be extended the three hours or continued the following morning.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a. The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of June 2008, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*
- b. A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending June 2008.*
- c. A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending May 2008 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

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- d. *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending June 2008 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- e. *The Geauga County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007.*
- f. *The Auditor of State Geauga County Financial Condition Single Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2007.*
- g. *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 2, 2008 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- h. *The Plan Review Notice of Compliance for Coldwater Reserve Submittal #3, in Hambden Township filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*

**MEETINGS**

- Tue., 7/15      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Wed., 7/16      Red Simmons Memorial Garden dedication at the Safety Center at 6:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 7/17      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 7/18      TAC meeting at 10:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 7/21      Family First meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

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

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Craig S. Albert*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*