

Commissioners' Journal
October 18, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 18, 2012 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 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 16, 2012.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer for the Coroner's Office necessary to process payroll and a correction to the G/L account for the contract for the Geauga County Airport Authority Concrete Apron Drainage Improvement Project.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-181 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 18, 2012.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JULY AND AUGUST 2012

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the months of July and August, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the months of July and August, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF COMMITMENT – GREAT LAKES GROWERS, LLC – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) LOAN

Director Anita Stocker explained that this was a Local Revolving Loan Fund loan to Great Lakes Growers to construct a large greenhouse in the area of Burton Industrial Park and Shade Tree on seventeen (17) acres. The greenhouse will be a state of the art "PRINZ" brand, Holland Based Company hydroponic system to grow lettuce and herbs for local restaurants and stores. Ms. Stocker noted that Commissioner Jemison had brought this company to the county for loan consideration. Mr. Jemison stated that Heinen's is selling these 'live plants', noting that they have no soil, but a root system on the bottom which means less of a chance for E-coli and less waste. Mr. Jemison stated that this is a great opportunity for the county as an agricultural-

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based business with a projection of creating twenty or more jobs. Mr. Jemison added that the Welshfield Inn has a salad named the Great Lakes Growers salad on their menu. Ms. Stocker stated this was a \$2.7 million project that the county will be providing \$170,000.00 loan, with a mortgage placed for twenty years at four percent interest, this is just the Letter of Commitment and that the legal documents will follow.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Letter of Commitment to Great Lakes Growers, LLC for the Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan for the purchase of land and construction of a greenhouse located at 10800 Kinsman Road, Burton Township in the amount of \$170,000.00 for twenty (20) years (240 months) at four percent (4%) interest.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – SHEPP ELECTRIC COMPANY, INCORPORATED – INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR AT COUNTY HOME

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award to Shepp Electric Company, Incorporated for Installation of a new 70kW Generator at the Pleasant Hill County Home, under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$23,370.00.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT – B-F-12-1AZ-1

Ms. Stocker explained that this was standard “housekeeping”, that it was the grant agreement from state which requires the Board President’s signature. Commissioner Claypool explained that he had read the contract, and he asked if Ms. Stocker and the other two Commissioners had read the contract. Mr. Claypool stated that there was a paragraph in the contract that was a problem for him, and expressed that he feels the board is signing contracts that they don’t fully understand. Mr. Claypool stated that he was concerned with some of the strings that he saw in the contract; Mr. Jemison noted that some requirements, such as certifying compliance with EEOC regulations and certification that proper accounting is employed to track the grant are good strings. Ms. Stocker stated that the state has oversight with these grants, and that these grants routinely include fair housing and EEOC provisions. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide as to whether the prosecutor reviews these contracts, Ms. Stocker confirmed that the Prosecutor’s office does review the contracts. Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to discuss bigger issues, referencing United Nations Agenda 21 and that he did not think that the Commissioners’ counsel with the Prosecutor’s office had read a 1600 page document connected to an action that NOACA had submitted to their board for approval. Ms. Stocker responded that Assistant County Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle certainly understands the issues related to the contracts that get submitted for approval from her department, and added that her own understanding of the contracts and issues had been gained through twenty-six (26) years of experience with her department. In reference to restrictions noted in the contract by Mr. Claypool, Ms. Stocker stated that some issues referenced in these contracts refer to situations which the department never involves themselves in; for example the department will not touch any project involving wetlands because there is no way we’re going to win on this one. There was some confusion about a previously approved action and this action that caused Mr. Jemison to explain why the Commissioners created the local revolving loan fund several years ago, in order to not have to comply with the many federal regulations and restrictions. Ms. Stocker explained the source of the main revolving loan fund funds come from state and federal money. In response to Mr. Claypool expressing concern about the liability to the board, Ms. Stocker stated that it would be hard for a layperson to pick all this up in a short period of time, but over the years she had acquired the knowledge. Mr. Claypool stated that he would like to abstain from voting on this action, but wanted to emphasize that he feels that Ms. Stocker does an outstanding job.

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Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Community Development Grant Agreement (#B-F-12-1AZ-1) in the amount of \$220,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – RELEASE MORTGAGE DEED FOR SUBLOT #25 – EDWARDS LANDING – CANYON LAKES COLONY PHASE 13A

Director Doug Bowen explained that the project had been completed five years ago and that due to the water and sewer installation costs, the department was provided at the onset of the project with the deed to a parcel to be held as a Maintenance Bond. Mr. Bowen stated that the project is now complete and the developer would like to be able to sell the parcel.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage releasing the Mortgage Deed for Sublot #25 of Edwards Landing that was being held as the Maintenance Bond for the sanitary sewer and waterline installed for Canyon Lakes Colony Phase 13A in Bainbridge Township.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – WFD ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED D.B.A. WORLD FAMOUS IRON HORSE SALOON – TROY TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to concur with Troy Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by WFD Enterprises, Incorporated d.b.a. World Famous Iron Horse Saloon located at 13468 Main Market Road and Patio (C TRFO 9555879-0010).

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

It was noted that this establishment was located on State Route 422 next to the Cuyahoga River, and had been referenced previously as having canoe rentals in the past.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DEPOSITORY APPLICATIONS

It was noted that this had been previously discussed at the last meeting when the Board approved a Resolution designating the banks for Public Depository.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute (and / or authorize the President of the Board to execute) the depository applications from First Merit, Huntington National Bank, First National Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Chase, Cortland Banks, PNC Bank, NA, and Key Bank, effective October 12, 2012 through October 11, 2016.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT CAROLYN PASCHKE – GEAUGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Ms. Samide explained that she had received a call from Mr. Todd Peterson, counsel for GMHA, who spoke highly of the service of Mr. James Kitchen, who had been the Commissioners' previous appointment to the GMHA Board. James Ulery, a GMHA board member who was present explained that Mr. Kitchen had been on the board since 2003, that he currently lives on the Murray Manor property, and that they would hate to lose him as a board member. Mr. Jemison stated that it was nothing against Mr. Kitchen, it was just about having a blend on the

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board of representation from members of communities where the GMHA family developments were located, and that based on her participation in other civic activities, he felt that Carolyn Pashcke would make a good addition to their board. It was discussed that Mr. Kitchen would still be able to attend the GMHA Board meetings and continue to provide input as an observer.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Carolyn Paschke to the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending April 5, 2017.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 18, 2012 AS “LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL” DAY

Ms. Samide read portions of the resolution that was in support of the continuation of the afterschool programs held at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-181 Celebrating the efforts of the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and Proclaiming October 18, 2012 as “Lights on Afterschool” Day!

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 12-181
Date: October 18, 2012

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF THE CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 18, 2012 AS “LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!” DAY

WHEREAS, Geauga County along with the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences that help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills*
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends*
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults*
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children*

WHEREAS, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are a key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center has worked to increase the reading levels and self-esteem in all the students served, that in the 2011 / 2012 school year ninety percent (90%) of the students increased their reading levels also increasing their self-esteem in one of the five skill set areas that are tracked; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-five (75) students from the Kenston School District receive one on one tutoring and support by staff and volunteers, which helps change the lives of the students and tutors alike; and

WHEREAS, Many afterschool programs across the country face funding shortfalls so severe that they are forced to close their doors and turn off their lights, however funding from Geauga County Job and Family Services has been consistent over the last two years and allowed

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continued activities and academic assistance to help keep students out of the courts, to be successful in school, to be positive role models for other students and strive to have successful careers as adults; and

WHEREAS, the Kenston School District has played an essential part in the curriculum that is provided for the students and the ongoing communication makes it possible to serve the students with the support that they need based on the most current curriculum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate the efforts of Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and proclaim October 18, 2012 as "Lights on Afterschool!" day and hope that the Geauga County community will engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities to ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</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 September, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 10, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/18 Budget Hearings beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Thu., 10/18 Lights on Afterschool, 6:00 p.m., Chagrin Falls Park Community Center

Tue, 10/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Tue., 10/23 Records Commission Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Archives and Records Center

Thu., 10/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Thu., 10/25 University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center Ribbon Cutting, 6:00 p.m.

Thu., 10/25 Soil and Water Annual Dinner and Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds School Building

Tue, 10/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:35 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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