

Commissioners' Journal
May 28, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 28, 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 10:10 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 May 21, 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>Abstain*</i>

** Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – TRANSFER OF FUNDS – GEAUGA TOURISM

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve a transfer of funds to Geauga Tourism pursuant to O.R.C. 307.692, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, for the remainder of 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 Diane Arp explained the financials as including one Revenue Certification for MHz for the purchase of digital radios; appropriation transfers include Web check, Post 2 and Cuyahoga Medical reimbursements to the Sheriff, reimbursement to the Coroner's Office for auto repair expense from CORSA; cash transfers include reimbursement to Water Resources from a CORSA claim for damage to a 1997 Ford Truck; one Then and Now and ten travel requests for various departments.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-098 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 28, 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>

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – VOCA VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR CASA FOR KIDS

CASA Director Chris Steigerwald and CASA for Kids Program Administrator Elizabeth Frey were present for the discussion. Ms. Steigerwald commented that this is not the annual VOCA grant. This is a stimulus package with competitive money based on need. Ms. Frey added that this is to fund three more hours for a volunteer to work in the office. They are not sure they will get the grant but thought they should at least apply for it.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the State of Ohio 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act VOCA Victim Assistance Grant Program Application for CASA for KIDS of Geauga County in the amount of \$3,169.82 (\$2,377.36 from the Office of the Attorney General with a cash match of \$792.46).

<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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PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION – YOUTH SERVICES

Michelle Schroeder, Chief Probation Officer explained that this is the annual Reclaim Ohio Subsidy grant, and this is a reduction from last year. This is funding the same five programs with some reductions and some changes and moving some funds around. With Mr. Lubecky's expertise they will be able to continue strong through June 30, 2010 with these programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Fiscal Year 2010 Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application for the Ohio Department of Youth Services Grant in the amount of \$313,558.75, upon the recommendation of the Geauga County Juvenile Court.

<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>

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CLEMSON EXCAVATING, INCORPORATED BID AWARD - RECONSTRUCTION OF GEORGIA RD (CH 40) PROJECT

Planning Engineer Mike Stone reported that the original estimate for this job was \$960,000.00 so they are \$210,000.00 under. County Engineer R.L. Phillips added that the airport may be able to use the dirt generated from this job for their project.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Clemson Excavating Incorporated for the Reconstruction of a Portion of Section C of Georgia Road (CH 40) in Middlefield Township Project in the amount of \$747,983.52, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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 – THE SHELLY COMPANY CHANGE ORDER #1 –RESURFACE OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH 16) PROJECT

Mr. Stone reported that this job was done last year and had a binder index reduction. There was some dispute on some of the work, which has been worked out, which is why this is late in coming. This was a federal aid project.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final decreasing the contract with The Shelly Company for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections A&B) in Russell Township (Contract #RS016AB-09), in the amount of \$1,047.00.

<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>

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – PAYMENT OF PAST CHARGES – ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Director Glen Vernick stated he is trying to consolidate all the billings into one bill with one due date and in order to do that they must be up to date.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize payment to the Illuminating Company for past charges to allow for consolidation of all accounts into one billing, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT –
CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY LLC

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Cummins Bridgeway, LLC to perform services included in the annual planned maintenance agreement for generators located at the Parkman Pump Station and the Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant in Parkman Township for the period of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$1,285.00.

<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 - AMEND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR, GARAGE
#2323

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the title of Supervisor, Garage (#2323) to read Supervisor, Maintenance and Operations as this is a more descriptive title for the position and will identify the responsibilities of the position more completely.

<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 – RESOLUTION HONORING GUS SAIKALY ON OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT

Commissioners expressed many accolades for Gus Saikaly and expressed that he has been an excellent public servant, a great employee and friend. Commissioner Samide read the resolution to Mr. Saikaly, with many adlibs included, and the audience stood and applauded.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-099 Honoring Gus Saikaly on the occasion of his retirement.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Resolution: 09-099
Date: May 28, 2009*

**RESOLUTION HONORING GUS SAIKALY
ON THE OCCASION OF RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, Gus Saikaly has completed 42 years of service in the Department of Water, serving as Director since March 24, 1997, faithfully serving the public and County Commissioners through several administrations; and

WHEREAS, Gus Saikaly will forever more be seen wearing his cap, driving his new Audi with the top down or riding his bike all over town taking in the fresh air and the local sites; and

WHEREAS, Gus Saikaly will be spending most of his time with the love of his life, his wife Barbara and as “Jiddy” (Grandpa) to all the grandbabies. His garden will likely expand with all the time he will now have to spend planting and weeding; and

WHEREAS, Gus Saikaly will be remembered for sharing the stars and the skies with anyone who would listen and hopefully “Going where no man has gone before”. Gus can now gaze at the stars till deep in the night knowing he will not have to get up to go to work in the morning; and

WHEREAS, Gus Saikaly showed his Christmas cheer, year after year, inviting practically the whole County to the Christmas Party for conversation, laughter and fun; and

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WHEREAS, We wish to thank Gus Saikaly for all that he has done for the County and entrust him to the status of distinguished alumnus of the Department of Water Resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners commemorate the retirement of Gus Saikaly with this Resolution, thanking him for his service to the County of Geauga; 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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>

UNITED WAY – TAX PREPARATION SERVICES UPDATE

United Way Executive Director Kimm Leininger was present to update the Board on the Tax Preparation Services offered through the Financial Stability Partnership. Ms. Leininger stated that the partnership with Financial Stability Initiative has already made an impact. United Way partnered through the Ohio Benefits Bank, which is an initiative through the Governor's Office to provide free tax preparation services to eligible families in Geauga County with a household income below \$56,000.00. United Way set aside funds to bring in a Project Coordinator for this project. The program got a really late start, in December, but the success shows there is great potential for the future to save money in the county and keep money in residents pockets to meet their basic needs. Some libraries, churches and township halls were used to set up computers or wireless to access web based programs through the Benefits Bank. They were able to help ninety-eight clients and finish returns for eighty-eight of those clients. One reason all returns could not be completed may be that the clients may have had royalties and the software available to the volunteers did not contain that portion of the software. Another reason may be that the client was over the income limit allowed to be serviced through this program. Next year United Way plans to do more in public relations to work with the school systems to educate the families there that they may qualify for this tax preparation program. In total they were able to generate about \$112,000.00 in refunds for individuals who came and save those individuals \$22,000.00 in tax preparation fees. There were 16 volunteers trained for this program and United Way hopes to get more volunteers for next year. Job and Family Services was a critical partner in this program. They hosted evening sessions and they also had a staff member, Sara Shininger, who stayed late and volunteered. Sometimes the clients had other issues that Ms. Shininger could assist with other issues relating to Job and Family Services. Commissioner Young stated that this program is impressive, especially for the first year and that he expects this program to grow next year. Ms. Leininger added that she would like to get 25 volunteers next year as she believes they could serve at least 200 clients. The 2-1-1 was an asset as it was used for the clients to call and schedule appointments for the service. Ms. Leininger thanked the Board for their support. Commissioner Jemison added that the program did what it was intended to do, which is putting money back into the economy of Geauga County. Commissioner Jemison added that Les Bednar should be commended as she came in and organized this program, as well as commending the volunteers. Ms. Leininger added that United Way will be applying for grants for next year to hire a coordinator for next year and asked for a letter of support on this program and the partnership with the Board of Commissioners. The Board did not believe that would be a problem.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT - CASdatloggers

Director Anita Stocker reported that this is a little company in Chesterland. This request is just getting paperwork and environmental clearance out of the way.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project Revolving Loan Fund Program Income activity for CASdatloggers.

<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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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the Financial Literacy Workshop at Geauga County Job and Family Services to be held June 3 and 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Notice will be published on May 28, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Ms. Stocker reported there was verbiage in this paperwork that would not work.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to rescind the following motion of May 19, 2009: “to approve and execute an Assumption Agreement with Habitat for Humanity, Jessie R. Osburn and John C. Osburn for a loan/grant from Geauga County Board of Commissioners, for property located at 14825 Hillcrest Avenue, Middlefield, under grant #B-F-06-026-1, as Mrs. Osburn will be the sole owner, in the amount of \$20,000.00.”

<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>

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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>

COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SAMANTHA BORNTREGER

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Samantha Borntreger from the position of Substitute Attendant (#1504-2), to be effective May 21, 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>

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SUBSTITUTE ATTENDANT - SHEILA COE AND SHARON ZARACK

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the hiring of Sheila Coe for the position of Substitute Attendant (#1504-2), to be effective June 3, 2009 at the rate of \$10.42 (rehired within one year) and Ms. Coe will complete 1,000 hours of a probationary period.

<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 approve the hiring of Sharon Zarack for the position of Substitute Attendant (#1504-2), to be effective June 3, 2009, at the rate of \$8.60 per hour. After the successful completion of 1,000 hours of probationary period, the rate will increase to \$9.06. This will close the posting for Substitute Attendant.

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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>

COUNTY HOME – RECLASSIFY KAREN ALBURY – SUBSTITUTE NURSE

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to reclassify Karen Albury as Substitute Nurse, LPN to be effective May 30, 2009, at her current probationary rate of \$13.33 per hour. Upon successful completion of the probationary period the rate will increase to \$14.04 per hour.

<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 – LETTER OF SUPPORT – CATHOLIC CHARITIES AS APPLICANT AND ADMINISTRATOR FOR HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

Ms. Reba Dykes explained that Ohio Department of Development has asked for a recommendation as to the applicant and administrator for the HPRP program. The allocation amount is \$728,000.00 with two agencies receiving this money (Ravenwood Mental Health Center and Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County). In the past Catholic Charities has had an allocation of \$200,000.00 per year for a two year grant period, which will be a big chunk of this allocation. Ravenwood Mental Health has had an allocation of \$9,000.00 for a two year grant period. This money is for homeless assistance monies (that covers security deposit or rent assistance for people who are homeless and need to go into housing) or prevention money (to pay rent arrearages, emergency rent or utility payments) to keep them from becoming homeless. Catholic Charities was selected as they have the largest interest in this grant to secure these funds so the Housing Coalition is making the recommendation to make them the applicant. The grant will be co-written with Ashtabula to secure this grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Letter of Support to the Ohio Department of Development approving Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County as the applicant and administrative organization for the Geauga/Ashtabula service area for Homeless Prevention and rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).

<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>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – UPDATE ON SEWAGE FINDINGS

The Geauga County Health Commissioner Robert Weisdack was present to update the Board on sewage finding update for sale of property. Mr. Weisdack presented the Board with “Point of Listing/Sale Household Sewage Evaluation Program: An Evaluation of its Effectiveness and the Effectiveness of Onsite Wastewater Technologies in Geauga County, Ohio”, written May 1, 2009 by Daniel Mix. Mr. Weisdack reported this is a comprehensive report and that it only pertains to Geauga County. It is a retrospective history telling what kind of sewage systems were installed long ago all the way up to the current date. Mr. Weisdack directed the Board to page 40 pertaining to point of listing/sale household sewage evaluation program being a more effective means of identifying and correcting household sewage system failures than relying solely on the nuisance complaint process. From July 2002 through December 2008, 84 household sewage systems out of 3,216 were repaired or replaced as a result of nuisance complaints. For the same period 880 household systems were repaired or replaced with the point of listing/sale program. The point of listing/sale program has proven itself as an effective operational maintenance program allowing sanitarians to evaluate nearly 15% of household sewage systems in the county. Ms. Weisdack referred to a table On-Lot Distribution Systems, listing some as old as 1952, showing they are well within an acceptable level of failure. NOACA and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) said they could accept 25% or more failure, this report shows about 3% failure rate. The 2008 survey by the Ohio Department of Health estimated a 23% failure rate with an additional 27% future failure rate. The Health Department data and direct observations and evaluations have indicated that we have a 4.4% failure rate for off-lot systems, better than NOACA and ODH expected. Mr. Weisdack added that with this massive amount of data that has been put together comprehensively, clearly indicates that the sewage disposal systems (the newer

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systems, not the older off-lot systems) within Geauga County have been reviewed, adjusted and improved over the years. Commissioner Jemison, in referring the On-lot table inquired what the problem was between 1972 and 1983 with a 9.8% failure. Mr. Weisdack replied that there was a design flaw and they took responsibility for that as some inspections were not done correctly. Mr. Weisdack also reported on the change in the amount of water usage as compared to years previously and therefore design changes needed to be made as well. Mr. Weisdack stated that there are some sites in Geauga County that should not have a sewage system put on them, not every lot is buildable. Commissioner Samide stated that the data is based on a small number and added that she does not believe that point of sale is fair. Mr. Weisdack added that he does not believe they have held up a sale. Commissioner Samide added that she believes the systems should be cleaned every three years with a report being sent to the Health Department. It was discussed that it would be very useful to have a data base of all systems in Geauga County and a pumping record. Mr. Weisdack added that he objects to people paying for newer systems when they are not anymore beneficial than what the county currently has. Commissioner Young commented that it is likely that if this information was available ten years ago we would not be in the situation we are in now (with trying to prove the non-failure of the current sewage systems).

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP - NACo

Commissioner Young explained that with this membership one of the programs the county can offer is prescription drugs for residents of the county or for their pets at a 25% discount. Commissioner Jemison added that some of the residents are still struggling as prescription drugs are still expensive and added that the county will be able to save money as well as we pay for inmate prescriptions. Commissioner Jemison wants to make sure all department heads are aware of this as well as making sure all the residents are aware of this new program when it gets rolled out.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to consider county membership to become involved with NACo (National Association of Counties) in the amount of \$1,057.00 for the period June 1, 2009 through December 31, 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 – SUNNYBROOK PRESERVE OPENING

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-100 on the Occasion of the Opening of the Sunnybrook Preserve.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 28, 2009
Resolution: 09-100

**RESOLUTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE
GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT SUNNYBROOK PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners recognizes the wishes of the County residents to preserve open space and create opportunities for passive outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, conservation and linkage of open space areas is one of the primary goals and guiding policies of Geauga County documented in the 2003 Geauga County General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sunnybrook Preserve is a seventy three acre preserve in eastern Chester Township; and

WHEREAS, the Sunnybrook Preserve was maintained for horticultural purposes by Dr. Harold and Edith Ruh who purchased 170 acres in Chesterland to establish Sunnybrook Farms Nursery as a commercial venture as well as to provide their children with a chance at productive living outdoors; and

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WHEREAS, on 2001 Peter and Jean Ruh set up a conservation easement on their property with Western Reserve Land Conservancy to protect their family land for generations, and according to the Ruh's wishes, 72 acres was sold to the Geauga Park District to be used for a public park; and

WHEREAS, it is Geauga Park District's intent to protect this natural area in perpetuity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of congratulate the Geauga Park District on the opening of the Sunnybrook Preserve on May 16, 2009; 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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – HONORING MUNSON NOTABLES WALTER AND GLORIA LEAGAN

JFS Director Tim Taylor informed the Board of neighbors of Mr. Leagan whom he has gone above and beyond to help, daily. Mr. Leagan responded that they have been their neighbors for over forty years and they are elderly.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-101 Honoring 2009 Munson Notables Walter and Gloria Leagan.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 09-101
Date: May 28, 2009

A RESOLUTION HONORING WALTER AND GLORIA LEAGAN

WHEREAS; Walter Leagan was born September 13, 1938, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Walter was about nine years old when his family moved to Munson. Gloria was born September 16, 1940 in Mount Carnel, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS; Walter Leagan graduated high school in June 1957. Walter enlisted in the Army Reserve National Guard 179th AAA Br Company C in 1957 and served until his enlistment into the United States Army October 15, 1958 where he served on active duty, trained as a wheel and track vehicle mechanic until being honorably discharged February 2, 1962 with receiving the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS; Gloria enlisted in the U.S. Army where she learned to be a nurse and served through 1960; and

WHEREAS; Walter married his wife Gloria on August 12, 1961, he then adopted her daughter Emma. They went on to have 5 children of their own, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS; Gloria was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Munson Fire Department, a Cub Scout Leader, co-ordinated the Bi-Centennial Celebration and co-authored a revered treasury of Munson Township's history, "To Munson With Love"; and

WHEREAS; Walter served with the Munson Fire Department, sings in the Glad Tidings Chorus to raise funds for the Hunger Task Force, volunteers as "Mr. Repairman" at the church and is a member of the Senior Centers Traveling Chorus

WHEREAS; the Geauga County Board of County Commissioner's recognizes and honors Walter and Gloria Leagan for their dedication, devotion and service to Munson Township as well as Geauga County; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges, salutes and commends Walter and Gloria Leagan for their many contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall become a permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio.

<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 – HONORING MUNSON NOTABLES FRED AND BETTY KLATKA

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-102 Honoring 2009 Munson Notable Fred and Betty Klatka.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 09-102
Date: May 28, 2009

A RESOLUTION HONORING FRED AND BETTY KLATKA

WHEREAS; Fred Klatka was born May 5, 1922 in Columbus, Ohio. Fred's family left Columbus in 1928 and settled in Munson. Betty was born December 19, 1925 in Painesville, Ohio. Betty's family moved to Ashtabula in 1930 and then to Chardon in 1942; and

WHEREAS; Fred Klatka graduated from Chester High School in 1940, Fred then went on to take night classes in Engineering and blueprints. Fred served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945, having seen action in Europe and achieved the rank of T3 Sergeant. Betty graduated from Chardon High School in 1943 and met Fred when he returned from the military in 1945; and

WHEREAS; Fred married his wife Betty on June 28, 1947 where they moved to Munson and have lived in the same residence for 62 years having raised five children; and

WHEREAS; Fred's involvement in their community included coaching the Munson PeeWee League, Munson Senior Major Team, and maintaining the ball diamond. Betty's contributions to their community included being a room mother for her children at Munson school and raising funds for the schools first playground equipment. Betty's volunteer work has included teaching Sunday school, Vacation Bible school for 65 years, being a Water Safety instructor, a Swimming instructor, and working the polls at old Munson Town Hall; and

WHEREAS; the Geauga County Board of County Commissioner's recognizes and honors Fred and Betty Klatka for their dedication, devotion and service to Munson Township as well as Geauga County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges, salutes and commends Fred and Betty Klatka for their many contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall become a permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio.

<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>

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Department of Job and Family Services is requesting an executive session for the purpose of discussing compensation of a public employee.

The Board returned at 12:17 p.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners' Office is requesting an executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public employee.

The Board returned at 12:31 p.m. The following action was taken as a result of this executive session.

The Board stated they believe Mr. Bowen will do an excellent job. It will be hard to replace Gus Saikaly but they know Mr. Bowen has many of his own strengths. Mr. Bowen replied that he does not have the forty-two years experience as Gus did but he will give his 2 billion percent to the job.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to promote Douglas Bowen to the position of Director, Geauga County Department of Water Resources, Salary Grade E17, Step 8 at a biweekly rate of \$2,913.60, to be effective June 1, 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>

OTHER

Commissioner Young reported that the fairboard meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 4. Commissioner Jemison added that he was informed that the fair board will update the Board but also will seek approval to build a 30' x 100' building jointly used by Burton-Middlefield Rotary and the fair board. Commissioner Jemison added that as a member of the Rotary he will not be part of the discussion on the building. The board briefly discussed the insurance on the fairgrounds and if and or how it includes the vendors. County Administrator Dave Lair will check with the Risk Manager and CORSA. Commissioner Jemison stated he would hate to see so much insurance on the fairgrounds that nobody would be able to enjoy the fairgrounds.

Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko reviewed some upcoming events including the NOACA Summit meeting to be held June 12 and the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting on June 22, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Young mentioned the he believed a meeting with Portage Joint Detention Center will be held June 30, 2009.

The Board briefly discussed that they have not received any official notice from the Bainbridge Trustees on the Kenston Lake Ditch.

CANCEL SESSION – THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel regular session for Thursday, July 2, 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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 20, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

MEETINGS

Tue., 6/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 6/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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- Thu., 6/4 Public Hearing continuance of deliberations for the Petition on the Ditch Improvement proposed for Culvert # 299-0.20 located under Kenston Lake Drive in Bainbridge Township Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.*
- Tue., 6/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 6/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.*
- Thu., 6/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 6/12 NOACA 10th Annual Summit*
- Tue., 6/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 6/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 6/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 6/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:33 P.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk