

Commissioners' Journal
April 21, 2009

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 21, 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 10:02 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 April 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp reported the financials as including one appropriation transfer redistributing appropriations and cash transfers as one for unemployment transfer and Family First transfers from the General Fund and Children's Services Fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 09-061 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 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>

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – REPLACEMENT OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE BID AWARD – PHIL MILLER CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED

County Engineer R.L. Phillips reported this steel beam bridge will be replaced with a bridge with no deck.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to award the bid to Phil Miller Construction Incorporated for The Replacement of Chardon Windsor Road Bridge (Structure #13-5.43) Project in Huntsburg Township, in the amount of \$189,333.00, 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>

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – IMPROVEMENT OF AUBURN ROAD (CH 4, SECTION P) MUNSON TOWNSHIP – TITLE SHEET FOR PLANS – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Phillips reported that this section is between Wilson Mills Road and Thwing Road. This is the only section that does not meet federal standards so it will be widened to meet those standards so next time around it can be resurfaced with federal funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-062 Ordering the Improvement of Auburn Road (CH 4, Section P) in Munson Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the title sheet for plans / specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised April 30, 2009 and posted on the county's internet site.

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

ENGINEERS' OFFICE – ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF THOMPSON ROAD (CH 7, SECTION A-E) THOMPSON TOWNSHIP – TITLE SHEET FOR PLANS – SET BID OPENING
Mr. Phillips stated that this improvement is for the entire west section from Lake County line to the Thompson square.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-063 Ordering the Improvement of Thompson Road (CH 7, Section A-E) in Thompson Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the title sheet for plans / specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised April 30, 2009 and posted on the county's internet site.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 in the amount of \$3,051.10.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Commissioner Jemison asked when these funds will come in. Director Kristina Reider replied that they are expected in July and the estimate is around \$835,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution 09-064 approving the authorizing resolution for Geauga County Transit's participation in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 per the request of the Ohio Departments of Transportation (ODOT).

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

COUNTY HOME – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE – SUBSTITUTE ATTENDNANT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the position of Substitute Attendant (#1504-2). This posting will remain open until filled.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC VIEWING – KENSTON DITCH IMPROVEMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge their attendance at a Public Viewing for the Petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive at 6:30 p.m.

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Commissioner Samide	Aye
Commissioner Young	Aye

OTHER

Commissioner Samide introduced Mr. Daniel Fisher and Mr. Don Anna who were present to discuss Geauga Family Farms LLC, a cooperative of family farms producing healthy foods from healthy soils with certified organic or conventional produce with CSA Shares contracts available. Mr. Fisher explained that CSA shares stands for community supported agriculture. A full share is explained as produce enough for 4 people at the cost of \$600.00 for a 24 week period (May into October) and a half share is \$350.00 which is enough for 2 people for the same period of time. The produce is to be picked up at a specific farm or can be delivered for an additional cost. The shares will vary in size, weight and quantity of items but will have an average value of \$23.00 (15% below store prices for organic produce) and \$13.50 value for half shares. The shares can include greens, lettuces, sweet peas, green onions, radishes, beans, tomatoes, corn, peppers, new potatoes, cabbage squash and fruits in season. Commissioner Jemison inquired as to how this CSA started to which Mr. Fisher replied that it began with Randy James of the Ohio Extension Office. Last year the coop expanded into supplying produce to area stores where they became familiar with packaging of shares. They currently supply fresh produce to Sage's, Heinen's Mustard Seed, Nature Bin, Hiram College and the Cleveland Co-op, just to name a few. Mr. Fisher explained that the CSA shares allow the farmers to have upfront seed money for next years crops as well as economic development for the county. Another big reason is to have jobs for their sons and daughters and to keep them in farming in Geauga County. There are currently seventeen farmers in the coop with 100 clients. Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko asked how many clients they can handle. Mr. Fisher replied they can service 300 clients. Mr. Fisher explained how the farmers are improving and building up their soil with the additional of needed minerals that will also keep pests away and therefore not needing chemicals to kill the pests. Mr. Fisher explained that certified organic (which is certified by OFA which is under USDA) produce cannot be sprayed with chemicals and the soil has to be free of chemicals for about three years. gfamilyfarms@aol.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 8, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

MEETINGS

Tues., 4/21 Public Viewing for the Petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive viewing at 6:30 p.m.

Thu., 4/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/23 Public hearing in connection with the Maple Hill Drive Improvement and the sanitary sewer district at Gurney School in Chagrin Falls at 7:00 p.m.

Fri., 4/24 United Way Annual meeting at noon at St. Mary's Banquet Room

Tue., 4/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/30 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**

April 30th through May 3rd Geauga County Maple Festival

May 4th through May 8th Public Employee Recognition Week

Tue., 5/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 5/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 5/8 NOACA Governing Board meeting

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Tue., 5/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 5/12 Planning Commission meeting

Thu., 5/14 The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk

Public Viewing for the Petition for Ditch Improvement under Kenston Lake Drive viewing at 6:30 p.m. Those signed in and noted at the viewing were Commissioner Jemison, Commissioner Samide; Commissioner Young; Laura LaChapelle, APA; County Engineer R.L. Phillips; County Administrator Dave Lair; Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko; Amy Brennan, Executive Director of CRWP; Bob and Karen Prochuzka and son; Mary and Rudy Conrad; Cindi and Don Wobig; Ted and Linda Ricker; Henri and Sue Preuss; Dick Savel; Laura Monroe; John Kline; Ken Butterbaugh; George Smith; Greg and Penny Hall; Donna Patz/ Anna Schultz; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Szulhilska and Judith Gooding.

Commissioner Young asked everyone to be sworn in as a group and asked all to "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". Mr. Phillips explained that the Board must first decide if this is a public project and the second phase would be to decide who would be assessed for this project and then another hearing would be held pertaining to assessments. The people in the watershed were included in the notices and would possibly be included in the assessments. It will be determined who would benefit as to who would be assessed. Many questions were asked by the residents including what the assessment cost will be, how will it be determined who is to be assessed, how will they get notified, why everyone should pay as the dam is owned by four owners with no access to anyone else or input on the management of the lake, what happens to the fish if the lake is drained, and questions regarding the grant. Mr. Phillips reported that the Board must first determine if this is a public project. Commissioner Young added that the Board has several options to consider including whether or not this is a public project, if the project should be given back to ODNR, and if the township should be responsible for the project before anything can be decided on who would be assessed. Commissioner Young added that they have not received any formal written monetary commitment from the township. Ms. LaChapelle added that today is to view the site and to walk the area and then adjourn until the hearing on May 5th. The Board is following O.R.C. and do not know how much the assessments would be until it is decided if this is a project. Then the Board would order the engineer to draw up plans for the project and that would determine the assessments. At the hearing the Board will receive any additional testimony and then they will deliberate whether or not this is a public project, among other things. The Board added that they plan to move forward with this process as soon as possible. When the Board comes out of deliberation the decision will be announced. The viewing ended at 7:00 p.m.