

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 20, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 20, 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2008.*

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

**PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – FEDERAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Department of Justice Federal Annual Certification Report for funds received under the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, as required by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Treasury.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – BID OPENING – 800 SYSTEM MICROWAVE UPGRADE PROJECT**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland explained this upgrade is to make the 800 system more reliable and allow for the expansion to include the two new towers being constructed. 800 Systems Coordinator Eric Bartholomew added that this will also allow for the eventual change over to digital format sometime around 2011. Commissioner Samide commented that this is being paid for out of the sales tax funds. Mr. Bartholomew stated that they could have just added the two new sites and connected them to the existing thirteen year old microwave system network but basically for the cost of two more radios they could replace the whole thing instead of relying on old technology at the sites. The sites are being configured in a ring so every site has two ways to get to every other site in case of any single failure.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to grant permission to advertise bids for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office 800 System Microwave Upgrade Project with a bid opening to be held April 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on March 21, 2008 and the county website.*

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

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – AGREEMENT FOR BOARDING PRISONERS – CITY OF PEPPER PIKE**

*Sheriff McClelland stated that this contract was done last year with the revenue of \$9,862.50. Responding to Commissioner Albert's question, the Sheriff reported that prisoners are being accepted from Cuyahoga County because their jails are crowded and there can be delays getting*

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*prisoners into a jail. The Sheriff added that these contracts are done annually in case Geauga County has a need for more jail space.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute an Agreement for Boarding of Prisoners between the City of Pepper Pike and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the period ending December 31, 2008.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER – TWO OF THREE AGREE TO EXPENDITURE**

*Department of Emergency Director Dale Wedge commented that this request was discussed at budget hearings last year. This blanket purchase order is not for a declared emergency which takes the signature of two of three commissioners. The Sheriff added that this request is in case a commissioner could not be reached and for events that might not qualify for a declared state of emergency but need to be dealt with. This would be for emergency purchases up to \$15,000.00. The 09A-W fund is the emergency expenditure fund and is for non-declared emergency purchases. Commissioner Albert inquired what would happen if an emergency arose and there was only \$8,000.00 in the account. The Sheriff responded that the only the amount of money in the fund would be spent but the fund would be replenished to maintain the \$15,000.00 amount.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve a Blanket Purchase Order in the 09A-W Account that could be used for non-declared emergency situations in Geauga County provided that two of three individuals agree to the expenditure, those being the Geauga County Sheriff, the Director of Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and the Geauga County Administrator, in the amount of \$15,000.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – ACCEPT TERMINATION OF KATE RITCHIE – COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to accept the termination of Kate Ritchie as Part-time Compliance Coordinator (#1710) for the DES/LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). Ms. Ritchie will be returning to full-time at the Department on Aging.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RE-INSTATEMENT OF KATE RITCHIE – FILE CLERK**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve the reinstatement of Kate Ritchie to a part-time File Clerk in the Department on Aging to be effective March 24, 2008 at a rate of \$17.37 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week. Ms. Ritchie will remain full-time status by continuing to work 20 hours per week as Adult Day Care Aide also.*

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

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**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CERTIFICATION – TROYMILL MANUFACTURING INCORPORATED**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Job Certification for Troymill Manufacturing Incorporated in connection with their Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 as they have met the job creation portion of the loan with the creation of 16.5 additional jobs.

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER OF SUPPORT – JUMPSTART INCORPORATED**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute a letter of support for the application for Jumpstart Incorporated to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for \$1.5 million. These grant funds if approved will be used in the 21 County region of Northeast Ohio to offer business development services to small businesses and entrepreneurs that have a potential to develop into \$30 to \$50 million dollar businesses in five years.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – BID AWARD – EXTERIOR MASONRY, STONE CLEANING AND PRESERVATION PROJECT FOR COURTHOUSE**

*Operations Manager Glen Vernick reported this project will be done this summer. This process should be done every ten years. Responding to Commissioner Albert's question Mr. Vernick stated the maintenance on this building is an ongoing project. Windows will need to be replaced on the first floor. Commissioner Albert commented that we have to pay for all this continuous maintenance on a historic building that we would not have if a new building was built. There was a discussion on the ongoing maintenance of buildings other than historic buildings, cost saving efforts of contractors and the eventual cost increases for changes and upgrades on the buildings for the maintenance department. One of the examples of the upgrades and cost increases discussed was the planning of computer wiring on the Safety Center Project.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to award a bid to HMH Restoration Limited upon the recommendation of Masonry Restoration Technologies and Services Incorporated for the Exterior Masonry, Stone Cleaning and Preservation Project for the Geauga County Courthouse in the amount of \$126,150.00 for the base bid and alternates #1, #2, and #3.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – WILLIAM SKOMROCK – NOACA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve the appointment of William Skomrock Jr. as the Private Sector Member for the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) NOACA, as the representative of the Geauga County Commissioners.

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

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**LIQUOR LICENSE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to concur with the Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Carl G. McNeice (d.b.a. Hickory Lake Inn) located at 14592 Stone Road in Newbury Township (C NEW 5783264).*

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

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Samide briefly reported on her recent set of meetings with NOACA board members and some of their regional issues.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 3/24 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 3/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/27 The Commissioners will hold the monthly Economic Development work session discussion at noon.*

*Mon., 3/31 Annual Health District Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., Building #8.*

*Tue., 4/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 4/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 4/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 4/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:08 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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***ABSENT***  
*William S. Young*

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*Craig S. Albert*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*