

Commissioners' Journal
July 8, 2008

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 8, 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 10:10 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Officer Diane Arp reported the financials as including cash transfers for the interest to Revolving Loan and the monthly appropriations to the County Home and there are six travel requests.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-099 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 8, 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>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ODOT AGREEMENT UTILIZING INMATE LABOR

There was a brief discussion on the possible use of inmate labor for mowing at the Joint Solid Waste District in Trumbull County.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an agreement between the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the utilization of inmate labor to perform roadside maintenance tasks on behalf of ODOT for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

<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 – GEORGIA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION BID AWARD – C.I.R. INCORPORATED

County Engineer R.L. Phillips reported as of this moment there are no federal funds for this project but he is expecting some funds or reimbursement from some avenue as promised by Congressman Steve LaTourette. This project covers about 4,000 feet of road. There was a brief discussion on the effect of the rising cost of gas and how the Engineer's Office is making adjustments, such as the weight carried on the work trucks and a "no idle" policy. Another discussion followed regarding the shortage of salt for this winter season and the current salt contracts they have negotiated with Morton Salt. Mr. Phillips explained the department will be experimenting with a blend of salt and cinders this winter season.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to C.I.R. Incorporated for The Reconstruction of Georgia Road (CH 40, portions of Section C and Section D) Project in Middlefield Township in the amount of \$899,560.80 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AGREEMENT – CEDAR ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize Mary E. Samide, the Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Public Works Commission project entitled Cedar Road Bridge Replacement Project, in Chester Township (Contract #CGT07), to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project Agreement Ohio Local Transportation Improvement Program, in the amount of \$112,000.00.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CEDAR ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BID AWARD – C.I.R. INCORPORATED

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to C.I.R. Incorporated for the Cedar Road Bridge Replacement Project, in Chester Township, in the amount of \$141,802.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AGREEMENT – AQUILLA ROAD RESURFACING

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize Mary E. Samide, the Chief Executive Officer for the Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Sections A&B) Resurfacing Project (in Burton Township) (Contract #CGT21) to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project Agreement Ohio Local Transportation Improvement Program, in the amount of \$150,000.00.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AQUILLA ROAD RESURFACING BID AWARD – RONYAK PAVING INCORPORATED

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to Ronyak Paving Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5s, Sections A&B) in Burton Township, in the amount of \$373,939.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – SIDLEY ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT – GRADE LINE INCORPORATED

There was a brief discussion on the Wisner Road bridge in Chardon Township. Mr. Phillips reported the bridge belongs to the county but the bridge will become an issue as it is deteriorating. The bridge basically serves one house and the Holden Arboretum. It was suggested that perhaps the road and bridge be turned over to the Arboretum. This will be discussed in the near future.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to execute a Unit Price Contract with Grade Line Incorporated for The Replacement of the Sidley*

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Road Bridge (Structure #58-0.79) in Thompson Township in the amount of \$102,384.00.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PAY COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE – MCFARLAND SUPERVISOR #2301

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to declare a tight labor market in the water / wastewater field and authorize the department to add pay commensurate to experience, including a compensation pay range, to its current posting for a Supervisor, McFarland (#2301), in accordance with the County Personnel Policy, Section 4, Compensation, page 4.1, #2.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – READVERTISE TO HIRE – SUPERVISOR, MCFARLAND #2301

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to re-advertise to hire a Full-time Supervisor, McFarland (#2301) for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant facility, adding pay commensurate to experience with a salary range of \$19.29 to \$24.11. This position will remain posted until the vacancy is filled.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – PAY COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE – MERRITT ROAD GARAGE SUPERVISOR #2323

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to declare a tight labor market in the water / wastewater field and authorize the department to add pay commensurate to experience, including a compensation pay range, to its current posting for a Supervisor, Garage (#2323), in accordance with the County Personnel Policy, Section 4, Compensation, page 4.1, #2.

<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 WATER RESOURCES - READVERTISE TO HIRE – SUPERVISOR, MERRITT ROAD GARAGE #2323

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to re-advertise to hire a Full-time Supervisor, Garage (#2323) for the Merritt Road garage facility, adding pay commensurate to experience with a salary range of \$19.29 to \$24.11. This position will remain posted until the vacancy is filled.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BID AWARD FORM – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING – ANN AND MARK POUNTNEY

Program Coordinator Rhea Dykes reported this is a Revolving Loan Infrastructure loan and is a 100% pay back program, with 0% interest loan with a ten year term and is for low to moderate income. This family has five children and the income is about \$37,500.00. The income limit for this loan is \$60,000.00.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Bid Award form to Auburn Bainbridge Excavating Incorporated for a new septic system and abandonment of the old septic system for Ann and Mark Pountney at 8685 Carmichael Drive, Chesterland in the amount of \$13,500.00.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING CONTRACT – POUNTNEY SEPTIC SYSTEM

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a contract between The Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Auburn Bainbridge Excavating Incorporated for a new septic system and abandonment of the old septic system for Ann and Mark Pountney at 8685 Carmichael Drive, Chesterland in the amount of \$13,500.00.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED - AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING CONTRACT

Director Anita Stocker added that the notice to proceed lets the contractor know that he has to start the project within ten days. If the contractor doesn't start that may indicate that there is a problem.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed to Auburn Bainbridge Excavating Incorporated for a new septic system and abandonment of the old septic system for Ann and Mark Pountney at 8685 Carmichael Drive, Chesterland.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROMISSORY NOTE AND MORTGAGE – ANN AND MARK POUNTNEY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Promissory Note and Mortgage with Ann and Mark Pountney for installation of a septic system at 8685 Carmichael Drive, Chesterland in the amount of \$13,425.00 under the Geauga County Revolving Loan Infrastructure Program.

<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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PETERSEN CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING CHANGE ORDER #1 – LIBRARY ADA ENTRANCES

Ms. Dykes explained the change order was for doors as they were not opening properly.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Petersen Construction and Contracting for the Public Rehabilitation of two (2) Library Entrances, in the amount of \$258.80, under Grant #B-F-06-026-1.

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Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

HEALTH DISTRICT – AMEND LEVY RESOLUTION

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the Health District levy Resolution 08-098 adopted July 1, 2008 to reflect the correct expiration date of the existing levy to read : “which is due to expire at the end of the tax year 2008” in Section 1.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

BOARD OF MENTAL RETARDATION – AMEND LEVY RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the Geauga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (Metzenbaum Center –MRDD) levy Resolution 08-057 adopted July 1, 2008 to reflect the correct election to read: “at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008” in Section 4.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge the revised Board of Mental Retardation Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue correcting the Tax Year and Collection Year listed.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2009 TAX BUDGET

Commissioner Young stated that the fact is that expenses and utility costs are going up and he believes we need to tighten our budget as much as we possibly can and to help tax payers and use the money appropriately. Commissioner Young suggested that when department heads come before the Board in October for the budget hearings that they tighten their belts as best they can. Commissioner Samide added that payroll has been kept down to a 3% increase. Commissioner Young stated that we should all do the best that we can to try and save a little money. The elected officials are doing a good job and he would like to see that continue. County Administrator Dave Lair added that at the fall budget hearings elected officials and department heads should be prepared to justify any increases in their budget requests or needs.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 08-100 adopting the 2009 tax budget in accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5705.28, and 5705.29.*

[Commissioners’ Clerk note: An original copy of the 2009 tax budget has been included in the permanent record by photocopying the document on to the following unnumbered journal pages as the existing program does not allow this document to be printed directly into the journal.]

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Samide* *Aye*
 Commissioner Young *Aye*
 Commissioner Albert *Aye*

COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE – SALE OF COUNTY DEBT CONSULTING AGREEMENT

The Commissioners’ Office will discuss with the Auditor’s Office a one year consulting agreement to assist in the sale of county debt offerings (mostly short term notes) competitively. Mr. Lair explained that in the past an underwriter sold our debt offerings. In August the Safety Center notes for \$6 million will be up for renewal. The idea is to offer the debt issue

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competitively to hopefully realize a lower interest rate which could possibly realize a savings of up to \$20,000.00. Mr. Lair added that specific action will come next week.

OTHER

The Board reviewed calendars and coming events.

Anita Stocker, Director of Office of Community and Economic Development presented a list of people interested in doing something about wind power turbines on their property or are interested in talking to a developer to find out what it means to install wind turbines on their property. Ms. Stocker suggested a follow up meeting in the fall to pursue the topic with just developers and to answer questions. Ms. Stocker suggested inviting Tom Williams back and perhaps Pete Endruss, Senator Tim Grendell and Representative Matt Dolan as well as zoning and planning representatives. This meeting would hopefully get questions answered to cost of installing a turbine and if it would raise your taxes. Ms. Stocker is researching to find a model community in the United States to use as a model where they all bought in and produce power for themselves. This meeting is tentatively set for the September economic development meeting.

The Board and audience commented on the recent notoriety that Geauga County received from the Forbes list placing Geauga County in fourth place in the Nation as the Best Place to Raise a Family. The article and Geauga County were featured on Channel 3 and Channel 5.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. *The yearly financial report from the County Building Department for the 2007 year.*

MEETINGS

Wed., 7/9 Township Association Quarterly Dinner Meeting at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen at 6:30 p.m.

Thu., 7/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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.

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

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

William S. Young

Craig S. Albert

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk