

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**October 23, 2008**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 23, 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 10:07 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 October 21, 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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – TWO CURRENT MODEL SINGLE AXLE DIESEL POWERED TRUCKS AND CHASSIS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to grant permission to advertise for bids for two (2) Current Model Single Axle Diesel Powered Trucks and Chassis with a bid opening to be held November 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be published on October 30, 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>

**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 in the amount of \$3,097.06.*

<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 – SATISFACTIONS OF MORTGAGE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*Director Anita Stocker was not present at session at this point. Commissioner Albert commented that he had questions regarding this property. Commissioner Albert reported that he received a call that this house was built 1 ¼ inches inside the property line side line clearance which appears to be preventing the owners from moving into the house. It was reported to Commissioner Albert that the homeowners are living with someone else until this is cleared up. Commissioner Albert asked the County Administrator to call Ms. Stocker and ask her to attend session to see if she was aware and to respond to this reported incident regarding this property.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property located at 14788 Glen Valley Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00, under Grant #B-F-07-026-1.*

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute a Satisfaction of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity for property located at 14707 Steeplechase Drive, Middlefield, in the amount of \$20,000.00, under Grant #B-F-07-026-1.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – QUOTE AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT – RONYAK BROS. PAVING – COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT AT SHORT COURT**

*Director Glen Vernick reported the tuck point on the courthouse will be done in two weeks and, while the parking lot is empty, they plan to do the paving of this parking lot. There are some major cracks in the parking lot and some problems with drainage as well. Commissioner Samide stated that the City of Chardon should pave the road in the alleyway behind the county offices on the square. It has been bad for a very long time and people have been complaining.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to accept the quote and execute a Contract Agreement with Ronyak Bros. Paving Incorporated to reseal and restripe Geauga County Courthouse Parking Lot at 100 Short Court, in an amount not to exceed \$1,785.00.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – QUOTE AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT – RONYAK BROS. PAVING – SAFETY CENTER PARKING LOT**

*Mr. Vernick stated that every three years paving should be sealed and that date is coming up on the Safety Center. There are also three major cracks where water is coming up, with the freezing weather coming the water will freeze and lift the paving.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to accept the quote and execute a Contract Agreement with Ronyak Bros. Paving Incorporated to reseal and restripe Geauga County Safety Center Parking Lot at 12450 Merritt Road, in an amount not to exceed \$8,970.00.

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

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE ON GLEN VALLEY DRIVE**

*Commissioner Albert explained the situation of the house being 1 ¼ inch too close the line, the homeowners cannot move in and are living with someone else until this is resolved. Ms. Stocker reported she will check into the situation and report back to the Commissioners. Ms. Stocker added that she had not heard any of this.*

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PETERSEN CONSTRUCTION – POLE ADDITION AT COUNTY HOME**

*Mr. Vernick reported this is for the west elevation of the building. Mr. Vernick added that this is the side of the barn that will have a five bay garage to hold equipment and maintenance vehicles.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to accept the quote and execute a Contract Agreement with Petersen Construction and Contracting to construct a 19'x28'x 12' pole addition on the west elevation of the existing barn at the Geauga County Pleasant Hill County Home, in the amount of \$14,730.00.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – HVAC FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Albert to grant permission to advertise for bids for HVAC Services for County Buildings (HVAC 2008-2011) with a bid opening to be held on November 12, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be published October 23 and the county website.*

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

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE ON GLEN VALLEY DRIVE**

*Ms. Stocker explained that the Habitat for Humanity mortgages are placed when the project first starts and Habitat owns the property at this point. Once the mortgage is placed with the homeowner the mortgage with Habitat is cancelled. There is still a mortgage on this property it is just with the homeowners now, not Habitat for Humanity.*

**PLANNING COMMISSION – NORTHEAST OHIO FOOD CONGRESS**

*Heather Bickenheuser, Planner I of the Planning Commission conducted a power point presentation on the Northeast Ohio Food Congress. Ms. Bickenheuser stated that farming in America is at a turning point with rapidly rising global food demand, spiking food and fuel prices and threat of development on farmland. One way to support local farmers is to purchase locally. The 2008 Northeast Ohio Food Congress is aiming at how regional food systems can grow to take advantage of the billions of dollars that are spent in our region on local foods. Since the mid 1990's there has been an increase in interest in the growing and productive capacity of local foods and local food markets. There is an increase in the number of rural farmers participating in local farmers markets and community supported agriculture. The Planning Commission created a Farm Markets, Products and Services Brochure in February of this year which is a guide as where to find locally fresh farm products to which 71 local farmers participated. These farmers do direct marketing to consumers to rural areas as well as urban areas. Production has been shifted to take advantage of demand for local grown food. There is an increase in interest from large institutions seeking local foods such as colleges and hospitals. There is also an increase in small and medium sized restaurants adding local foods to their menu, Bass Lake Inn is one example. There is an upcoming two day event at Hiram College on November 7-8 with the mission of developing local food infrastructure, improving access to healthy food and strengthening linkages between farm and city. There is great potential to help local farmers, preserve agricultural lands and get fresh healthy food to people in the area. Geauga Family Farms is a co-op formed between Amish and Traditional farmers to market their products as a group. This group is part of the visit in the region as part of this conference. Another focus will be on opportunities for food system development and how to share best practices and set goals for the local food economy. There will be representation at the conference from local government, economic development, consumers, producers, food processors and food distributors. Efforts will be made for stakeholders to collaborate and find creative solutions for identifying avenues for strengthening the sustainability and prosperity of the regional food system. Ms. Bickenheuser helped with this seminar by identifying sources in Geauga County for products that could be used at the conference dinners. Ms. Bickenheuser also helped with publicity, the invitation for the event and attended a few monthly meetings on planning for this event.*

**OTHER**

*Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko discussed the email received from Community and Economic Development regarding the micro-loan program and if the Board would like the item to be put on the agenda next week. After a short discussion the Board stated they had issue with the collateral for the loans and would like more information as the risk is high for these loans. Mr. Lair reported he showed the paperwork to County Auditor Tracy Jemison and added that Mr. Jemison was in favor of these loans. Commissioner Albert commented that loaning \$10,000 to \$20,000 is such an insignificant amount of money to help the businesses and stated it probably*

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wouldn't help much. Commissioner Samide added that the money goes very fast in the beginning. Mr. Lair suggested that there might be a patent in one of these businesses that could be used for collateral. The Board requested more information and further discussion on this item.

Ms. Kozenko asked if the Board would like to visit any other businesses on the upcoming Geauga County business tours. Commissioner Samide suggested visiting Kraftmaid.

Ms. Kozenko reminded the Board about doing another Commissioners' Office walk and outing event. Commissioner Samide suggested Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at Punderson. Ms. Kozenko said she will get things started for this event.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to cancel session for December 9, 2008 as the Board will be attending CCAO Winter Conference.

<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>

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 10/23 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. Soil and Water 1:45 p.m. Clerk of Courts*  
*2:30 p.m. Prosecutor 3:15 p.m. Job and Family*

*Tue., 10/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 10/28 Budget Hearings: 1:00 p.m. Muni Court 1:45 p.m. Probate/Juvenile*  
*2:30 p.m. Mental Health 3:30 p.m. Common Pleas*  
*4:00 p.m. Coroner*

*Thu., 10/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 10/30 The monthly economic development work session will be held at noon.*

*Thu., 10/30 Community Corrections Planning Board at 12:00 p.m.*

*Tue., 11/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 11/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 11/11 **County offices will be closed for general business in honor of Veterans' Day.***

*Thu., 11/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER ALBERT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:14 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

**ABSENT**  
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*William S. Young*

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*Craig S. Albert*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*