

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**July 24, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 24, 2012 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 19, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Supplemental appropriations for the Department of Job and Family Services for the Public Assistance, General Juvenile, Children Services, and Family First Council funds to set SFY13 appropriations and for the Board of Developmental Disabilities residential services and construction fund to set appropriations per Board action; an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund Contingency account for additional hours for the part time Assistant Public Defender due to additional workload requirements; Cash transfers into the General Fund for third quarter cost allocation payment for the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Sheriff's 911 program fund; Travel requests for the Auditor and Engineer's Offices; a payment out of the capital improvement fund to Gardiner Service Company for two heating and cooling units for the Patterson Center in the amount of \$23,400.00 and a payment to Envirocom Construction for the Opalocka Waste Water Treatment Plant improvement project in the amount of \$74,257.80.*

*Commissioner Claypool inquired about reviewing the edit list report for the financials and if items on the financials that need to be questioned can be removed, and if after the financials are approved, what the implications are if something that got approved is discovered to be an issue. Ms. Delaney explained that depending on the item in question, the Board can take action on a line item to be removed, but if it's a check that has been approved, it will be hard as most of those are processed and sent out the same day they are approved. The Board then held discussion on the process that the Auditor's office goes through with each financial checking them for legalities, dates and other specifics before it's placed on the Journal. County Administrator David Lair pointed out that the Auditor does the checking process and the Commissioners decide if it's a good business decision. Commissioner Samide added that during Budget Hearings it is discussed in detail what the departments do with their appropriations and that it's a time to really ask questions about the spending.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-133 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 24, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2012 SENIOR FARM MARKET AGREEMENT – STEPHEN GROVER: RIDGEVIEW FARM**

*Director Sally Bell explained that the Farm Market has three tiers to the program, the first being the Federal contract, the second being the local program, and the third being the shopper program for home bound seniors. Ms. Bell explained that the Federal contract is \$50.00 a month given at once, the local program is \$50.00 but is given in \$10.00 a month increments and the shopper program is done through the meals on wheels program twice a month where the*

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*department shops for the top three items on their grocery list which then get delivered with their meals. Ms. Bell stated that Ridgeview Farm will redeem the local coupon / vouchers. Ms. Bell stated that the local program is for seniors who qualify to receive the coupon / vouchers, and they can be on the program for up to three years if we are seeing progress in their health being made. If this program does affect a change in their eating habits, then this program would not be good for them, so it has a beginning and an end. Ms. Bell stated that they use as many local farmers and their produce as they choose to be a part of it; meaning that they mail to all the farm markets they are aware of and the farmers market then decides if they want to participate or not. The Ridgeview Farms contract came back late, but the department would still like to work with them.*

*Ms. Bell explained that based on the people registered, a computer check is done for those seniors who are low income and nutritionally at risk, then based on that information a letter is sent out explaining that according to their information that it would appear they would qualify for this program and they are then directed to apply at a local senior center, then a week later a letter is sent to those that are low income, and a week after that a letter is sent to those that are nutritionally at risk. Mr. Claypool interjected in stating that the seniors who qualify receive a coupon / voucher that is worth money. Ms. Bell responded that he was correct, that the Federal program gives the \$50.00 at once, but the local program is given as \$10.00 a month June through October. Ms. Bell added that they discovered the seniors buy more than that \$10.00 once they get there.*

*Mr. Claypool asked how the department determines if someone is nutritionally at risk. Ms. Bell explained that there is a Federally designed questionnaire that we use that asks ten questions like if they have had a change in health that changes the way they eat, if they eat alone, if they take three or more prescription or over the counter medications, if they are capable of shopping, cooking and feeding themselves, if they have had any mouth issues in the past six months, or if they have had enough money to purchase the food that they need. Mr. Claypool also inquired on who made the mailing list, as he was a senior as was not on the list. Ms. Bell explained that he would have to fill out a form, that it is a voluntary program, not mandated. Commissioner Samide inquired about the HIPPA laws and what information they could ask for. Ms. Bell stated that it is all voluntary, so the questions can be asked; it's up to them to choose to answer, noting that the last line on the form reads "no services will be denied if you fail to fill out this form".*

*Mr. Claypool expressed his concern regarding whether the government should be getting involved in a person's eating and dietary habits, as those are a personal decision. Ms. Bell expressed that she feels Adults are Adults and have the right to make their own decisions, however sometimes they don't understand the ramifications of the decisions they make, so the role of the Department on Aging is to provide seniors with accurate information to allow them to make a good decision. Mr. Claypool expressed his feeling about the government having a limited role, allowing Adults to make their own decisions and not steering them one direction or another. Mr. Claypool stated that he would support this program as it has been in place for a while and is ongoing, adding that the Commissioners have done a good job managing this county and that he didn't want to throw a wrench into something unless it is necessary. Ms. Samide added that if there is something that has been overlooked, that it is always good to take a second look at things if it is needed. Mr. Claypool discussed with the Board and Ms. Bell a program that he is involved with that is called Family Promise, and briefly explained what they do for people in need, helping them get back into society. Mr. Claypool stated his concern for society having lost the mentality of not taking handouts, and that he feels government's role should be minimalistic for roads and needs of people in a crisis, not as to sustain. Ms. Bell reminded Mr. Claypool that the local program is only for three years, and that if it does not effectively change the way a senior looks at eating, then the department giving them \$50.00 to help them eat better is never going to change their habits. Ms. Bell noted that the Federal program is different and is administered differently.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Agreement with Stephen Grover; Ridgeview Farm for the 2012 Senior Farm Market for the period June 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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Ms. Samide explained that as Commissioners they sit on a number of boards and committees and these actions need to be taken to replace the vacancies on these boards left by Mr. Young's retirement.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINTMENT AND ALTERNATE - NOACA

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the appointment and alternate for the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the NOACA Governing Board:

Commissioner Walter M. (Skip) Claypool                      David Lair, Alternate

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF 2012

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve the appointments of members of the Board of County Commissioners to boards and committees for the remainder of 2012 as follows:

Board President – Mary E. Samide  
Vice President – Tracy A. Jemison

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
ADP Board	Samide	Jemison
Board of Revision	Samide	Jemison
Chagrin River Watershed Partners	All three Commissioners	
Community Corrections	Claypool	
Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)	All three Commissioners	
Cooperative Extension Advisory Board	Samide	Jemison
Courthouse Security Advisory Committee	Jemison	Claypool
Family First Council	Jemison	Samide
Farmland Preservation Committee	Samide	Jemison
Financial Review and Report Committee (FRRC)*	Samide	Jemison
Geauga Ashtabula Portage Partnership (GAPP)	Jemison	Claypool
Geauga County Agricultural Society	All three Commissioners	
Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste – Policy *	Samide	
Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste – Bd of Directors	All three Commissioners	
Health District Advisory Board*	Samide	Jemison
Hospitalization Committee	Jemison	Claypool
Investment Advisory Committee	Samide	Jemison
Microfilming Board	Samide	Jemison
NOACA (All three Commissioners)	Samide	Kristina Reider
	Jemison	Linda Burhenne
	Claypool	David Lair
Planning Commission Board	All three Commissioners	
Portage / Geauga Juvenile Detention Center	All three Commissioners	
Records Commission*	Samide	
Revolving Loan and Local Revolving Loan	Samide	Jemison
Stormwater Task Force	Samide	Jemison
Wetland Mitigation Bank Sub Committee	Samide	Claypool
Tax Incentive Review Bd & CRA Investment	Jemison	Samide
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC / NOACA)	Samide	Frank Antenucci
Geauga Growth Partnership	Jemison	Samide

\*Board President required being the Primary

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION OF REGULAR MEETING HELD AT GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR ON AUGUST 30, 2012

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-134 Establishing the Location of the August 30, 2012

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*Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be at the site of the Junior Fair 4-H Stage.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 24, 2012*

*Resolution: 12-134*

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION OF THE AUGUST 30, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BE HELD AT THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR**

*WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the Great Geauga County Fair, as Ohio's Oldest County Fair; and*

*WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of Commissioners;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, August 30, 2012 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, at the site of the Junior Fair Four-H stage and will begin at 10:00 a.m.*

*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 Claypool</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending June, 2012.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. Mr. Claypool added that he would be out of town on vacation from August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**MEETINGS**

- Wed., 7/25 Ohio Public Works Commission Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m., Highway Garage*
- Thu., 7/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 7/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Wed., 8/1 217<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geauga County Recorder's Office, Open House from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 8/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Mon., 8/6 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*
- Tues., 8/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 8/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 8/10 NOACA, Cleveland, 10:00 a.m.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:37 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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