

Commissioners' Journal
November 8, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 8, 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 November 6, 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>

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH EXCAVATION WORKS, INCORPORATED – SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALL AT 9626 OLD STATE ROAD, CHARDON

Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair stated that this change order had been previously discussed. Commissioner Jemison agreed adding that it was dealing with the Health Department requesting the leach lines be moved or extended.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with Excavation Works, Incorporated due to an increase in the scope of work with the installation of a septic system located at 9626 Old State Road, Chardon owned by Andrew J. and Billie J. Stawicki, under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$500.00.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – CLEVELAND BARRICADING SYSTEMS, LLC – INSTALL HIGH INTENSITY ROADWAY SIGNS

Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that several very good bids had been received in comparison to the original estimate of \$250,000.00. Commissioner Claypool stated that he had spoken to a couple of the Chester Township trustees, noting that there appeared to be some confusion as to whether all the sign replacements mandated by the changed reflectivity standards had already been replaced by the township. Mr. Cattell stated that the Chester Road Superintendent had been invited to the pre-construction meeting for this project, and it appeared there was some discrepancy between parties as to what signs Chester Township still had to have replaced, because of this, the township is being asked to double-check. Mr. Cattell reemphasized that he would double check to ensure that any sign already at standard will not be replaced. Mr. Claypool stated that Trustee Mike Joyce stated that the next issue is an additional deadline for larger lettering and high intensity for street name signs. Mr. Claypool speculated as to the possibility of simply ignoring the requirement, based on some recent actions by other states that appear to conflict with existing federal law. Mr. Cattell added that they would be looking into the changes on the street names, but that they were not as much a priority as the road safety signs.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool (with great reluctance, as stated by Commissioner Claypool), seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a Unit Price Contract with Cleveland Barricading Systems, LLC for the Installation of High Intensity Roadway Signs on Various County and Township Roads in the amount of \$188,351.00.

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

**TRANSIT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ELDERLY AND DISABLED
TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT**

Director Kristina Reider explained that this was connected with the annual ODOT grant, which had been approved with the 2012 ODOT grant original application. Ms. Reider stated that ODOT distributes the funds and that Geauga Transit doesn't know for sure until the funding is actually received, but feels that they should receive the money. Ms. Reider explained that this grant allows for a one-way fare reduction from \$6.00 to \$3.00, and requires an application and submittal of proof of age or disability to qualify. Ms. Reider explained that some clients qualify temporarily based on a physical disability, and their card is only valid for the time of disability, and is certified by a physician. It was noted that these cards expire every two years. Formal application for this program is an ODOT requirement and is audited, with Mr. Jemison noting that ODOT promotes this program. Ms. Reider stated that some transit systems don't bother to go through the process, and don't offer a reduced fare program, but added that in Geauga County, 70% of the estimated 60,000 clients per year qualify. Mr. Claypool questioned whether this program could be operated without this particular grant, to which Ms. Reider replied that without this grant the budget could not cover this program from the operating sources alone. Commissioner Samide gave an example of a Transit client that she knows, who is partially paralyzed and relies on Transit for transportation to the YMCA to enable her to swim for therapeutic reasons, and Ms. Samide expressed appreciation to Ms. Reider for what she does.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program Grant Contract (#EHTA-0028-013-131) between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$53,010.00.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
REVENUE BONDS FOR SOUTH FRANKLIN CIRCLE**

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing for the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to South Franklin Circle. Series 2012 to be held Thursday, December 6 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Notice of this public hearing will be advertised on Thursday, November 15, 2012 and on the county website.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of October, 2012.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 11/9 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 11/12 **County offices will be closed for general business in observance of Veterans' Day, Sunday, November 11th. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

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*Tue., 11/13 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tues., 11/13 The Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

Wed., 11/14 Ohio Public Works Commission District Seven, Executive, Integrating, and Small Government Committee meetings, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Highway Garage

Wed., 11/14 Ohio Ethics Law for Public Officials and Employees, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Department on Aging

Wed., 11/14 Geauga County Township Association Quarterly Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Crystal Brook Farm

Thu., 11/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Mon., 11/19 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. at Job and Family Services

Tues., 11/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 11/22 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Thu., 11/22 **County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Fri., 11/23 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business.***

Ms. Samide stated that she wanted to express her gratitude for the faith of the voters in Tuesday's election, adding that it is an honor to serve. Mr. Claypool asked about the 4-H awards ceremony taking place this Saturday; Ms. Samide confirmed this and encouraged Mr. Claypool to attend.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:28 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk