

Commissioners' Journal
September 9, 2010

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 9, 2010 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 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINT ACTING CLERK – CHRISTINE BLAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to appoint Christine Blair as acting clerk for the period of September 9, 2010 through September 17, 2010.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 2, 2010.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REPORT ON FINANCIALS FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Commissioners' Acting Clerk Christine Blair asked County Administrator Dave Lair to report on financials from September 7, 2010, Resolution #10-174, as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved January 5, 2010 authorizing the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and/or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board through the end of 2010, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30. Mr. Lair stated it was a voucher for the Treasurer's office that needed issued in order to complete tax bill mailing.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including supplemental and appropriation transfers from the 800 Communications Permanent Improvement fund for additional appropriations necessary for the completion of the Chester tower relocation; cash transfers from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's office for funds paid into the General Fund and from the General Fund for a portion of 2010 funding for the County Home and Court Technology; encumbrances include a purchase order for Clark Equipment Company for the purchase of a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for the Maintenance department in the amount of \$28,426.00 and travel requests for the Recorder's office and the Department of Water Resources.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-176 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 9, 2010.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2010 BUDGET HEARINGS

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to set the 2010 budget hearings for Geauga County Offices as listed on the attached form. The budget hearings will be held in the Commissioners' Office at 470 Center Street, Building #4 in Chardon.

September					
Time	Thu - 9	Tue - 14	Thu - 16	Thu - 30	
1:00		Comm Dev	DES	Transit	
1:45		Co Home	Sheriff	JFS	
2:30		Dog Warden	BOCC	Maintenance	
3:15		OSU Ext.	Prosecutor	Recorder	
4:00			Bd. Of Elec	Airport	
October					
Time	Tue - 5	Thu - 7	Thu - 14	Tue 19	Thu - 21
11:00 *	Treasurer				
1:00	Bd. Of DD	Auditor / ADP	Pub Defender	Law Library	
1:45	Aging	Clerk of Courts	Building	Veterans	
2:30	Muni Ct.	Mental Health	Archives	Planning	
3:15	Engineer	Juvenile Ct	Common Pleas / Ct Tech	Soil & Water	
4:00	Water Resources	Coroner			

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

DOG WARDEN – RECLASSIFY TO PART TIME SEASONAL HELP – KATHERINE EASTERDAY

Dog Warden Matt Granito stated that last year he had come and asked for an increase in dog license fees and that thanks in part to the Commissioners, they did not have to. They felt that they were going to be way over budget, but through cutbacks and donations that have increased over the last year they will actually come in under budget. Mr. Granito said that Ms. Easterday was used to reduce overtime. She has helped immensely, and has actually been with the department for over a year as temporary kennel, summer help, and then back to temporary kennel. What she is really needed for now is the drive for the 2011 dog licenses which starts December 1st. She needs to be in the kennel taking care of the dogs to allow the rest of the staff to go out and increase the dog license sales, so that the department will not have to increase the dog license fees on people who have been buying their license. The appropriations are there to cover Ms. Easterday as a temporary employee but the department may be short on cash to cover payroll towards the end of the year. Commissioner Jemison was confused on the statement that the appropriations are there, asking if the department is going to be under budget, yet the money is not going to be there, then it is the cash that isn't going to be there? In other words, the department may need to get an advance of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund that will most likely be able to be paid back this year once revenues from the sale of 2011 dog licenses come in? Mr. Granito explained that the big rush of sales come in December, generally about \$60,000.00 between December 1 through December 31. It's already certified as revenue for this year but it's not actually there yet. Commissioner Jemison stated that the department is collecting a big portion of 2011 licenses in December and January. Some of that can be used in December but most of that is needed to help the department get through next year. Mr. Granito stated that was why they are trying to do the big push on the increase of dog licenses sold. They are anticipating that the increase will increase the revenue amount for next year. Ms. Easterday's employment is projected to be done on January 1, 2011; at that point if they come in financially short, they have to make the decision to not keep her, but the hope is that with the increased sales they can keep her and continue to do the dog license sales and not have to do a dog license fee increase.

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The results of increased license sales activity is that our sales have already matched what the department did all of last year, so additional license sales from now until November 30, 2010 will all be an increase for this year over last year. The department is trying to go after the revenue from the approximately 1000 unlicensed dogs in our county; at \$10.00 each at the regular price that would be \$10,000, but at the penalty fee of \$20.00, that's \$20,000.00 in revenue out there that the department is trying to generate. Ms. Easterday helps the department currently by making phone calls on the non-renewals and they are looking at possibly doing a mailing. One issue that will be discussed at the upcoming Budget Hearings is the possibility of an impound fee. The current price on a ticket is \$125.00; \$14 of that goes to the dog warden's office and the rest goes to the courts. Mr. Granito stated that his department will have to play hard ball with the people who don't buy a license. If they buy a license it funds the operation and keeps their dog safe, by bringing them home. The hope is that this increases the overall revenue for the department without having to raise the fee on licenses and thereby penalizing the people who buy the license and play by the rules.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to reclassify Katherine Easterday, from Full-time Summer Help (#0101) to the position of Part-time Seasonal Help (#0101) for the period October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, a maximum of 520 hours at the second year returning rate of \$8.50 per hour.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – VARIANCE TO RUSSELL TOWNSHIP 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Gerry Morgan, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, explained that the Laurel School property on Fairmount Road in Russell Township built a new facility and extended the waterline. They want to remove the treatment system from the old building and tie into the treatment system from the new building. This is the variance from the 208 plan with regards to the one treatment system per parcel. Commissioner Samide asked if Russell Township was aware of the variance. Mr. Morgan replied that yes, there was a letter submitted from Russell Township approving the variance in the 208 plan.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant a variance to the Russell Township 208 Water Quality Management Plan for Parcel #26-707034 (7420 Fairmount Road) to permit the property owner to connect multiple buildings on the same parcel to a single septic system.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EASEMENT PLAT FOR UTILITIES – SOUTH FRANKLIN CIRCLE

Mr. Morgan explained that this was for the South Franklin Circle sanitary sewer and waterline, even though the facility has been open since September of 2009, there were still items that needed to be addressed in regards to the sanitary sewer and water system. They finally got those addressed and we are signing the plat for the easement, granting the easements through the development and facility.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve, accept and execute the Easement Plat for Utilities within South Franklin Circle accepting the sanitary sewer system and water system including all appurtenances, as all improvements have been tested, inspected and approved.

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

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OTHER

A discussion was held regarding a landscape mound that had been placed over a waterline easement by an owner. The property has been sold, so they are attempting to contact the current owner to discuss the concern over the weight of the mound.

COUNTY HOME – HIRE PART TIME ATTENDANT – ASHLEY CLARK

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Ashley Clark as a Part Time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective September 14, 2010 at a rate of \$8.60 per hour. After the successful completion of a 1,000 hour probationary period, the rate will increase to \$9.06 per hour.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SHIELD AGREEMENT SCHEDULE A

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Shield Agreement Schedule A #46623 (as part of referenced Equipment Lease) between Geauga County and Windstream Financial Services powered by TAMCO Capital Corporation for equipment lease replacement of the existing phone system to be installed at the Department of Job and Family Services, for the period of sixty (60) months with a monthly rental payment of \$1,500.00 and a security deposit of \$3,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING VOLUNTEERS AT THE GEAUGA COUNTY SAFETY CENTER

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that on September 18th they were having a luncheon to honor and thank the volunteers who come to the safety center and work with our inmates. There are a variety of programs that wouldn't be possible without the help and the time of our volunteers. All these programs are aimed at helping an inmate be successful back in our community once they are released from our jail. Mr. McClelland stated that my mom always told me that if someone does something good, you need to thank them, and that's what we are looking to do. The luncheon is in the true spirit of volunteerism and is at no cost to the county, as it is funded by donations to bring the volunteers together in a somewhat social setting. We recognize them, those that help teach the GED, peer counseling, church services and life skills. None of these programs would be affordable to the county if it weren't for the true volunteer spirit.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-175 Honoring all the Volunteers Who Donate Time and Sincerity to Numerous Programs Offered to Inmates at the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Safety Center.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 10-175
Date: September 9, 2010

*A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RECIPIENT OF THE TOP COP AWARD, AS WELL AS
ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATE TIME AND SINCERITY
TO THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS OFFERED TO INMATES AT THE
GEAUGA COUNTY SAFETY CENTER, INCLUDING THE RUOK PROGRAM, ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, PAWS-THERAPY DOGS,
AND PRISON MINISTRY*

WHEREAS, the Top Cop award recognizes an individual who goes above and beyond the day to day duties of a Deputy Sheriff; and

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WHEREAS, Volunteers donate their time and sincerity to the numerous programs offered and available to the inmates at the Geauga County Safety Center; and

WHEREAS, these Volunteers offer education along with support in the various programs involving emotional issues, issues of domestic violence, spiritual matters, as well as recovery from addictions; and

WHEREAS, these Volunteers giving their support are being a positive influence and role models to the inmates; and

WHEREAS, these Volunteers have a great impact on the inmates helping themselves to make better choices and decisions in their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Top Cop, and all the Volunteers for their continued support to the inmates at the Geauga County Safety Center.

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 Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

MEETINGS

- Fri., 9/10 NOACA Governing Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NOACA Offices
- Sat., 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony on the Geauga County Court House at 8:30 a.m.
- Mon., 9/13 Board of Revision meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room
- Tue., 9/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Thu., 9/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Tue., 9/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Thu., 9/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.
- Tue., 9/28 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.**
- Tue., 9/28 **The Commissioners will participate in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant Evaluated Exercises.**
- Thu., 9/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:36 A.M.

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William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

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Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Acting Commissioners' Clerk