

Commissioners' Journal
September 25, 2012

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 25, 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.

**Commissioner Jemison was absent from today's meeting.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 18, 2012.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2012.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Auditor's General Obligation Note Retirement fund to put appropriations in place for the transfer of note proceeds to the 800 MHz Permanent Improvement fund; a cash transfer out of the General Fund for the payment of 1st quarter SFY13 JFS mandated share costs in the amount of \$21,701.75; and a purchase order to McPhillips Plumbing & Heating for the purchase of (2) HVAC units at the Thompson and Chardon Tower sites in the amount of \$17,770.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-172 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 25, 2012.

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – AMEND MOTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 –
ACCEPTING RIDERS AND BID BONDS FOR PERFORMANCE BONDS –
HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND
OVER**

Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair explained this was some housekeeping in relation to the acceptance of bid bonds and riders submitted to serve as Performance Bonds by two of the contract providers for the Homemaker/Personal Care Services for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the motion from September 20, 2012 to read: accept the Rider for the Bid Bond that was submitted to serve as the Performance Bond from Embassy Homecare, LLC for the Homemaker/Personal Care Services for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over, and further release the bid bond.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to amend the motion from September 20, 2012 to read: accept the Bid Bond and Rider to serve as the Performance Bond from QualCare, LLC d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care for the Homemaker/Personal Care Services for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over, and further release the bid bond.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – IV-D CONTRACT AGREEMENTS –
GEAUGA COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) - PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE AND COMMON PLEAS COURT - SERVICES**

Executive Director Tim Taylor explained that the two IV-D contracts before the Board for approval are to allow the county to be reimbursed with federal funding for expenses incurred in activities related to the collection of unpaid child support. In response to a question from Commissioner Samide as to whether the purpose of these activities was to “go after deadbeats”, Mr. Taylor responded that the whole mission of the Geauga County Child Support Enforcement Agency is to ensure there is collection. Mr. Taylor stated that in those cases when the responsible parent is in arrearage the CSEA pursues the collection of monies owed through the use of the Geauga County Prosecutor’s office, and the courts. The contract with the Prosecutor’s office, in the amount of \$54.15 per hour, has a total contract amount of \$86,633.00. Mr. Claypool noted that in comparison with the hourly rate submitted for the court in Magistrate services, they are paid more per hour than the Prosecutor’s office for their services. Mr. Taylor replied that in calculating the hourly rate for both offices, the Child Support Enforcement Agency is allowed to take into account the total cost of providing the service, including other office related costs they can attribute to this activity in the cost center providing child support enforcement services. Included in this hourly rate are labor, benefits, equipment, supplies, and overhead, as the federal guidelines are very detailed as to what you can take into consideration. Mr. Claypool commented that it appears that since the Prosecutor’s hourly rate is lower, one might assume that there is less departmental overhead required and more labor provided by an individual person. Mr. Taylor added that the court’s higher rate reflects a heavier utilization of departmental staff for the work that they do in this process. It was noted that the bulk of the work hours appears to fall on the Prosecutor’s office, as their total contract amount of \$86,633.00 far exceeds the \$43,983.73 total requested for the Common Pleas Court. Mr. Claypool remarked that perhaps we should charge a higher rate to get more of our money back from the federal government, this remark being delivered somewhat in jest, given his often repeated opposition to local programs that seek federal dollars and contribute to the increased national debt.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services IV-D Contract between the Geauga County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Geauga County Prosecutor for Legal Services for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$54.15 per hour.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services IV-D Contract between the Geauga County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Geauga County Common Pleas Court for Magistrate Services for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$104.72 per hour.

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

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SECOND ADDENDUM – AGREEMENT – HESS AND ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED – CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Director Anita Stocker explained that this change order covered additional engineering work required for the Chagrin Falls Park parking lot improvement project in order to move an existing light pole and reconfigure the sidewalk between the parking lot and the Community Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Second Addendum to Agreement between Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Hess & Associates Engineering, Incorporated for Professional Services to Geauga County in connection with the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Improvement Project, increasing the contract \$1,500.00 for additional revisions to project specifications, under Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM – CONCRETE APRON PHASE 2 AND DRAINAGE DITCH IMPROVEMENT

Business Manager Patty Fulop explained that the Army Corps of Engineers is requesting this form, which lists all the documentation submitted including wetlands maps be signed by the Commissioners, as they own the property, to allow the concrete apron and drainage ditch improvement project to get started.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Army Corps of Engineers Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form in connection with the Concrete Apron Phase 2 and Drainage Ditch Improvement Project.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FORMULA GRANT (#B-F-11-1AZ-1)

Ms. Samide opened the Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. and asked Ms. Stocker to explain what the second amendment to this grant included. Ms. Stocker stated that the City of Chardon has turned down their project award because it ended up being outside their timeframe, and that they weren't ready to start on the new building that is planned for the square, thus they didn't want to demolish the existing log cabin until they were ready to build the replacement structure. Ms. Stocker noted that the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center parking lot project was still below the project estimate by \$10,000.00 overall, even with the \$1,500.00 increase to the engineering agreement. Ms. Stocker stated that the Maple Leaf Community Residences generator project was the simplest to load into the plan as a substitute recipient of the block grant funding because it was ready to go within the allowable timeframe. Ms. Stocker noted that the legal notice for this hearing had been properly advertised in the paper.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Samide to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

Ms. Stocker noted that Keith Werbeach was present, representing Maple Leaf Communities. Mr. Werbeach expressed appreciation for the grant, and stated that generator equipment will be used to keep residents in their homes during power outages, as some of the residents have behavioral disorders that would make it difficult to relocate them. Ms. Samide noted that living in this area,

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electric power is needed for virtually everything, including the supply of water. Mr. Claypool stated that he had just had a conversation with Ms. Stocker and Mr. Werbeach prior to the meeting, and stated that where he lives that he has never had a power outage of more than a couple of hours, and questioned spending taxpayer's dollars if the generators were never going to be used. Ms. Samide stated that homes near the main power trunk lines along Mayfield Road generally don't have a problem, but further away from that line, in areas around Chardon and near the hospital there are frequent power outages. Mr. Claypool stated that he was not a big fan of using public money for this and that Geauga is a very giving community and a worthy activity like Maple Leaf could probably get donations to cover this. Mr. Claypool added that he wanted to make sure there is a plan, and that the homes benefitting from this upgrade will be owned for a long time. Mr. Claypool stated that he would approve the use of public dollars; but that it was not easy being that he has a principle against grants. Being no further questions or public comments, the public hearing closed at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Stocker noted that she would return on Thursday, September 27th requesting the approval of the amendment to the grant.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 9/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Thu., 9/27 Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office

*Tues., 10/2 **The Regular Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tues., 10/2 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill

Thu., 10/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 10/4 Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m.

*Mon., 10/8 **County offices will be closed for general business in honor of Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tues., 10/9 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Tues., 10/9 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 10/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Fri., 10/12 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER
CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:33 A.M.***

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Mary E. Samide

Tracy A. Jemison

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk