

Commissioners' Journal
October 18, 2007

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 18, 2007 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 10:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Samide stated she wanted the record to reflect that she preferred to see a 24% reduction of the employees' health insurance premium contribution but if that is not acceptable to the board she would like to see the insurance premium savings set aside to offset future increases.

Commissioner Young commented that the total cost of health insurance is going down by slightly under 13%. The proposed reduction, by Commissioner Samide, for employee health insurance contribution, for the enhanced plan, would be reduced from the current 10 % to below 8%. Commissioner Young further added that the average premium contribution rate across the state for county governments is between 10% and 12%. Commissioner Young stated this is a good deal for the employees. Commissioner Young added that in 2008 thirteen payments need to be made towards health insurance, due to timing and being self insured, for this first year. We can look at a reduction next year after discussing the liabilities and the long term effect of being self insured. Commissioner Young suggested that if the media had any further financial questions that they should contact the County Auditor. Commissioner Samide stated that the overall savings this year, for the people in the plan (which includes the Park District and others that are not under the hiring authority of the Board), was \$610,000.00 with about \$500,000.00 being the Board of Commissioners' portion. Commissioner Samide advocated for \$100,000.00 to go back to the employees (as a reduction in contribution), as a reward to employees for following good health care, and with over \$400,000.00 to be put into an endowment to help offset future contribution increases. Commissioner Samide added that the Board came to the concurrence that the money would not go back to the employees "in their pocketbook" as a reduction in contribution. Instead, 25% of the savings will be set aside for employee health care initiatives and wellness in the way of cash or prizes for employees that participate. Commissioner Albert asked if the savings is no longer at the \$610,000.00 since we have to make thirteen payments. Commissioner Young explained that next year there would only be eleven payments but the money has to be paid upfront for this year (being self insured). Commissioner Samide added that the actual amount of the extra payment is \$20,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 16, 2007.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – CSI HARVARD LLC WETLAND MITIGATION CREDITS BALANCE

Director Dave Dietrich stated the funds received are for preservation credits and CSI still owes money on the riparian portion but it will be taken care of shortly.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and accept the balance from CSI Harvard LLC, per the Purchase Agreement for Wetlands Mitigation Credits for the purchase of 1.20 preservation credits, in the amount of \$8,640.00 (check #1427) from the Geauga County Upper Cuyahoga Consolidated Wetlands Mitigation Bank, "Pope Home Site" (Troy Township). The 10% down payment was received on December 5, 2006.

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

DOG WARDEN'S OFFICE – UPDATED DOG WARDEN'S OPERATION PROTOCOLS

Dog Warden Matt Granito explained these protocols were sent out in 2003 to the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies telling them of the Dog Warden's office hours of operation. They no longer use radios as there are no employees to man the home base so they switched to cell phones and text messaging. This protocol includes the after hour calls that the agencies receive requesting they hold the dogs overnight or drop them off in cages at the Dog Warden's kennel, as these after hour calls are increasing. This helps to keep staff and payroll down.

There was a long discussion held regarding puppy auction mills and licensing of these auctions in Geauga County. Commissioner Young has had discussions with the Prosecutor's Office regarding possible changes to protect the county from these puppy mills. Commissioner Young suggested a meeting with the Prosecutor and Mr. Granito to find out the options to control this situation and protect the county.

Motion: *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve the updated Geauga County Dog Warden's Office Operation Protocols.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ABC PIPING COMPANY INCORPORATED CHANGE ORDERS – PARKMAN WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Director Gus Saikaly explained that in case of an intruder the alarm system will ring at the Sheriff's Office and as well as advising the Department of Water Resources. The telemetry system relays information on the components of the system and their functions. The telemetry and the alarm system should have been part of the bid package. The other items were additional work needed.

Motion: *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with ABC Piping Company Incorporated for the installation of the security and telemetry system at the Parkman Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$12,040.00.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute Change Order #2 increasing the contract with ABC Piping Company Incorporated for the installation of a power failure alarm as part of the Parkman Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$833.00.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute Change Order #3 increasing the contract with ABC Piping Company Incorporated for additional electric work necessary to provide proper voltage for the well pump at the Parkman Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$455.00.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Albert to approve and execute Change Order #4 increasing the contract with ABC Piping Company*

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Incorporated for an additional drainage system at the Parkman Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,575.00.

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

OTHER

The Board will visit TroyMill Manufacturing Incorporated (a past recipient of a revolving loan fund loan) in Troy Township, tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Young discussed campaign signs that are being posted on county property without permission. The Board discussed if there was a policy regarding posting campaign signs and how they could be remove. The Board suggested County Administrator Dave Lair look into this matter. It was suggested that perhaps the Maintenance Department remove the signs on county property. Mr. Lair will check with the Board of Elections to see who and/ or if anyone monitors campaign sign placements.

MEETINGS

Thu 10/18 Budget Hearings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Thu 10/18 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Perry Power Plant Public Officials Reception at 5:00 p.m.

Tue 10/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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Week of 10/22 Healthcare Open Enrollment meetings.

Wed 10/24 The Commissioners will attend the Ohio Attorney General's Certified Training from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Educational Center

Thu 10/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu 10/25 The Commissioners will hold the monthly Economic Development work session discussion at noon.

Sat 10/27 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District's Goddess of Speed Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Tue 10/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu 11/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Tue 11/6 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled for Election Day***

Thu 11/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Mon 11/12 **County offices will be closed for general business in honor of Veterans Day.***

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:12 P.M.

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