

Commissioners' Journal
March 22, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 22, 2011 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, Tracy A. Jemison opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2011.

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

**Commissioner Young was absent from session that day.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as an appropriation transfer from the Contingency account to appropriate funds for the newly created line item for the collection services agreement for delinquent Pay-to-Stay accounts for the Sheriff's office; cash transfers out of the General Fund for the 2011 VOCA grant match of \$15,582.33 for the Victim's Witness program and the distribution of gas well allotment proceeds for the period January through March 2011 to the Metzenbaum Fund; and a payment to the Ohio Department of Health for Bureau of Children with medical handicaps billing for February 2011 in the amount of \$163,266.19.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-041 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 22, 2011.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION FINDING THE PRIMARY QUARTERS AND EQUIPMENT OF THE CORONER BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COUNTY SEAT OF JUSTICE

Commissioner Jemison explained that due to the Coroner's office moving into the Sheriff's office, that we need to pass a resolution stating the current location because it will be located outside of the county seat of justice.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-042 Finding that the Primary Quarters and Equipment of the Coroner be located Outside the County Seat of Justice.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 22, 2011

Resolution: 11-042

Resolution Finding That the Primary Quarters and Equipment of the Coroner be Located Outside the County Seat of Justice

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code Section 313.07(B) permits a Board of County Commissioners, with the Coroner's consent, to provide by resolution for the establishment of the primary quarters, laboratory, and equipment of the Coroner at a location outside the county seat of justice;

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Whereas, *The office of Dr. Kevin Chartrand, Geauga County Coroner, is currently located at 13205 Aquilla Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024, and, with the Coroner's consent, will move its primary quarters to the Geauga County Safety Center, located at 12450 Merritt Drive, Chardon, Ohio 44024;*

Whereas, *The Geauga County Coroner will maintain his current Aquilla Road office as an Annex to his primary office in which he will store files until his active files can be integrated into his primary office at the Geauga County Safety Center, and his closed files stored at the Geauga County Archives and Records Department.*

Whereas, *The Geauga County Safety Center currently exists outside of the county seat of justice.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that the primary quarters and equipment of the Coroner be established at a location outside the county seat of justice, that place being the Geauga County Safety Center located at 12450 Merritt Drive, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT CONDUCT RESIDENTIAL WATER TESTS – GAS WELL INJECTION SITES IN HAMB DEN AND MONTVILLE TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Jemison stated that this comes from a meeting held a few months back in Hambden regarding injection wells. The Health Department upon request from the Commissioners will go and test five (5) homes at both injection sites to see what if any chemicals are in the wells or if there is anything from the injection wells that could be contaminating wells. Mr. Jemison stated that there is some data that will be coming from the Ohio Department of Health by doing a study to see if there is any higher incidences of cancer in that area. There was a request from a couple residences the other day to take action on this. Mr. Jemison explained that it was his belief that we need some data. We need to find out exactly what it is, in this case we have twenty-five years of data sitting down there. They have been doing this since 1985. Mr. Jemison stated that we should have some conclusive tests to see exactly what is going on in these wells, the hope of course is nothing, that those water supplies are safe, but he feels that the residents deserve to at least know what the results are.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to request the Geauga County Health District conduct residential water well chemical tests for five homes per site within close proximity to the gas well injection sites located in Hambden and Montville Townships. Information obtained from these tests will be used to help develop policies for oversight of any future gas well injection sites proposed for location within Geauga County as may be authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

Discussion was then held among the Board members regarding the results from the tests, and checking that area regarding the possibility of cancer or illness with residents in the surrounding area. Mr. Jemison noted that these wells have been being injected for the last twenty-five years and we just recently found out about it. Questions were raised regarding the aquifer affecting not just Hambden or Montville, but as an example those residents in Claridon. Mr. Jemison stated that they needed to look at the norm for Geauga County and use that as a benchmark. Commissioner Young asked about the cost of the testing. Ms. Samide noted that the tests would cost about \$3,000.00 and the Health Department was picking up the total cost. Mr. Jemison stated his concern about being asked to take action and show support for things, and that to do it responsibly they need to have data, that in this case we have twenty-five years of it sitting down in these wells and don't know what is there and that we need to know. Local resident Walter Legan asked the Board if there was any kind of water quality study from 1985 when this was originally started to have as a comparison with these tests; that you have to have a starting point to do the comparison. Mr. Jemison stated that there may be data from the Health Department of anyone who may have had their well tested, but we need to know what is there now. Mr. Jemison explained his understanding of the 'fracking' process and what they are currently putting into

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the wells, and that they need to give the residents some piece of mind, especially those that have recently been informed a few weeks ago of this happening.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 16, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Thu., 3/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 470 Center St., Building #8 (Note Different Location)*
- Thu., 3/24 The County Auditor will present the Economic State of Geauga at 10:30 a.m., 470 Center St. Building #8*
- Tues., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 3/29 Health District Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St. Building #8*
- Thu., 3/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 4/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 4/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 4/7 Geauga County Historical Society will give a presentation update.*
- Thu., 4/7 Investment Advisory Board meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:20 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk