

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 31, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 31, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 24, 2012.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers from the Contingency account for supplemental budget requests for the Archives and Records Center for equipment in the amount of \$2,000.00 and for the Municipal Court for indigent defense in the amount of \$4,000.00; Cash transfers out of the General Fund for a portion of 2012 funding for Mental Health, CASA, and the Soil and Water Conservation District; a contract for Ronyak Brothers Paving for the Maintenance Department for the resurfacing of the Annex parking lot in the amount of \$20,160.00; and a payment to the City of Chardon for police prosecutor services for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2012 in the amount of \$17,500.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-098 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 31, 2012.*

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

**COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – FEBRUARY 2012**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of February, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of February, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

**ARCHIVES / RECORDS CENTER – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

*Director Linda Burhenne explained to the Board that her Supplemental Appropriation transfer was for the purchase of two new computers that were not budgeted for this year. Since the beginning of the year the department has lost two computers, one had been replaced twice prior with other in house computers, but when it went down the third time it was best to purchase a new one; the second was a laptop that had the power block on the inside go bad and was not repairable per the Do IT department.*

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ARCHIVES / RECORDS CENTER – MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – BLUE TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED

*Ms. Burhenne explained that while reviewing contracts for this year, it was discovered that the maintenance contract in place was not for the large copier, but rather the smaller one used less often. Ms. Burhenne stated that she felt it was better to have a maintenance contract for the larger copier that uses about \$400.00 a year. The price per copy is fairly low. Ms. Burhenne noted that this copier came to them from the Veterans department at no cost.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the maintenance Contract Agreement with Blue Technologies, Incorporated for the period May 2012 through December 2013 to maintain the Records Center's copy machine at a cost of \$0.009 per copy.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD AND BELL STREET

*Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that these contracts were to Asphalt Resurface Auburn Road and Bell Street. Mr. Cattell noted that they were able to save money on both projects, adding that the Auburn Road bid came in at \$515,000.00 and that the estimate had been \$630,000.00 while the Bell Street bid had come in at \$623,000.00 and that the estimate for it had been \$715,000.00. Mr. Cattell stated that Ronyak Paving always does a nice job for the County. Commissioner Samide added that it was good to hear the job cost being lower than estimated and that we are doing good on our road projects.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections K-M) in Munson Township, in the amount of \$515,490.93.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bell Street (CH 10, Sections D & F) in Newbury Township, in the amount of \$623,422.40.*

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – NEW HIRE APPOINTMENT – TODD FOREMAN

*Human Resources Officer Anita Rohl explained that they had a vacancy created for public assistance case manager from an employee that had gone on maternity leave and chose not to return. After going through the interview process Todd Foreman was found and comes with four years' experience as a public assistance case manager from Henry County. The public assistance case manager position takes a great deal of training and the department feels very fortunate to have him. Mr. Foreman is a replacement to fill the vacancy.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the following new hire appointment of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners hiring process:*

*Todd Foreman, Eligibility Referral Specialist 2, May 21, 2012 (replacement)*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #2

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that this was the second pay request for the Opalocka Improvements project that includes a new blower building, tertiary filter, and a sludge holding tank and turning the existing tank into a EQ tank. This project is well past its need for this plant. This plant has a capacity of 160,000 gallons a day and during rain events it can see upwards of 500,000 gallons. Mr. Morgan stated that even after doing investigations on I and I and smoke testing, that it has yet to be determined where the excess water comes from, adding that there must be a river that perks up and flows into the system. These improvements will help out and this portion comes from the Ohio Public Works Commission, noting that they have a \$400,000.00 grant and \$300,000.00 loan with them. Discussion took place regarding the coverage area of the plant and the areas around State Route 306 and Mayfield Road that were covered by the plant.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #2 for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$99,627.90.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER TO PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - GAPP

Commissioner Jemison explained that over the past three to four months Portage County has been expressing interest in exploring options to be with other counties that they feel they are more in line with. Mr. Jemison noted that if they want to leave, and comply with all the terms and conditions of the agreement that the Board is fine with that. A local resident asked the Board to explain what GAPP was. Mr. Jemison stated that GAPP is the Geauga Ashtabula Portage Partnership that receives Workforce Investment Act funds that help displaced and dislocated workers to get a job. Mr. Jemison stated that a lot of times the funds are used to train these workers for the new job. These are Federal funds awarded to each county by a formula that was developed in 2002 or 2003 when it was started that is partially based on population and income levels. Geauga County receives about twelve to thirteen percent which is about \$200,000.00 for adults and roughly \$150,000.00 for youth. There is a Board of LEO's – Local Elected Officials that administer through the local Job and Family Services department which in Geauga case is through Tim Taylor, who makes it all happen. There are One Stop programs that people come in and get job skills, along with recruiting to find jobs either by employer posting or through a database that employers can find an employee with the skills they are looking for. County Administrator David Lair added that private businesses also serve on the Board. Mr. Jemison stated that was correct, that private business representatives along with government officials oversee the board. The local resident asked if Portage wanted out of the agreement. Mr. Jemison replied that yes they did, they were looking at Summit and Medina counties to identify more closely with than Geauga or Ashtabula. Mr. Jemison noted the Portage may decide to stay after looking around. Mr. Lair added that the Workforce Investment Act allows larger counties to do this by themselves, but that the smaller counties will band together to administer the program to save money. Mr. Jemison added that Lake County is their own area.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a letter to the Portage Board of County Commissioners regarding their investigation of options to partner with other Workforce Investment Boards as opposed to continued membership in the Geauga Ashtabula Portage Partnership (GAPP) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY UPDATE FOR 2012

*President Bob Rogish, Secretary Paul Harris and Vice President Robert L. Phillips were present to give an update that is required per the lease agreement. Every year the Agricultural Society comes and explains what the fair board is doing and how they did last year. Mr. Rogish stated that it was important to keep communication open and build it stronger every year. Mr. Rogish thanked the Board for attending the Conference in Columbus this past January, that it's great to have the Board with them to show the relationship that their Society has with their Commissioners. Mr. Rogish offered the Board the opportunity to take a tour and to once again hold session during the fair.*

*Mr. Rogish thanked Commissioner Young for building a great relationship as the liaison, that this would be the last meeting like this with him and that they wished him the best. Mr. Rogish presented each of the Commissioners with their Honorary Director passes that allow them to gain admission into any fair in the State of Ohio, free parking and some grandstand shows.*

*Mr. Rogish shared the sad news of the passing of Audre Blair, who had been a Director for over sixty-five years. It was noted that visitation and his service would be Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Rogish added that this is a huge loss to the fair family.*

*Mr. Rogish began talking about the fair in 2011 that due to high heat and heavy rains that attendance was down overall, which does not allow funding for any major capital improvement projects for this year. They do have a rainy day fund that will allow for some improvements that need to be addressed including \$10,000.00 for electrical upgrades and repairs, drainage issues in the parking lot and around the barns, along with \$20,000.00 for asphalt paving repair and maintenance along with some chip and sealing. Last year's big project was the sheep barn; this year will be phase two which includes a metal roof on with drainage pipes. In addition, the swine barn will have a permanent lean-to put on where in the past there has always been a temporary awning for shade and cover. Last year electrical service was a big problem on the grounds, where they maxed out with CEI by being hard hit with high heat temperatures. Mr. Rogish stated that due to substation issues and transformer work they had to shut power down to parts of the grounds to keep the Burton community supplied with power. Mr. Rogish stated that they will continue to install more energy efficient fixtures. Last year Greg Thomas was hired as a Maintenance employee and saves money by doing a lot of in house work whenever possible. Mr. Rogish added that they will continue work on painting buildings as they need it.*

*Robert L. Phillips explained the plan for entertainment at the fair this year noting that Friday nights have always been a hard night with trying different entertainment every year, but with Friday night high school football games the kids are just not at the fair in the evening. For 2012 the Horse pulls will move back to the main grandstand on Friday evening and in the small grandstand Chris Higbee will give a free concert in hopes to catch the kids that are in the area of the barns. Mr. Phillips added that the horse people will be happy to be back at the main grandstand as they are required to pull at a diagonal direction in the small grandstand because they didn't fit lengthwise. Demolition Derbies will be held again on Thursday and Saturday nights, which will continue to be the case as long as people are able to obtain cars; over the years it has become harder and harder. The Truck pulls will take place on Sunday night, with the water battle from the local fire departments. This event pulls in large numbers from the county. Monday evening will conclude with the Motocross running from 5:30 till about 7:00 p.m. which will help hold the crowds till about 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. Mr. Phillips referenced the extension last year from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the animals to be released. Mr. Jemison inquired about the results of that extension and if it was as bad as they anticipated. Mr. Harris stated that it paid for itself, that in those two hours the fair brought in around \$30,000.00 in additional revenue. Mr. Phillips stated that they lined up people in the Ronyak Parking lot and once 8:00 p.m. hit they opened the gate and it worked out well. Mr. Rogish added that this year's Chicken Flying Contest would be hosted by Jeff Tanchek from 19 Action News, that in the past it has always been Dick Goddard but he was unavailable this year. Mr. Rogish also noted that the Geauga Learns program would also take place again this year. Mr. Harris noted that Channel 19 was a big sponsor of the fair this year, sponsoring Thursday, youth day and that they will have a live feed during the day.*

*Mr. Rogish stated that other grounds use throughout the year that helps bring in revenue includes a Truck pull in June, the Antique Flea Market in June and again in September, on July 4<sup>th</sup> the Veterans hold a great community event with fireworks, many horse and dog shows along with lots of people walking the grounds.*

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*Mr. Rogish expressed thanks to the Board for investing in the fair, adding that when they invest in the fair they are investing in the community and help promote agriculture, adding that it is a great thing for all of us. Mr. Jemison briefly touched on the Farm Bureau and Soil and Water joining up and working together last year, inquiring if they would be expanding that this year. Mr. Rogish wasn't sure of the plan, but thought they might be adding activities. Ms. Samide stated that as a Board they see the fair as an important asset, and that they will continue to support them, as they are allowed per the O.R.C. Ms. Samide noted that she was happy to see the improvements that are being made and that this is the best fair, and that it is a big event that encompasses all of Geauga County and the surrounding counties. Mr. Rogish added that it's a showcase for the community. Mr. Harris added that after the Board had been to Columbus and saw the other fairs, they could really see that there really is no comparison, that Geauga is one of ten of the best in the State. It all happens due to the Directors and thousands of Volunteers that all have a piece of the puzzle that fits together and makes it work.*

*Mr. Phillips noted that Mr. Rogish formed a new committee this year for the Bicentennial, adding that this is the 190<sup>th</sup> year, but that the next ten years will go fast. Discussion took place regarding Geauga being the oldest fair, noting that another fair in Ohio started in 1823 but didn't run during the war and therefore was not continuous. The plaque from the State says the oldest continuous fair in the state. Geauga will be the first to hit 200 years.*

*Discussion took place regarding the fair book being online and available, the ATM machines on the grounds that have helped put a lot of money back onto the grounds, the expansion of wireless internet service to the school, lounge and maintenance buildings, the continued work on the electrical issues on the grounds and working at trying to fix the problems. Mr. Rogish and Mr. Harris talked about the changes in trailers and campers over the years that have caused them to bring in generators to run the campground area and take the power back to the midways. Mr. Phillips noted that CEI donated another boom truck the fairgrounds this year that helps them work on the lines. Mr. Rogish thanked the Board for their continued support.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF AUDRE GEORGE BLAIR**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-099 Celebrating and Honoring the Life of Audre George Blair.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-099*

*Date: May 31, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF AUDRE GEORGE BLAIR**

*WHEREAS, Audre George Blair was born to Wallace and Emma Blair on June 1, 1915 in Newbury Township, later moving to Chagrin Falls when he was six, where he grew up and graduated from Chagrin Falls High School during the Depression, while dressed in his Sunday best; and*

*WHEREAS, Audre George Blair was a 4-H club member and showed cattle at the fair where he met Evelyn Gates whom he later married and with whom he shared six beautiful children; three sons, George, Gerald, Robert, and three daughters; Sally, Kathryn, and Jeanne, who gave them twenty-one (21) wonderful grandchildren, who gave them thirty-one (31) glorious great grandchildren and then two (2) joyous great-great grandchildren; and*

*WHEREAS, Audre George Blair was involved in many aspects of Geauga County by being a Newbury Township Trustee from 1941 to 1952, belonging to the Newbury and Huntsburg Granges, was a 4-H Advisor for twenty-five (25) years, was a lifetime member of the Ohio Farm Bureau and was a member of the Great Geauga County Fair as a Director for sixty-six years, where he spent five years as President and five years as Vice-President; and*

*WHEREAS, Audre George Blair held many honors over the years including being inducted into the Chagrin Falls School District Alumni Achievement Hall of Fame, the Ohio Fair Managers Hall of Fame, the Geauga County Maple Syrup Hall of Fame, and was named the Ohio Dairy Farmer of the Year and his family the Geauga Farm Family of the Year; and*

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*WHEREAS, Audre George Blair sadly left this world on May 8, 2012 and will be greatly missed by many in Geauga County but will be respected and remembered for his humor, his hard work, and for his involvement with the Great Geauga County Fair; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor the life of Audre George Blair;*

*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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</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 May 23, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The County Engineer's Office Year 2012 Annual Sufficiency Rating Report and General Bridge Inspection Report for Geauga County, pursuant to O.R.C. 5543.20.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 5/31 County Home Annual meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill County Home*

*Mon., 6/4 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*

*Tues., 6/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/7 The Commissioners will hold Public Hearing #2 at 10:30 a.m. for the 2012 CDBG Formula Grant Application*

*Fri., 6/8 Some of the Commissioners will attend the NOACA Summit, Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center, 8:30 a.m.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:51 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*