

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**November 17, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 17, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 15, 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as a Revenue Certification for the Bed Tax Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00; a Cash transfer for the October Windstream phone charges; and a payment to United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-179 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 17, 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>Abstain*</i>

*\*Commissioner Jemison abstains due to his role with United Way.*

**LEADERSHIP GEAUGA – BOB FAEHNLE ANNOUNCED ONE OF THE TWO LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD LEADERS**

*Leadership Geauga Executive Director Bob Faehnle explained that special achievements deserve recognition and each year since 2001 Leadership Geauga has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, business or non-profit that exemplifies outstanding leadership by the following contributions, volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impacts the quality of life in Geauga County. Mr. Faehnle stated that some previous individuals historically who have been honored include Jeff Keener, Bill Prior, Gordon Safron, Dick Moss, Rich Frenchie and Kimm Leininger. The two 2011 Geauga County Emerald Leaders will be formally recognized in March at the annual banquet.*

*A successful community servant, this individual seems to have been everywhere, as one of the six proposers has said he has shared and is working to achieve his vision for a viable and sustainable community. Along with several other members of the community he played a significant role in the founding of the Geauga Growth Partnership; a public partnership committed to growing the economy and community of Geauga County.*

*Mr. Tracy A. Jemison, who has one of the executive roles in the community, one of which is most significant being his dedicated involvement with United Way Services of Geauga County. Mr. Jemison has served as United Way Board Chair since 2009 and believes strongly in building community by serving others through hands up rather than hands out. In addition to United Way leadership, Mr. Jemison is a past President of the Burton-Middlefield Rotary Club, a graduate of Leadership Geauga, a former Leadership Geauga Board member, a former Middlefield Village Council member and a former School Board member.*

*Mr. Faehnle stated that during a recent interview, Mr. Jemison stated that we are all here to leave the earth a better place than when we found it and through his involvements it gives him*

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*the opportunity to do just that. Mr. Faehnle shared thoughts from other people who nominated Mr. Jemison for this honor. Mr. Faehnle expressed that he had never received as many nominations for one leader since he has been executive director.*

*Mr. Faehnle explained that he was here to formally announce that Tracy A. Jemison has been named one of the two 2011 Leadership Geauga County Emerald Award Leaders.*

*Mr. Jemison expressed his shock and thanked everyone. Mr. Jemison stated that he has had such admiration for the people mentioned as previous winners and that they are such visionaries of Geauga County. Mr. Jemison felt that there are many others that are deserving more than himself but that he appreciated it. Mr. Jemison thanked everyone very much and stated that Geauga County is such a great county and that it is so easy to work with all the people that we do, great Commissioners, a great staff here, United Way, Geauga Growth Partnership, and Rotary.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OHIO SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM JOB CERTIFICATION SUMMARY – GEAUGA FINISHING, LLC**  
*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that Geauga Finishing has done two things; they not only have completed their job creation but that they have also paid off their loan.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Job Certification Summary for Geauga Finishing, LLC as they have satisfied the job creation portion of their Revolving Loan Fund Loan.*

<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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – GEAUGA FINISHING / LM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Geauga Finishing / LM Property Management, LLC as the Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$135,000.00 has been satisfied.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AMENDMENTS TO GEAUGA COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

*County Engineer R.L. Phillips explained that it seemed the last time that this was done, six years ago that it didn't seem to take as long to complete. Mr. Phillips stated that this has been gone over many times to figure out what fits and what works and had presented the Board with a map about six weeks ago with what had been worked out with the townships and sorted out what was viable for them and the county as a whole. Mr. Phillips stated that this was the final list of roads that they would like to change. Mr. Phillips explained that Clay Street in Huntsburg Township south of State Route 322 has been township all the way down to Burton Windsor, which is a county road. To the north of 322 to the county line Clay Street is a county road, making all of Clay Street in Geauga County now a county road. Mr. Phillips stated that a maintenance agreement with Russell Township in regards to Hemlock Point and Music Street has been in place, that it had been switched a year ago and they would like to finalize that piece. Mr. Phillips explained that Caves Road has come up as a very highly traveled road, with many places approaching 5,000 cars a day in that area. Mr. Phillips stated that they do have a letter from Russell Township that they are in agreement to take over Russell Road and the county will pick up Caves Road in Russell and a piece of Caves Road in Chester Township up to Wilson Mills, Wilson Mills all the way to State Route 87 on Caves. Mr. Phillips stated that Pettibone Road was a former county road in Cuyahoga County all the way through Solon. This road had been previously discussed and the Board at the time did not agree to the change, however the current Board in place has agreed to make the change. An agreement had been redone from the*

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*1960's negotiating Franklin Street and the county will maintain ownership but the Township will do the day to day maintenance, including pot holes and snow plowing. An agreement is in place with Bainbridge and Chester for snowplowing of Pettibone and Caves and all county roads will continue to be plowed by the county in Russell Township. Mr. Phillips stated that these changes result in the addition of ten (10) miles being added to the county system. With the current road levy we haven't had any issues with funding. Mr. Phillips noted that these roads will need attention in the next five years but feels that we are still financially sound and can add these to the county list. Mr. Jemison inquired if all the Townships were in agreement and that there were letters received to that effect. Mr. Jemison stated that Munn Road in Newbury Township is not part of this change. Mr. Phillips stated that was correct and that it usually takes ODOT about thirty days to certify the map and return them back to us, but they have already redone the plans to start plowing these roads.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the following amendments to the Geauga County Highway System: Add 1.320 Miles of Hemlock Point Road (Re-numbered to CH 29, Section C) in Russell Township, Add 2.680 Miles of Caves Road (Re-numbered to CH 30, Sections A-C) in Russell Township, Add 3.013 Miles of Caves Road (Re-numbered to CH 30, Sections C-F) in Chester Township, Add 2.315 Miles of Clay Street (Re-numbered to CH 37, Sections A & B) in Huntsburg Township, Add 2.710 Miles of Pettibone Road (Re-numbered to CH 607, Sections A-C) in Bainbridge Township, and Remove 1.250 Miles of Russell Road (Re-numbered to TH 181, Section A) in Russell Township, Remove 1.070 Miles of Music Street (Re-numbered to TR 146, Section A) in Russell Township, and further request the Board to approve and execute the Geauga County, County Highway System 2011 Map, depicting these changes to the road system in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5541.01.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – ENVIROCOM CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS**

*Sanitary Engineer Gerald Morgan explained that Opalocka is a 160,000 gallon a day plant right now and during some rain events that they have seen upwards of 200,000 gallons. These upgrades will help account for that additional capacity. They will be installing a new digester, converting a digester to a equalization tank along with a new rapid sand filters. These will be much easier to operate. In addition there will be an old building being taken down and replaced with a building over the sand filters being big enough to include the blowers. This is just the treatment plant and inflow is the biggest issue at the plant. Discussion took place about legal and illegal connections of clean water into the waste water system. Recently during a smoke test at one residence they discovered a French drain system had been put in and tied into the sanitary system and the yard looked like a brush fire. Sewage systems are not designed to handle clean water, nor are septic systems. Mr. Morgan added that bathrooms that do not get used very often should have at least water run through them due to the traps drying out and cause odors in the house. The traps are designed to hold water and eliminate odor. This is the same for septic systems, as they are designed the same way. Mr. Jemison inquired on the estimate for this project. Mr. Morgan stated that the estimate for the project was \$1.3 million dollars.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to EnviroCom Construction, Incorporated for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of \$1,247,000.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance bond for this project.*

<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>

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**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to cancel session for Tuesday, December 27, 2011, Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and Tuesday, January 17, 2012.*

<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 – CORSA CORRECTION**

*Mr. Jemison stated that they wanted to make a correction about the CORSA insurance premium that had been discussed during the meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The amount of the premium had been estimated at \$325,000.00 to \$330,000.00 a year, the actual cost last year was \$347,111.00 and this year's premium was \$343,157.00 and we don't yet know what the premium for the 2012-2013 year will be.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending October, 2011.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 9, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. A discussion took place regarding the dates of the Fairboard Convention in January and that they would confirm the dates of travel in January as the 6,7,and 8 or the 16, 17, and 18.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 11/21 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m.*

*Tues., 11/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 11/22 Investment Advisory Board meeting, following session.*

*Thu., 11/24 **County offices will be closed for general business for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Fri., 11/25 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business.***

*Tues., 11/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:38 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*William S. Young*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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~~*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*~~  
*Mary (Katie) Schaab, Acting Commissioners' Clerk*