

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 27, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 27, 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 September 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as a Revenue Certification for the Board of Mental Health fund; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Board of Mental Health fund in the amount of \$467,000.00; cash transfers out of the General Fund for portions of 2011 funding for the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Youth Center, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2011 Sales Tax transfer to the HLP fund and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter State Fiscal Year 2012 mandated share for the Department of Job and Family Services; travel requests for Juvenile / Probate Court, Water Resources and Community Development.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-157 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 27, 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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION – GREAT LAKES OUTDOOR SUPPLY**

*Director Anita Stocker explained that they come through earlier in the year with Great Lakes Outdoor Supply, noting that they had been previously looking at purchasing a house and tearing it down and building. Since that time Great Lakes Outdoor Supply has looked at additional locations and has decided to purchase and rehabilitate another building and will be putting in a virtual and actual archery range. Ms. Stocker stated that these are just preliminary releases for the state to not hold up anything. Ms. Stocker stated that the paperwork will be presented at the Revolving Loan Fund Committee meeting on Wednesday for approval. Ms. Stocker stated that Ohio Earth Foods will no longer be moving to the location on Nauvoo Road and that they are going to move into the old Paul's DoIT center building. Commissioner Jemison inquired on the zoning. Ms. Stocker stated that it had been discussed and stated that there shouldn't be any problems.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project in regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Loan to Great Lakes Outdoor Supply for the purchase of Land and Building rehabilitation at 14855 N. State Street, Middlefield Village in the amount of \$320,000.00.*

<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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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SECOND REVISED CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION – OHIO EARTH FOODS

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the second revised Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project in regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Loan to Ohio Earth Foods for the purchase of Land and Building, and rehabilitation at 15651 West High Street, Middlefield Village in the amount of \$164,000.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – APPOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROAD SIGN COMPLIANCE UPGRADES

*Engineer Joe Cattell explained that these projects are Ohio Public Works Commission projects and this was to appoint the Chief Executive Officer and sign the financial assistance application for the Roadway Signs Compliance Upgrades, the Resurfacing of Munn Road and to Replace the Burton Windsor Road Bridge.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and appoint the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and to further execute the Application for Financial Assistance for the proposed Ohio Public Works Commission project entitled County and Township Road Sign Compliance Upgrades.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – MUNN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT – AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

*Motion:* by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and appoint the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and to further execute the Application for Financial Assistance for the proposed Ohio Public Works Commission project entitled Munn Road (Sections E &F) Resurfacing Project in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – BURTON WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and appoint the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and to further execute the Application for Financial Assistance for the proposed Burton Windsor Road Bridge Replacement Project in Huntsburg Township.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT – IDEASTREAM – THOMPSON TOWER SITE

*Sheriff Dan McClelland and Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand explained that this agreement was between the Board of Commissioners and Ideastream, more locally known as PBS, Public Broadcasting System to install television antennas and equipment on our Thompson site for a period of five years with an annual rental fee of \$1,200.00. Sheriff McClelland stated that Ideastream was looking to combine some of their operations and streamline equipment to*

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*provide for better coverage area. Sheriff McClelland stated that there would be no interference with any of the county's equipment.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Tower Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Ideastream to allow the installation of television antennas and equipment on the Thompson Tower site for a period of five years for an annual rental fee of \$1,200.00.*

<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>

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM OF ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) 2011-2012 GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORM**

*Sheriff McClelland explained that this grant is really almost two grants in one, one is Federal funds and the other portion is State funding for their Victims Advocate. Sheriff McClelland stated that the Federal VOCA grant has a local match from the General Fund of \$10,355.00 and that the State grant does not have a local match but \$1,036.00 will come from the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Trust Fund, which is money received from seizures. This is an ongoing program and the amounts are the same as last year's. Sheriff McClelland explained that the Victims Advocate serves a very important role for the county as someone who maintains contact and works with victims of crime in helping settle affairs, and understands the investigations and the court system as the process moves forward. Prior to this position often times the victim was left in the background and the department didn't have anyone particularly trained to tend to the victim's needs, and answer their questions and concerns. This is really a service to all areas of Geauga County as they are often called to assist with fatal car accidents.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) 2011-2012 Grant Award and Acceptance Form, in the amount of \$48,826.00. As part of this grant \$34,174 is being requested from federal VOCA funds (#2012VAGENE554), with a local match from the Geauga County General Fund of \$10,355.00, \$3,261.00 from SVAA fund (#2012SAGENE554) with no local match and \$1,036.00 from the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund. This grant is for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, and further execute the 2011-2012 Crime Victim Section Grant Program General and Special Conditions.*

<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>

**PROSECUTOR'S VICTIM WITNESS – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) 2011-2012 GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORM**

*Victim's Advocate Cindi Haycox stated that she performs the same role for victims; she just does it through the Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Haycox stated that the amounts are the same as last year, noting that this grant had been applied for earlier in the year and that it had been awarded; this was to accept the grant funds.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Assistance Act (SVAA) 2011-2012 grant award and acceptance form in the amount of \$66,790.00. As part of this grant, \$46,747.00 is requested from federal VOCA funds (#2012VAGENE005) with a local match from the Geauga County General Fund of \$15,582.00 and \$4,461.00 from SVAA (#2012SAGENE005) with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, and further execute the 2011-2012 Crime Victims Assistance and Prevention Grant Program General and Special Conditions.*

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<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 – PUBLIC HEARING – CY 2012 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) OPERATING GRANT PROPOSAL

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

<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>

*Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:16 a.m. Transit Director Kristina Reider stated that this Public Hearing was not required but that it had already been advertised so they we're going to continue to hold it. Ms. Reider explained that for 2012 they had requested the following funds: \$644,031.00 in Federal Operating Funds, \$134,105.00 in State Operating Funds, \$76,881.00 in END Funds, and these funds allow them to offer 1/2 price fares for elderly and disabled citizens. Ms. Reider stated that \$53,045.00 comes from the County General Fund, and has already approved in the tax budget. Ms. Reider stated that they also requested \$193,784.00 in Federal Funds for Capitalizing Maintenance Costs that covers the salaries and benefits for their mechanic, hostler and 1/3 of their operations manager whose time is divided three ways in the department. This helps cover any materials, supplies, tires and more for the repairs on the vehicles. Ms. Reider stated that on the Capital end they are requesting \$218,319.00 in Federal Funds for the replacement of three vehicles next year. Ms. Reider stated that the State Term Contract does not have a diesel version of the vehicle that they use and that they have contracted with PARTA for five years to piggyback with them for bids to continue to get diesel vehicles. PARTA has done this LakeTran and Medina as well. Ms. Reider stated that they had previously been purchasing Ford vehicles, but stated that Ford has had problems and does not currently carry them. Commissioner Samide asked if the \$53,045.00 was Geauga County's only contribution. Ms. Reider stated that the \$53,045.00 comes from the General Fund, and that Transit pays \$40,000.00 in cost allocation back to the General Fund. Ms. Samide stated that really means were talking \$13,000.00 for all the vehicles and the operations of the Transit Department. Ms. Reider stated that their budget is about \$1.4 Million and that the rest of the funding comes from Fareboxes, Contract Maintenance and Advertising. After no further comments or questions, Mr. Jemison closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m.*

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LEASE AGREEMENT – CITY OF CHARDON  
FOR USE OF 223 CENTER STREET GARAGE

*Director Doug Bowen stated that he believed this was the fifth year that they have contracted for the use of the garage on Center Street with the City of Chardon. Mr. Bowen stated that the amount paid is \$2,500.00 a month for six months.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Lease Agreement for 223 Center Street, Chardon by and between th County of Geauga and the City of Chardon for use of the Geauga County Department of Water Resources garage for the period October 15, 2011 through April 15, 2012, in the rental amount of \$2,500.00 per month plus utilities.

<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 HOME – HIRE - DEBBI DUDEK – PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

*Director Karen DeCola explained that Ms. Dudek currently works in the Auditor's Office, but is able to work part-time for her as she is under a separate hiring authority. Ms. DeCola inquired about the change of 180 days of probation to 1,000 hours. Ms. DeCola asked the Board to allow her not to close the posting for the position as she has an additional position that needs to be filled.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Debbi Dudek for the position of Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) to be effective September 29, 2011 at a rate of \$8.60 per hour. After the successful completion

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*of a 180 day (1,000 hour) probationary period the rate will increase to \$9.06 per hour.*

<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 – PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S BOND – TIMOTHY JOSEPH GRENDELL – JUVENILE/PROBATE JUDGE*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve a public official's bond for Timothy Joseph Grendell, Juvenile/ Probate Judge, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).*

<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 – RELEASE FORM TO TERMINATE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND – CHARLES EUGENE HENRY*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Release Form to terminate a Public Official Bond (Bond #5798841) for Charles Eugene Henry to be effective May 24, 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>

*OTHER*

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

*MEETINGS*

*Tues., 9/27 Investment Advisory Board meeting, immediately following this meeting.*

*Tues., 9/27 Budget Hearings*

*Thu., 9/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 9/29 Budget Hearings*

*Thu., 9/29 Geauga County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Dinner, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church, Social Hall, Chardon*

*Tues., 10/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 10/4 Budget Hearings*

*Wed., 10/5 Elected Officials Day at the Department on Aging*

*Thu., 10/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 10/6 The Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the proposed rehiring of retirant George (Tim) Taylor to the position of Executive Director, Department of Job and Family Services.*

*Thu., 10/6 Budget Hearings*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:27 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*