

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 12, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 12, 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 10:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a voucher payment to the United Way for the Department on Aging.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-066 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 12, 2012.*

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

*\*Commissioner Jemison Abstains due to his role with United Way*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – MUNSON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION – COOPERATE FOR THE 2012 IMPROVEMENT TO SHERMAN ROAD AT AUBURN ROAD PROJECT**

*Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this was for the improvement of the Auburn Road Bridge at Sherman Road. Commissioner Jemison inquired if everyone was on the same page. Mr. Cattell explained that they were and that this should work out real well, to re-align Sherman Road. Mr. Cattell noted that the Fire Department expressed gratitude that it was being completed. Mr. Cattell noted that this resolution is for cooperation with Munson Township as they have agreed to pay for the asphalt for the portion of Sherman Road that is being moved.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, approve and execute the Munson Township Resolution #2012-09 proposing the Munson Township Board of Trustees cooperate with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the 2012 Improvement to Sherman Road at Auburn Road project.*

<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 – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MUNN ROAD – EXECUTE SPECIFICATION BOOKLET COVER SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

*Mr. Cattell explained that this section of Munn Road is from Stafford Road to Bell Street and is a straight resurfacing project with traffic being maintained. Mr. Cattell stated that the estimate for this project is \$380,000.00 but that they have a Public Works Grant for \$280,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-067 Ordering the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH 32, Sections E & F) in Auburn and Newbury Townships.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Specification Booklet Cover Sheet for the same.*

*Further, this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on April 19, 2012 and on the county website.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: April 12, 2012*  
*Resolution: 12-067*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS E & F OF  
MUNN ROAD (CH 32) IN AUBURN & NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 11-153 that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of the Sections E&F of Munn Road (CH 32) from Stafford Road (TR 187) in Auburn Township to Bell Street in Newbury Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Munn Road; and*

*WHEREAS, an Ohio Public Works Commission grant has been approved for this project; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Sections E & F of Munn Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from an Ohio Public Works Commission grant matched by local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2011.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees, Newbury Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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 – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPLACEMENT OF  
STAFFORD ROAD BRIDGE – EXECUTE SPECIFICATION TITLE SHEET – SET BID  
OPENING**

*Mr. Cattell stated that the Stafford Road bridge is located just west of Munn Road and that this project is being paid for with local money and has an estimate of \$90,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-068 Ordering the Replacement of the Stafford Road Bridge (Structure #187-2.29) in Auburn Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve the Plans and Specifications and execute the Title Sheet for the same.*

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*Further, this resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on April 19, 2012 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: April 12, 2012*  
*Resolution: 12-068*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE STAFFORD ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #187-2.29 IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #12-013 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Eggleston Creek on Stafford Road at mile marker 2.29 and grading, widening, paving and draining of a portion of Stafford Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in Auburn Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative for this improvement to the bridge on Stafford Road are in the process of being secured; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the reconstruction of Structure #187-2.29 on Stafford Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE KEITH BAKER – MAINTENANCE  
WORKER – WATER / WASTEWATER SYSTEMS (#2330)**

*Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan asked the Board to approve hiring Mr. Baker, that he would be replacing Mr. Gressley; who had recently been promoted to Laboratory Technician. Mr. Morgan stated that Mr. Baker has a background in electrical and carpentry work, which are two areas needed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Keith Baker to the position of Maintenance Worker – Water / Wastewater Systems (#2330) to be effective April 30, 2012 at a rate of \$14.67 with a 120 day probationary period.*

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<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>

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #1 INCREASE – ENVIROCOM CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT*

*Mr. Morgan explained that during the construction process an Operator recommended that they not use drywall in the proposed filter/blower building due to a large amount of moisture in the building. Mr. Morgan stated that they would instead be using marine grade plywood that is easier to maintain going forward, that allows them to clean it. Mr. Morgan also added that this change order included piping changes for the bathroom facility in the building.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with EnviroCom Construction, Incorporated for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project (P0802) for changes to the Blower / Filter Building in the amount of \$2,886.00.*

<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>

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – FIORE'S GROUP LLC – LAWN MAINTENANCE – NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN LOCATIONS*

*Mr. Morgan stated that this was for their annual lawn maintenance at the smaller waste water facilities. They discovered that it is more cost and time effective to not have the department employees hauling the equipment around to do all the small facilities. Mr. Jemison inquired if this was per mow or for the season. Mr. Morgan noted that this was for the whole season at both their northern and southern locations.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fiore's Group, LLC to perform lawn maintenance at the Northern and Southern Locations of the Geauga County Department of Water Resources for the 2012 season in the amount of \$13,000.00.*

<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 – RESOLUTIONS HONORING JOSEPH MAX DOMO, GARRETT MATTHEW MARKLEY, AND ALAN JOSEPH TATRO, JR ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-069 Honoring Joseph Max Domo on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-069*  
*Date: April 12, 2012*

*A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH MAX DOMO FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and*

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*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph Max Domo is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102, Chagrin Falls, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph Max Domo provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph Max Domo's Eagle Scout project consisted of clearing the land, creating a path, building and installing benches, and creating a fire pit on the land around the remaining chimney where Father Francis Baraga's cabin once stood on the property of the Church of the Holy Angels. Joseph Max Domo also added a memorial stone within the fireplace to honor Father Baraga in this newly created area for prayer reflection; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Joseph Max Domo for service to his community and the Scouts of America;*

*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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-070 Honoring Garrett Matthew Markley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-070*

*Date: April 12, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING GARRETT MATTHEW MARKLEY FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Garrett Matthew Markley is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102, Chagrin Falls, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Garrett Matthew Markley provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Garrett Matthew Markley's Eagle Scout project consisted of researching, planning and coordinating the planting of approximately 2,500 daffodil bulbs at Holy Angels Church bringing a blanket of color and warm welcome; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Garrett Matthew Markley for service to his community and the Scouts of America;*

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*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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-071 Honoring Alan Joseph Tatro, Jr. on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-071*  
*Date: April 12, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ALAN JOSEPH TATRO, JR. FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT  
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Alan Joseph Tatro, Jr. is a member of Boy Scout Troop 102, Chagrin Falls, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Alan Joseph Tatro, Jr. provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Alan Joseph Tatro, Jr.'s Eagle Scout project consisted of repairing, remodeling and painting the basement of a house for the Holy Angels Youth Group to be used as a recreational room and as a place for gatherings; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Alan Joseph Tatro, Jr. for service to his community and the Scouts of America;*

*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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 11, 2012 AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2012**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-072 Proclaiming May 7 through May 11, 2012 as Public Service Recognition Week for 2012 to continue the annual recognition established by the Board of County Commissioners on March 16, 2004, and to encourage managers and supervisors to participate in the Employee Recognition and Awards Program for which Guidelines were approved and added to the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual on March 16, 2004.*

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*This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> year that Geauga County has celebrated, joining other public employees in the U.S. and around the world taking part in this celebration, which was established as the first full week in May since 1985.*

*This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that a PSR Expo will be held for county employees. For 2012 it will be held on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Meeting Room #8. This Health and Wellness EXPO will provide an opportunity for our employees to learn more about nutrition, exercise, and competition, as well as information from health and wellness experts.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-072*

*Date: April 12, 2012*

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 11  
AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2012**

*WHEREAS, In honor of the men and women who serve America every single day as public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. The vast array of services provided by the government is an integral part of our lives. Every day of our lives we depend upon the work of public employees; and Public Service*

*WHEREAS, Public service is a public trust, a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship; and*

*WHEREAS, A job in public service will impact the lives of many people, through public policy, education, law enforcement, and the environment; and*

*WHEREAS, Without these dedicated government employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and*

*WHEREAS, We, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, do proclaim that annually the first week of May to be Public Service Recognition Week in Geauga County and call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made by public employees at all levels who help ensure the quality of our lives in this great country and in this great county in the state of Ohio; and*

*WHEREAS, O.R.C. 325.25 specifically authorizes employee recognition programs; and*

*WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio wish to utilize this authority to recognize the employees of Geauga County government on an annual basis during the first week of May during Public Service Recognition Week.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT HEIDI DELANEY TEMPORARY ALTERNATE –  
NOACA GOVERNING BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the appointment of Heidi Delaney to serve as temporary alternate for Commissioner Tracy Jemison to act on his behalf at the April 13, 2012 NOACA Governing Board meeting.*

<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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COUNTY AUDITOR'S STATE OF GEAUGA

County Auditor Frank Gliha presented the *Economic State of Geauga and More for 2011* by starting out asking the question, what is so good about Geauga County? Mr. Gliha talked about the Moody's rating being MIG 1 for the safety center and that this is the highest rate they give along with a Aa1 rating for General Obligation. Mr. Gliha stated that in 2009 when they went out for bids for the notes for the safety center we only received 1 bid, with a 1.4432 interest rate and only had to pay back \$44,296.00 in interest on the three million dollar note, in 2010 we received 8 bids for the 2.5 million dollar note and the best interest rate was 0.739 and we paid back \$18,475.00 in interest. Mr. Gliha stated that in 2011 for the 2 million dollar note we received 7 bids, with a low interest rate of 0.644 and had to pay back \$12,884.00 in interest.

Mr. Gliha stated that with Geauga County holding strong on Healthcare costs, the county is working hard to not have to reduce the workforce, that Geauga County is the second healthiest in the state of Ohio for the second year in a row and that our Sales Tax is holding strong for the last eighteen of twenty-two months.

Mr. Gliha showed a comparison of the General Fund vs. All Funds  
General Fund 25,591,958.50 up twenty-seven percent (27%) from last year vs. All other Funds 70,395,117.51 which are down 4.57%, with a total budget of \$95,987,076.01.

Mr. Gliha explained that the carryover balance in the General Fund is up 11.95% for 2012, comparing the actual balances going back to 2005:

2005	\$2,382,180.00
2006	\$4,449,889.00
2007	\$3,457,888.00
2008	\$3,897,358.00
2009	\$4,725,138.00
2010	\$3,679,626.00
2011	\$3,777,903.00
2012	\$4,229,176.00

This performance over the years means that every Elected Official helped us have additional money by not spending everything we gave them in their yearly budget.

Mr. Gliha showed a chart on the General Fund Analysis for 2011 depicting Revenues vs Expenditures adding that at year end Revenues were up over Expenses by 1.59% with March and August being high during Real Estate Collections.

The next chart Mr. Gliha showed was Expenditures and Revenues for 2011 against the years 2005 through 2011, showing Revenues exceeding Expenses except in 2006 and 2009.

Mr. Gliha showed the following General Fund Revenue Analysis showing the average as \$26,578,440.00 but indicated an increase of \$798,514.00 last year:

2005	\$25,375,565.00
2006	\$26,396,665.00
2007	\$29,902,766.00
2008	\$28,363,472.00
2009	\$24,474,709.00
2010	\$25,368,695.00
2011	\$26,167,209.00

The February Revenue Comparison is a snapshot of every February:

2008	\$3,714,281.00
2009	\$2,862,431.00
2010	\$2,622,221.00
2011	\$2,844,870.00
2012	\$2,942,938.00

Percent of Decrease from 2008	20.77%
Percent of Increase from 2009	2.81%
Up from last year	3.44%

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*General Fund Expenditures average is \$26,232,554.00 and shows an increase over last year of \$68,274.00.*

2005	\$23,256,949.00
2006	\$27,188,800.00
2007	\$29,349,909.00
2008	\$27,627,623.00
2009	\$25,745,248.00
2010	\$25,195,539.00
2011	\$25,263,813.00

*February Expenses Comparison*

2008	\$5,313,535.00
2009	\$5,126,802.00
2010	\$4,358,353.00
2011	\$3,625,354.00

<i>Percent of Decrease from 2008</i>	<i>31.77%</i>
<i>Percent of Decrease from 2009</i>	<i>29.28%</i>
<i>Down from last year</i>	<i>10.27%</i>

*Mr. Gliha showed a chart called the New Normal showing Revenues vs. Expenses:*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
2009	\$24,474,709.00	\$25,745,248.00
2010	\$25,368,695.00	\$25,195,539.00
2011	\$26,167,209.00	\$25,757,366.00

*Mr. Gliha noted that as you can see 2009 was a bad year for the county.*

*Sales Tax Revenue average is \$10,930,052.00, noting that it's up compared to last year by \$628,744.00*

2005	\$10,575,693.00
2006	\$10,828,729.00
2007	\$11,558,034.00
2008	\$11,571,609.00
2009	\$10,473,880.00
2010	\$10,436,836.00
2011	\$11,065,580.00

*Mr. Gliha noted that sales tax is coming up, and that is due to people out buying at the stores.*

*March Sales Tax Comparison*

2008	\$3,084,419.25
2009	\$2,848,575.53
2010	\$2,742,905.35
2011	\$2,827,805.51
2012	\$3,056,432.85

<i>Percent of Decrease from 2008</i>	<i>0.91%</i>
<i>Percent of Increase from 2009</i>	<i>7.29%</i>
<i>Up from last year</i>	<i>8.08%</i>

*Investment Revenue in 2011 is down 32.04%. Mr. Gliha stated that nobody is paying anything to keep our money in the bank, that no one is paying like they did in 2007 and in 2008.*

<i>Average</i>	<i>\$1,641,268.19</i>
2007	\$2,359,982.05
2008	\$2,465,582.91
2009	\$1,541,235.86
2010	\$1,095,250.13
2011	\$ 744,290.04

*On this slide Mr. Gliha included as of March 31, 2012 the current interest rates of 0.06% at Star Ohio & Huntington National Bank and 0.48% at First National Bank.*

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*Anticipated receipts from the Local Government Fund are expected to be around \$741,000.00 for this year and \$680,000.00 for next year, adding that you can see from the chart that the amount received in 2007 to now is almost cut in half. Average receipts over the analysis period were \$1,104,016.00*

2007	\$1,215,743.00
2008	\$1,196,847.00
2009	\$1,026,531.00
2010	\$1,041,188.00
2011	\$1,039,772.00
2012	\$ 726,667.00 <i>Certified</i>
2012	\$ 741,497.00 <i>Estimate</i>

*Mr. Gliha stated that Inmate Housing is already up 109% over 2011, and continues to grow in 2012. This small amount is significant compared to where we were in 2010; it's coming back as the Sheriff brings prisoners in for housing in Geauga County.*

2005	\$44,534.00
2006	\$497,889.00
2007	\$2,012,871.00
2008	\$1,577,234.00
2009	\$569,709.00
2010	\$14,856.00
2011	\$121,199.00
2012	\$253,317.00 <i>First Quarter</i>

*Mr. Gliha showed a chart for Unemployment Comparison depicting Geauga against the State and National numbers, in December Geauga was at 5.9, compared to the State at 8.3 and the National at 7.6. Geauga County's average for the whole year was 6.5% which is well below the State and National numbers. Mr. Gliha showed a chart based on Geauga's Unemployment comparison in 2009, 2010 and 2011.*

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	6.5	9.7	7.9	7.0
February	8.0	10.0	8.1	7.5
March	7.3	9.1	7.3	
April	6.6	7.9	7.3	
May	6.4	7.4	8.0	
June	6.6	7.3	7.9	
July	6.3	7.2	7.4	
August	6.0	7.5	7.0	
September	5.7	7.3	6.5	
October	5.3	6.8	6.7	
November	5.5	7.1	7.5	
December	5.9	7.7	7.9	

*Past Unemployment Rates comparison in January*

2006	5.2
2007	5.7
2008	6.2
2009	7.1
2010	9.1
2011	7.9
2012	7.0

*Mr. Gliha noted that in 2010 was the highest, and that Geauga needs to get back to the 4 and 5 percent.*

*Mr. Gliha showed a chart for Unemployment of Surrounding Counties, and when you look at this overall picture that Geauga is doing better than those around us.*

County	Average 2010	Average 2011
Ashtabula	12.6	10.6
Cuyahoga	9.5	8.0
Gauga	7.6	6.5
Lake	8.4	7.1
Portage	9.8	8.3

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<i>Summit</i>	9.9	8.5
<i>Trumbull</i>	11.8	9.6

*The next chart showed the Percentage of Population for 2011 Average Unemployed.*

<i>Ashtabula</i>	5.02%
<i>Cuyahoga</i>	4.02%
<i>Geauga</i>	3.53%
<i>Lake</i>	4.04%
<i>Portage</i>	4.71%
<i>Summit</i>	4.43%
<i>Trumbull</i>	4.66%

*Mr. Gliha talked about the Reduction in Workforce at a Cost of Unemployment from 99 weeks to 63 weeks. Initially there is 26 weeks that the county pays, then you have the following tiers:*

*Tier 1 - 20 weeks, now reduced to 14 weeks starting September through December 2012*

*Tier 2 - 14 weeks*

*Tier 3 - 13 weeks now reduced to 9 weeks starting September through December 2012*

*Tier 4 - 6 weeks that was eliminated April 8 through August 2012*

*20 weeks of State Extended Benefits expired on April 7, 2012.*

*This is reducing the number of times we are paying people to not work, but giving them the opportunity to get back to work.*

*Property Transfers are up 9.12% from last year. Average is 3,746*

2005	4,976
2006	4,508
2007	4,077
2008	3,238
2009	3,159
2010	2,994
2011	3267

*Mr. Gliha spoke about New Construction and the market values added by year:*

*2007 \$ added \$152,789,400*

*2008 \$ added \$106,958,300*

*2009 \$ added \$83,469,700*

*2010 \$ added \$102,024,700*

*Included the Judson project in Bainbridge that added \$63,801,800, had that not been there it would have been about \$38,000,000*

*2011 \$ added \$44,867,900*

*Things are coming back up and that is a good thing.*

*The next chart showed the number of new homes built in Geauga by year, with the average being 386:*

1995	513
1996	557
1997	500
1998	537
1999	562
2000	499
2001	462
2002	434
2003	488
2004	362
2005	408
2006	329
2007	305
2008	210
2009	183
2010	73
2011	135

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*The next chart showed the 2011 New Foreclosures in the surrounding counties:*

<i>Ashtabula</i>	<i>708</i>
<i>Cuyahoga</i>	<i>11,544</i>
<i>Geauga</i>	<i>463</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>1,609</i>
<i>Portage</i>	<i>792</i>
<i>Summit</i>	<i>3,658</i>
<i>Trumbull</i>	<i>1,161</i>

*Mr. Gliha stated that Geauga is doing good in comparison to other counties based on the Foreclosure % of Population:*

<i>Ashtabula</i>	<i>0.748%</i>
<i>Cuyahoga</i>	<i>1.002%</i>
<i>Geauga</i>	<i>0.532%</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>0.765%</i>
<i>Portage</i>	<i>0.614%</i>
<i>Summit</i>	<i>0.797%</i>
<i>Trumbull</i>	<i>0.672%</i>

*Mr. Gliha explained that in 2009 they had 387 Board of Revision cases, where they helped 79% of the residents, in 2010 they had 384 cases where they helped 80% of the residents, in 2011 they had 571 cases where 81% of the residents were helped, in 2012 they have 450 cases filed and have handled about 130 of them so far. Mr. Gliha stated that the residents were given some relief, but not everything they asked for. In 2011 they had the Re-appraisal and also had 1,633 informal hearings.*

*Mr. Gliha showed a chart of the vacant land available in the county and that he is tracking. This chart can be found on the Auditor's website.*

*Mr. Gliha spoke about Property Taxes and showed a chart of the 2012 Full Millage with the following breakdown as to where the property taxes go at the county level:*

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>16.56%</i>
<i>Mental Retardation</i>	<i>21.85%</i>
<i>Children's Services</i>	<i>4.64%</i>
<i>Road &amp; Bridge</i>	<i>16.56%</i>
<i>Mental Health</i>	<i>7.95%</i>
<i>Senior Citizens</i>	<i>6.62%</i>
<i>Park District</i>	<i>24.5%</i>
<i>Health District</i>	<i>1.32%</i>

*The next chart showed the Property Taxes Revenue as the 2012 Effective Rates:*

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>20.89%</i>
<i>Mental Retardation</i>	<i>25.74%</i>
<i>Children's Services</i>	<i>5.85%</i>
<i>Road &amp; Bridge</i>	<i>8.22%</i>
<i>Mental Health</i>	<i>10.03%</i>
<i>Senior Citizens</i>	<i>8.36%</i>
<i>Park District</i>	<i>19.24%</i>
<i>Health District</i>	<i>1.67%</i>

*Mr. Gliha briefly talked about the Local Government Money asking if the State funding will continue and at what percentage. The answers are that we just don't know. Mr. Gliha noted that that Estate Tax is no longer collected as of 1/1/2013, that is the death tax and Townships will no longer receive that and will have to watch that.*

*The big question – who's in line for casino money? Mr. Gliha stated that we don't even know how much the counties will get, but people are already lining up. Mr. Jemison noted that it's in the constitution that a percentage has to go to the counties. Mr. Gliha stated that we don't know where that money is going, and that the county will need to use the casino money to replace monies lost due to reduction in the local government fund.*

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*Mr. Gliha talked about what is new in Geauga County in 2012:*

*New World – Successful December 31, 2011 Conversion and went live with HR and FM 1/1/2012, continue to have ongoing countywide training, and is restructuring the helpdesk to be more efficient in getting questions about New World answered more effectively and efficiently.*

*Acquisition and Implementation of Transit server  
Implemented High Speed Connectivity DSL Technology for Park District Primary connectivity*

*2010 New Pictometry Load - noting that traditionally they fly over the county every two years, that is not going to happen this year as spring came early and the leaves are out too soon. It might happen in the fall, but there will be some level of improvement from a 6 to a 4 since they were unable to do it.*

*Successful Technical / Security for LEADs and Auditor of State*

*Implementation of Municipal Court ePayment System*

*Update of the Activity Tracking System for DES (StormChaser) successful participation in the Nuclear Power Plant Preparedness Drill*

*Geauga County Summary:*

*The County is still strong, our budgets are basically the same as last year, and the Officials need to continue to be conservative and watch their spending, which results in a better carryover balance.*

*The Treasurer has stated that the County from collections for 2011 are very strong and the county is doing well.*

*Mr. Gliha stated that when he is out and the Commissioners are out they ask the local businesses how they are doing and the answer seems to be that things appear to be better than last year.*

*New Housing Development is still occurring in Geauga and is on the rise.*

*Mr. Gliha ended with a quote: “Before you complain about how dark the tunnel is, Remember it is a short cut through the mountain”, Mr. Gliha feels we are in the mountain and we need to watch our money and he believes we will be in the same process for the next four years.*

*Commissioner Samide stated that “we know that Geauga is a great county, but it’s good to see how financially we are doing, which confirms that we are a good county”.*

**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 March, 2012.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff’s Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending March, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Fri., 4/13 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.*

*Mon., 4/16 Family First Council, 2:00 pm. at Mental Health*

*Tues., 4/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 4/17 The Historical Society will give a 2012 presentation update.*

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*Thu., 4/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Mon., 4/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*

*Tues., 4/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 4/24 The Commissioners will tour Hebron USA in Newbury Township, 2:30 p.m.*

*Wed., 4/25 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Dinner, 6:30 p.m. St. Dennis Party Center*

*Thu., 4/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:48 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*