

Commissioners' Journal
May 11, 2010

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 11, 2010 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 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 6, 2010.

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

**Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including appropriation transfers from the Contingency Account to return appropriations to the Clerk of Courts Office for reimbursements paid into the General Fund; a cash transfer for April 2010 earned interest for Community Development and Board of Developmental Disabilities funds; travel requests for the Department of Job and Family Services and the Transit Department; and a payment to Germain Ford for the purchase of a Ford Econoline for the Engineer's Office in the amount of \$18,351.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-083 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 11, 2010.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of April, 2010 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of April, 2010 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT

Deputy Sheriff Chuck Negron explained that this is a standard quarterly report for the Technology Improvement grant. No funding has been spent on this grant yet.

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Quarterly Subgrant Report for the GCSO Office Technology Improvement Grant #2009-JG-LLE-5108, for the period ending March 31, 2010.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO COOPERATE WITH MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP – IMPROVEMENT OF NEWCOMB AND SHEDD ROAD INTERSECTION

Planning Engineer Mike Stone stated that this project is being completed by Middlefield and Parkman Townships together and is the second phase of an Ohio Public Works (OPWC) project. During the first phase there was a bridge that was completed by the townships whom County Engineer R.L. Phillips agreed to reimburse for the project. In order to do that this resolution has to be passed with authorization from the Board stating that this project is for the public convenience and necessity before an MOU can be executed.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-084 Proposing to Cooperate with the Middlefield Township Board of Trustees on the Improvement to the Newcomb Road and Shedd Road intersection in Parkman and Middlefield Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 11, 2010

Resolution: 10-084

RESOLUTION OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING TO COOPERATE WITH THE MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Improvement to the Newcomb Road & Shedd Road Intersection

Commissioner Young moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Jemison:

WHEREAS, the public interest demands the improvement hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, Sections 5535.08 and 5535.15 of the Ohio Revised Code allows counties to assist in funding the maintenance and repair of township roads; and

WHEREAS, the Parkman Board of Township Trustees and the Middlefield Township Board of Trustees are working together on a multi-phase project to improve Newcomb Road, TR 130 in Parkman and Middlefield Townships; and

WHEREAS, the Middlefield Township Board of Trustees is serving as the lead agency on the multi-phase project to improve Newcomb Road, TR 130; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is best served by the cooperation of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Parkman Board of Township Trustees and the Middlefield Township Board of Trustees to improve the approach roadways and the intersection of Newcomb Road, TR 130 and Shedd Road, TR 126.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that:

SECTION I – The public interest demands the improvement of intersection of Newcomb Road and Shedd Road, situated in the Townships of Parkman and Middlefield, County of Geauga and State of Ohio.

SECTION II – The Geauga County Engineer is authorized to reimburse Middlefield Township for costs not to exceed \$62,257.00 related to work performed and accepted

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during a project to improve the intersection of Newcomb Road and Shedd Road under Contract #MID-130-126-10.

SECTION III – The funds for the reimbursement shall come from funds available to the County Engineer to improve roads and bridges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Geauga County Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit three original copies of this resolution to the Middlefield Township Board of Trustees for acceptance.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AND BID OPENING – CLAY STREET, HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP

Mr. Stone explained that this project has a \$300,000.00 OPWC grant and is for a basic two lift resurfacing.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-085 Ordering the Improvement of Clay Street (CH 37, Sections C & D) in Huntsburg Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the cover sheet for specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised May 20, 2010 and on the county web site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 11, 2010
Resolution: 10-085

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS C&D
OF CLAY STREET (CH 37) IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 09-154 that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of Sections C&D of Clay Street (CH 37) from Mayfield Road (US 322) to Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13) in Huntsburg Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, asphalt repairs, 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 Clay Street; 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 Clay Street, 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

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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 at 2:15 P.M. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at which time bids shall be read aloud.

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 Huntsburg Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AND, BID OPENING – MUMFORD ROAD, TROY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Stone explained that this improvement is from the county line to US 422 with a \$200,000 grant from OPWC and is a two lift resurfacing.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-086 Ordering the Improvement of Mumford Road (CH 24, Sections A- D) in Troy Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the cover sheet for specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 2:10 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised May 20, 2010 and on the county web site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 11, 2010
Resolution: 10-086

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS A-D
OF MUMFORD ROAD (CH 24) IN TROY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 09-155 that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of Sections A-D of Mumford Road (CH 24) from the Portage/Gauga county line to Main Market Road (US 422) in Troy Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, asphalt repairs, 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 Mumford 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 Mumford Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

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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 at 2:10 P.M. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at which time bids shall be read aloud.

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 Troy Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AND BID OPENING – BUTTERNUT ROAD, BURTON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Stone explained that this project is totally locally funded. There is also a bridge in this area that will be started in July.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-087 Ordering the Improvement of Butternut Road (CH 21, Sections G&H) in Burton Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the cover sheet for specifications for the same.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised May 20, 2010 and on the county web site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 11, 2010
Resolution: 10-087

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS G&H OF BUTTERNUT ROAD (CH 21) IN BURTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 09-118 that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of Sections G&H of Butternut Road from Aquilla Road (CH 5s) to Claridon Troy Road (CH 3) in Burton Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, 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 Butternut Road; 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 G&H of Butternut Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

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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 at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

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 Burton Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - RICK AND LEE COSTANZO FOR PAUL COSTANZO – BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PROJECT REAL

Director Doug Bowen explained that Paul Costanzo will be working with Operations Manager Jim Reider and shadowing him as an operator for about ten days to see if it is something Paul Costanzo would be interested in as a career choice. Mr. Bowen stated that there is a high demand for wastewater treatment plant operators right now, especially for Class III and Class IV operators who make about \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year which makes it a good field to get into.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the County of Geauga Hold Harmless Agreement with Rick and Lee Costanzo for their son Paul Costanzo to participate in Benedictine High School's Project Real, designed to provide high school seniors with the opportunity to work on a meaningful, independent project within an area of interest, with the Department of Water Resources for the period May 17 through May 26, 2010.

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

COUNTY HOME – ADOPT NORMAL WORK WEEK POLICY FOR FULL TIME NURSE

Director Karen DeCola explained that reducing the range of hours is a cost saving measure. Commissioner Jemison inquired if this is consistent with the county policy to which Ms. DeCola replied that it was and it gives the opportunity to have them work less hours.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to adopt a policy stating the normal work week for a Full-time Nurse (#1502) at the County Home is to be thirty-five (35) hours per week. Employees with this designation will receive over-time pay in compliance with the appropriate laws after completing forty (40) hours in a week.

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

COUNTY HOME – HIRE SUMMER HELP- COLLEEN PULSFORD

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve hiring Colleen Pulsford as Summer Help (#0101) to be effective May 14, 2010 through September 30, 2010, a maximum of 21 weeks, at the third year rate of \$8.75 per hour.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #10-088 Proclaiming June 15, 2010 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 11, 2010

Resolution: 10-088

GEAUGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) serving Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties requested a resolution from each county proclaiming World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in their county to bring awareness of this serious problem; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) is to facilitate the identification, prevention and treatment of abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) is holding it's annual conference on June 11, 2010 and will announce each county's resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Commissioners join the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (CAAA) and do hereby proclaim that June 15, 2010 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Geauga County.

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 Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to move into executive session for the purpose of reviewing negotiations pertaining to the Metzenbaum Employees Association contract.

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

The Board reconvened at 10:59 am. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – ACKNOWLEDGE CONTRACT

Commissioner Samide commented that Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent Metzenbaum Center, and his Board have done a remarkable job with financials at the Board of Developmental Disabilities. They have taken no raises last year. They did put through a levy that should last them ten years for a five year levy and they should be commended for that. Commissioner Samide added that most of their employees pay more for their health insurance than most of us do. They are asking for a 2% raise in 2011 and a 1% in 2012 with the understanding that they hadn't taken a raise in the past. This contract is for the period August 25, 2010 through August 24, 2012.

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge the two year contract with the Metzenbaum Employees Association.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko explained that this motion is being rescinded as the public hearing is not the Commissioners hearing.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to rescind the motion of May 4, 2010 to “grant permission to hold two Public Hearings to discuss Amendment of the Transfer and Conveyance Standards for the Geauga County Auditor and the Geauga County Engineer to be held on May 13 and June 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Notice of these public hearings will be advertised on May 6, 2010 and the county web site”.

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

MAPLE MADNESS TOUR AND MAPLE SEASON FEEDBACK

The Ohio State University Extension Office's Agricultural Program Coordinator Les Ober, President of Ohio Maple Producers Association (and a member of the Richards family) Jen Freeman, Maple Festival President J.R. Blanchard and March Maple Madness Tour Chairman Terese Volkmann were present to discuss feedback on the Maple Madness Tour and the impact of the maple season on the county. Mr. Ober stated that Geauga County is still the number one maple county in the state. The maple industry is very important in Geauga County and a lot of time is spent on this industry at the Extension Office. 2008 was a great year, 2009 was average but this past year was not so good. USDA is doing a better job of tracking maple syrup production in the state and they can say that 60% is produced in northeastern Ohio with almost a third of that coming from Geauga County. Mr. Ober stated that Vermont and New York are ahead of Ohio but believes it is due to marketing and tracking of this industry. There is a lot of potential to expand the maple industry and they must protect the trees in Geauga County. Ms. Freeman explained that it takes 40 years for a tree to be large enough to tap. More and more are being cut down for development. The impact of maple products on tourism is becoming very important. The season starts in March in Geauga County for pancakes and maple syrup which gives us a two month start on the state of Ohio. Commissioner Jemison stated that he works the pancake breakfasts and it is amazing the revenue that comes just from those breakfasts. Mr. Ober added that they believe they are bringing more people into the county with the Maple Madness Tour which was started ten years ago with seven or eight producers on the tour. They had upwards of 1,000 people come through on weekends at various stops in the county. Agritourism is growing in the State of Ohio as well as in Geauga County. Ms. Freeman added that this industry has grown and added that people now want to know where their food comes from and if it is all natural. Ms. Freeman commented that they have “maple groupies”. They are people who come back year after year who get to know the producers and their families. The Maple Madness Tour has gone statewide now with OSU working through sponsorships with much more advertising. Ms. Volkmann explained that two years ago the Ohio Maple Producers Association decided to help promote this tour and the maple industry. They now have twenty-seven (27) stops in ten counties this year. The maple industry needs to be worked on all year long not just in March and April. The purpose of the tour is to promote the maple industry and increase awareness. Mr. Blanchard added that this years Friday attendance was huge and they had to close down East Park Street because of the attendance. The weather did not cooperate for the rest of the weekend. 90% of the concessionaires left a deposit for next year's event. Mr. Ober stated that the Madness Tour is putting Geauga County on the map and is getting people into the county. The maple industry should be a part of the fair programs. The producers have been commenting on the visitors from the tour and how much money was spent, even on farms on side roads. Mr. Ober added that we should make the maple industry a year round product and we should save the maple trees. To help expand the maple industry the maple trees should be protected. Mr. Ober added that he would like the Board to consider making the maple tree the official tree of Geauga County. Mr. Ober added that the Board should find a location for the Maple Museum in Geauga County as it should be in Geauga. There has been no recent

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movement on a building to house the Maple Museum. There is a \$20,000 grant that was obtained by Senator Tim Grendell that is just sitting there and needs to be used or returned. Commissioner Jemison asked if there were any locations in mind. Mr. Ober said the County Home is not a bad location and asked Mr. Blanchard about the spot with the Heritage House. Mr. Blanchard commented that there are size restraints for the building on the square and it would not be big enough. There is another group talking about using the old Wilbur house lot on the square. Mr. Ober added that Senator Grendell believed it should be in Chardon. Mr. Ober and Ms. Freeman presented the Board with a report on "Maple Syrup's Impact on Geauga County". Mr. Ober stated that the Extension Office appreciates the support and backing of the Commissioners especially with everything that is going on with the state and funding cuts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of April 2010, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

MEETINGS

Tue., 5/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Building #1C, 470 Center Street

Thu., 5/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 5/14 NOACA Governing Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NOACA Offices

Tue., 5/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 5/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 5/21 NOACA TAC meeting at NOACA Offices

Tue., 5/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 5/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Mon., 5/31 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday.***

*Tue., 6/1 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 6/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:34 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

William S. Young

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk