

Commissioners' Journal
March 28, 2013

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room located at 470 Center Street, Building #8 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 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 26, 2013.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Engineer's Office for state funding for equipment.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-065 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 28, 2013.

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

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AGREEMENT PROPOSAL –
FOGLE/STENZEL ARCHITECTS, INCORPORATED – ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING
SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

Superintendent Don Rice explained that they were asking the Board to approve a contract with Fogle/Stenzel for architectural services for design of their care facility and that will then go to bid. Commissioner Jemison asked what steps they took to get to this point. Mr. Rice stated that they had advertised for qualifications, done interviews, rated those and then worked out an agreement. Mr. Jemison asked if they felt Fogle /Stenzel was the best choice out of those interviewed. County Administrator David Lair added that he had sat in on the interviews. Commissioner Samide noted that this amount was a not to exceed amount and if this would never be more than this. Mr. Rice acknowledged that this was a fixed price and added that it had also been one of the deciding factors, along with during construction that they would be on site at least once a week due to being local versus other companies that would only be visiting once or twice a month.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement Proposal for A/E Services for the Metzenbaum Center Residential Downsizing between Fogle/Stenzel Architects, Incorporated, the Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for Architectural / Engineering Design Services and Construction Contract Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$157,500.00.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – ADVERTISE POSITION –
MAINTENANCE WORKER**

Director Glen Vernick acknowledged that it was a sad day, that Mr. Asbury was an outstanding worker, noting that he had been with the department almost two years but has chosen to accept

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another job offer. Mr. Jemison commented on how nice Mr. Asbury's resignation letter had been. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired if Mr. Asbury would be staying in the same field of work at his new job, to which Mr. Vernick stated that he wasn't sure, that it has been hard for Mr. Asbury to talk about, that he would like to stay here but the financial aspect of the other offer was part of his decision.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Kyle Asbury, Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective April 5, 2013.

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

Mr. Vernick added that he would like to advertise for another Maintenance Worker to fill the vacancy.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that around October of last year with the support of the Board they had made application for a grant to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to allow the department to purchase camera and investigative equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office adding that he was here today because it has been awarded. Sheriff McClelland stated that the grant was for \$5,555.00 of which \$4,999.50 was coming from the State Office of Criminal Justice Services and \$555.50 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund which is a fund where proceeds and gains from criminal activities that are seized are deposited. Mr. Jemison noted it was the 'crime pays fund' and inquired what the cameras would be used for. Sheriff McClelland explained that they would be used as an investigative tool to document activities at potential crime scenes that would replace outdated equipment that is no longer in service.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for (JAG LE Grant # 2012-JG-LLE-5108) for technology improvement, for the period February 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 in the amount of \$5,555.00, \$4,999.50 will come from the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and the match of \$555.50 will come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE NEW HIRE APPOINTMENT

Human Resources Manager Anita Rohl explained that this position was vacant due to a promotion and that Ms. Zock had previously worked for Job and Family Services for five and half years, with three years into this position. Ms. Rohl explained that Ms. Zock had left over a year ago, but had re-applied for the position and after going through the hiring process it was determined she was the best person for the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to acknowledge the following new hire appointment of the Director of Job and Family Services, as Job and Family Services has complied with the Board of Commissioners recruitment and hiring procedures:

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Margarite Zock, Eligibility/Referral Specialist 2 (replacement) Effective March 11, 2013

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Samide	Aye
	Commissioner Jemison	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2013 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Program Specialist Gina Schultz explained that April is always recognized as child abuse prevention month and on April 10th will be a kick-off that will include a presentation on 'alternative response' to let the community know it's coming, what to expect and to learn more about it. Ms. Schultz added that they would be holding the 5K Race and 1 Mile Kids Run on April 14th at Punderson and placing the Pinwheels on the corner of State Route 44 and 322, thanks to Junction Auto for the use of the hill. Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool commented on 'alternative response' by stating that the public should know that this was designed by the Humane Society, that he had done research and homework and that this was not a good thing, that people should know what is behind it, what is in it and that it is being promoted by the Supreme Court, adding that people should be careful of what is inside and baked into alternative response. Executive Director Tim Taylor explained that this program is being required by all counties in the State of Ohio. Ms. Samide inquired more about what the program was, to which Mr. Taylor explained that currently if there is an investigation of abuse or neglect that the department receives a referral, the department is required to investigate that referral. Mr. Taylor added that if they need to work with the family in a structured setting they then have to go to Juvenile Court and introduce to the court that a family member or someone has been neglecting a child, abusive with a child or cannot provide for a child. Once in court it creates a situation where they are defending themselves against charges of abuse, neglect or dependency, which makes it very hard to work with a family to resolve issues when they are defending themselves that they have abused or neglected their child. Mr. Taylor stated that the alternative response allows the department to work with a family when there has been an element of risk involved without having to go through the court proceedings to say that you've been charged or we found that you have abused or neglected or medically uncared for your child. Mr. Taylor added that it allows them the ability to work with them, hopefully on a positive basis around the strengths of the family, so that they can resolve those issues at risk without getting into an entire court and case planning process. Mr. Taylor added that there are positives about it, and that there will be things they learn as they use it. Ms. Samide inquired about where the funding for the program was coming from. Mr. Taylor stated that it was the same program they have now. Ms. Schultz added that it is just a different approach that it starts right at the beginning when a report is received. Ms. Schultz explained that right now they have what they consider their traditional way of doing an investigation, that when a report of child abuse or neglect is received they have to make a decision as to whether or not that case will be screened in and be investigated, adding that process will stay the same, but with the alternative approach it will still be screened in but will be decided if it will be traditional or alternative. Ms. Schultz explained that the alternative will be a softer introduction, noting that they had received concerns about the family that they would like to discuss and that they are there to help. Ms. Schultz stated that it doesn't categorize, that it is an acknowledgement that something is going on, and what can they do to help, and by working with the natural support system the family already has to have a longer standing change. Ms. Schultz stated that in other counties there has been more success with those families, because you don't have an automatic barrier, adding that certain cases will automatically be a traditional response and that if they start out with an alternative approach it can be moved back to a traditional at any time. Mr. Jemison inquired about where the program was coming from. Mr. Taylor stated that he believed it to be state law, but that it was coming from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and that it had been started to be rolled out about two years ago, that Geauga was in the last third of the counties to roll it out. Ms. Schultz added that fifty other counties had already begun using it and have said positive things. Ms. Schultz stated that they were happy with how employees were engaging in it and that the families have responded well, so overall they are happy with it and that the State has seen success. Mr. Jemison added that the success is when you are out on the alternative and recognize the need to go back to the traditional.

Ms. Samide inquired about it being tracked, to which Mr. Taylor noted that it was, that there are things they need to look for and it starts with the screening process, adding that the process for screening will not change, that the guidelines that they use are provided by the state, it is just when they are screened whether it will be traditional or alternative. Mr. Claypool commented

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that it is important that what the dirty detail not being talked about is that this was designed by the Humane Society, requesting everyone search for Humane Society – Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Claypool went on to explain that the Humane Society now has law enforcement powers to protect your animals and your kids, that there is hidden poison pills inserted into this program that will wake up at some point and we won't like what we see, adding that the common core at the state level which is forcing us to teach our kids a certain way is an anti-American form of instruction that is baked in to say it looks and sounds good. Ms. Schultz stated that the Humane Society had a part in it, but that a lot of other organizations and research went into this as well, that it is one of two ways to do this and that it has a lot of positives. Mr. Taylor stated that the Humane Society has always had a section in the law that has always tied animals and children and for a long time has been questioned. Mr. Taylor stated that they want to protect children and keep them safe on a positive basis and not get as deeply involved with families if they don't have to. Mr. Claypool continued that the Humane Society has had a long term agenda and that their agenda is to bring animals to level of people. Mr. Jemison interjected and stated that this could be discussed further at another time, that they needed to move on, but thanked him for his comments. Adrian Gorton inquired if under this alternative response would there be more points of referral, if parents should expect a visit from child protective services every time their child goes into the hospital because they cut their finger. Ms. Schultz added that she hoped not, adding that the amount of cases being screened in was not changing. Mr. Gorton inquired if this was going to be an intrusive overreach of local government into people's lives, adding the question on whether they were going to start receiving referrals that they wouldn't normally see or hear about like a kid with a skinned knee or a bump on the head? Mr. Taylor added that physicians are required to report, but under the screening guidelines. Ms. Schultz added that physicians will still be a mandated reporter and report as they are required to do now, hopefully what is going to change is the perception of what we can do to help a family, that we might be able to help a family who is struggling and needs help without the fear of children's services coming to their home or getting the court involved, but more of connecting families to resources without feeling that they did something wrong. Ms. Samide referred to a time when her mother had fallen and was taken to the hospital and that she was approached by a social worker who started to tell her they were taking over and Ms. Samide was able to interject as she had power of attorney on medical, but added that it had scared her. Mr. Jemison added that if an alternative response been an option that Ms. Samide might have felt differently in that situation because it would have been handled differently.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-063

Date: March 28, 2013

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2013 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, We know that our children are our future and that it will someday fall to them to shape our community, our nation and the world for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment in which families can nurture, love and parent their children; and

WHEREAS, Children who are loved and nurtured grow to love and nurture others and to provide the love and care bestowed upon them to their children, their family and their community; and

WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some children in our county endure abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to and stop abuse and neglect where it exists, we must also be diligent in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Job and Family Services, in its role as the public children's services agency of Geauga County, will be sponsoring the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign during the month of April which is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-063 Recognizing April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – ASK EVERYONE TO PURPLE UP! AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

Mr. Jemison explained that this had been brought to the Board's attention by Ms. Judy Zamlen-Spotts that April is also the month of the Military Child. Mr. Jemison added that this is probably one area of a military family that is forgotten and the sacrifices the children make and go through for their parent, sometimes both parents when they serve in the military.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 13-064
Date: March 28, 2013

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD AND ASK THAT EVERYONE PURPLE UP! AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT IN GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Operation: Military Kids is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Army and America's communities to support children and youth who are affected by having family on deployment; and

WHEREAS, Operation: Military Kids goal is to bring together these children and youth through community support, identifying local resources available, and by educating the public about the impact a service member on deployment has on family members; and

WHEREAS, Operation: Military Kids ensures these children and youth have opportunities to gain leadership, organizational and technical skills by offering them a chance to participate in a range of recreational, social and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Military families are everywhere throughout our country, but also in every county of the State of Ohio with an average of about 1,500 children at a time with a parent or family member on deployment; and

WHEREAS, Operation: Military Kids asks that everyone join together and support Ohio's military children and youth in the month of April and Purple Up!, as the color purple symbolizes in combination all branches of the military; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April as the Month of the Military Child and ask that everyone Purple Up! and show their support in Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-064 Proclaiming April as the Month of the Military Child and Ask that Everyone PURPLE UP! and show their Support in Geauga County.

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

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STATE OF GEAUGA – COUNTY AUDITOR FRANK GLIHA
County Auditor Frank Gliha presented the Economic State of Geauga 2012:

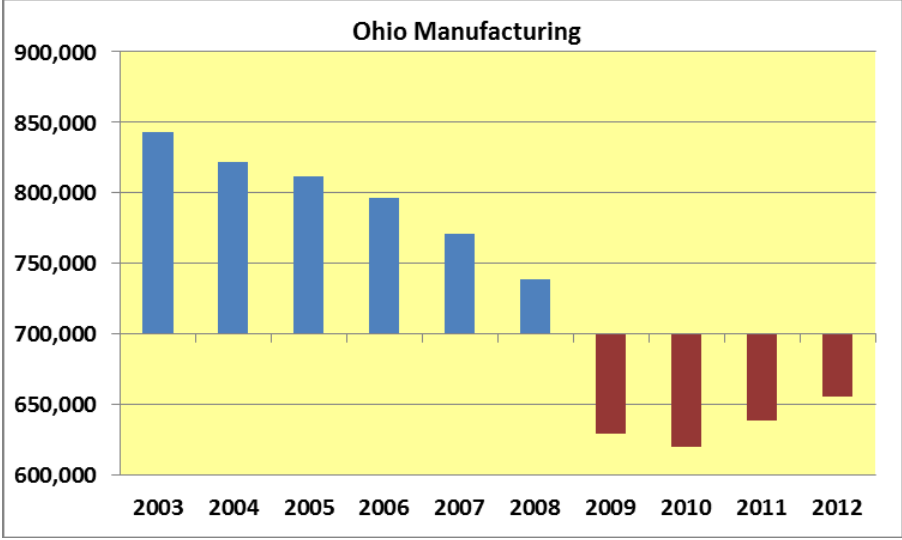
Moody's Investors Service, often referred to as **Moody's**. Moody's Investors Service provides international financial research on bonds issued by commercial and government entities and, with Standard & Poor's and Fitch Group, is considered one of the Big Three credit rating agencies. The company ranks the creditworthiness of borrowers using a standardized ratings scale which measures expected investor loss in the event of default. Moody's Investors Service rates debt securities including government, municipal and corporate bonds; In Moody's Investors Service's ratings system securities are assigned a rating from Aaa to C, with Aaa being the highest quality and C the lowest quality. Moody's was founded by John Moody in 1909 to produce manuals of statistics related to stocks and bonds and bond ratings.

MOODY’s Ranking of Geauga County
SOLID FINANCIAL OPERATIONS EXPECTED TO REMAIN STABLE IN FISCAL 2012
2010 Moody's upgraded our Bond rating to AA1
2011 Moody's confirmed our Bond rating to AA1
2010 Interest on Safety Center Notes of \$2.5 million - .74%
2011 Interest on Safety Center Notes of \$2 million - .64%
2012 Interest on SC & 800 Communications Notes of \$5.5 million - .49%
2012 County will pay \$26,840 interest to rent \$5.5 Million

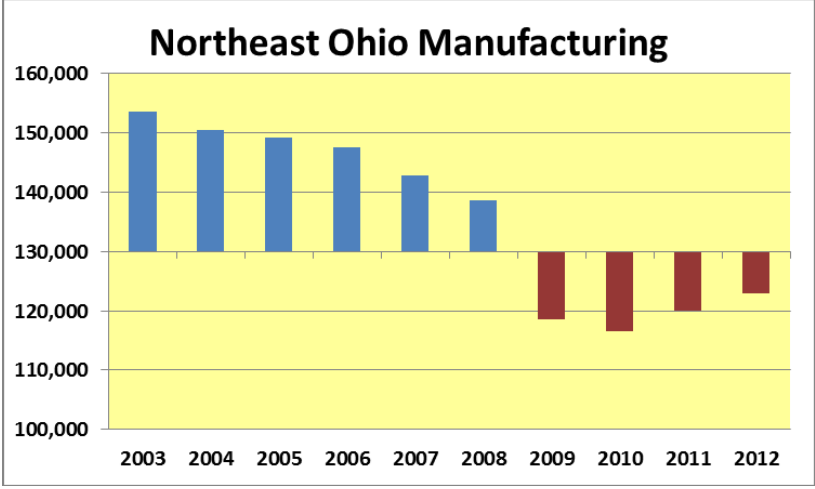
Gauga County Financials
As the Auditor I concur with Moody’s ranking and feel the county is Financially very sound.

Gauga County’s Largest Private Employers		
Kraftmaid, Inc.	Manufacturer	1078
University Hospital Health Systems	Hospital	840
Home Depot	Retailer	951
Great Lakes Cheese	Manufacturer	578
Dillen Products	Manufacturer	423
Health Hill Inc.	Healthcare Provider	320
Hexpol Compounding	Manufacturer	225
Mercury Plastics	Manufacturer	214
Bicron/Saint-Gobain Crystals	Manufacturer	197
Kinetico Inc.	Manufacturer	187
Gold Key Processing	Manufacturer	176
Flambeau, Inc.	Manufacturer	142
Mar-Bal, Inc.	Manufacturer	135

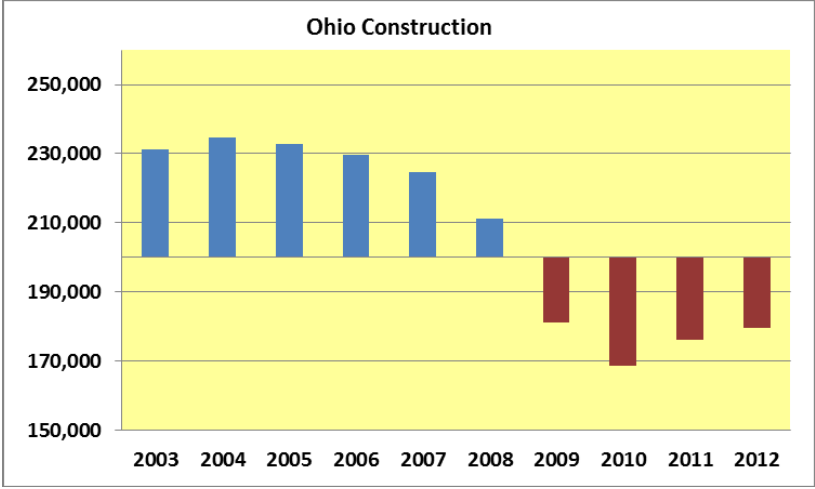
Manufacturing Employment in Ohio up 2.76% from 2011



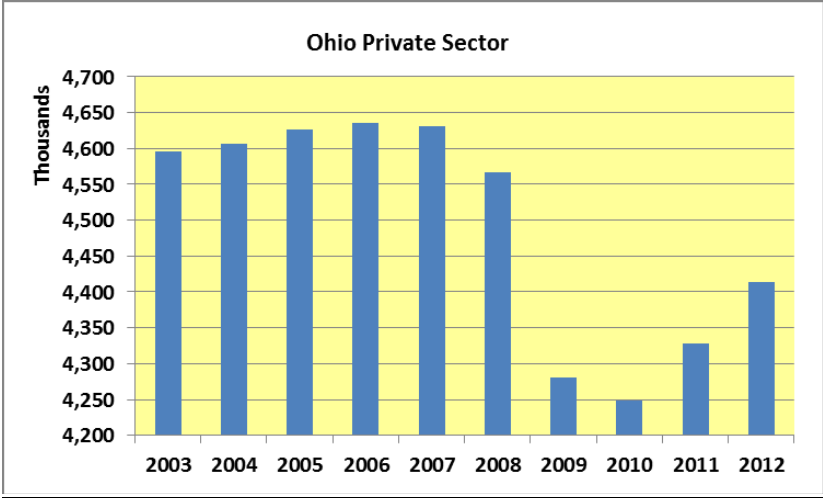
Northeast Ohio Manufacturing up 2.41% from 2011



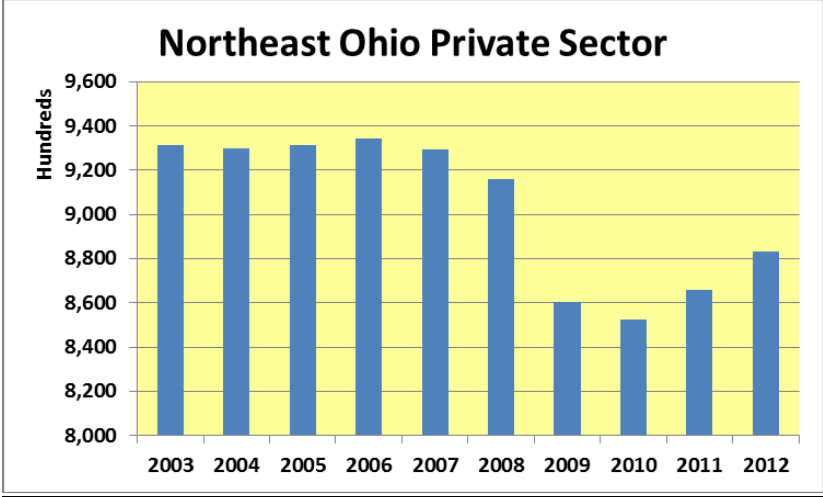
Construction Employment in Ohio up 2.10% from 2011



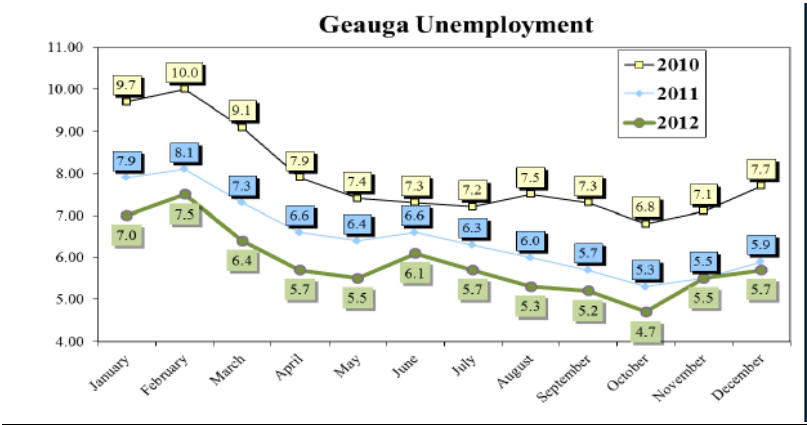
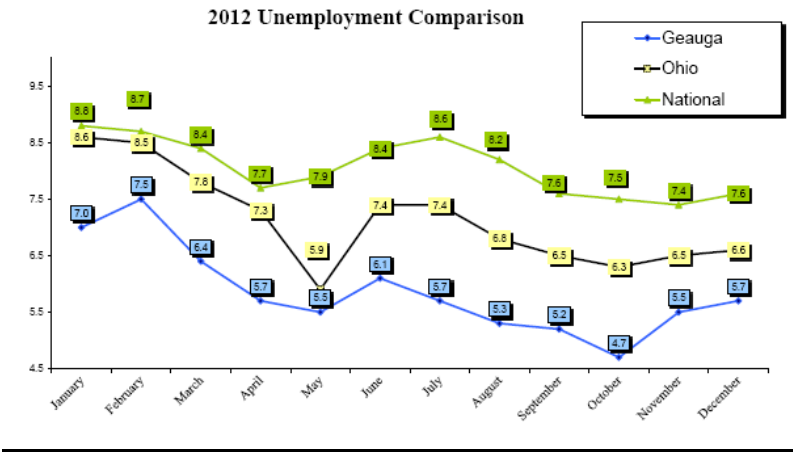
Private Sector Employment in Ohio up 1.98% from 2011



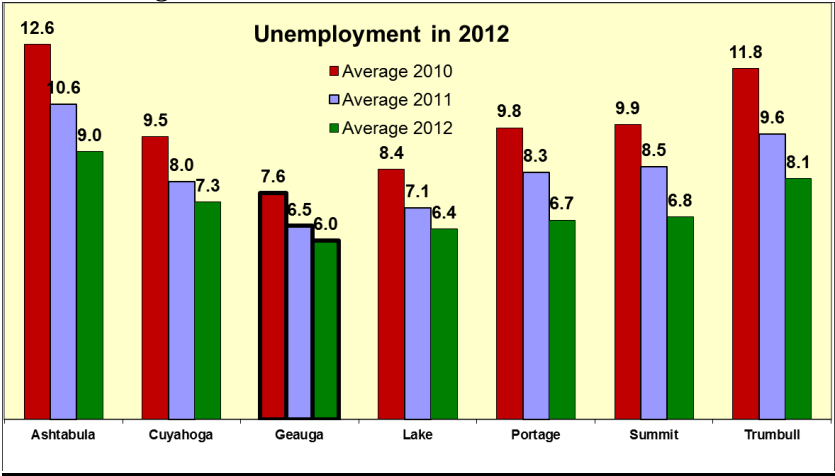
Northeast Ohio Private Sector Employment up 2.00% from 2011



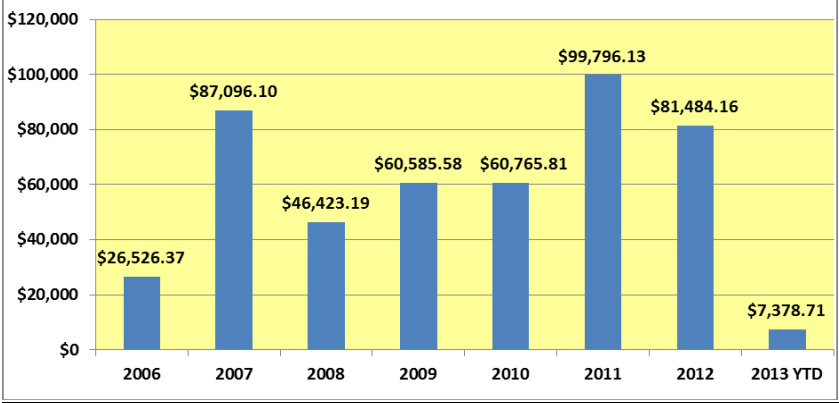
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Surrounding Counties



Geauga County Government Yearly Payments for Unemployment



Living in Geauga County

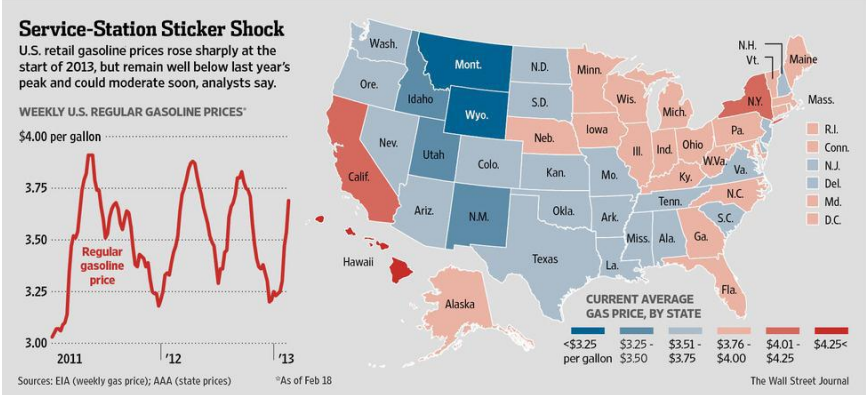
Food COSTS are forever rising
But we are fortunate in the Chardon area to have
Giant Eagle
Heinen's
Marc's
Aldi
Wal-Mart

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Living in Geauga County

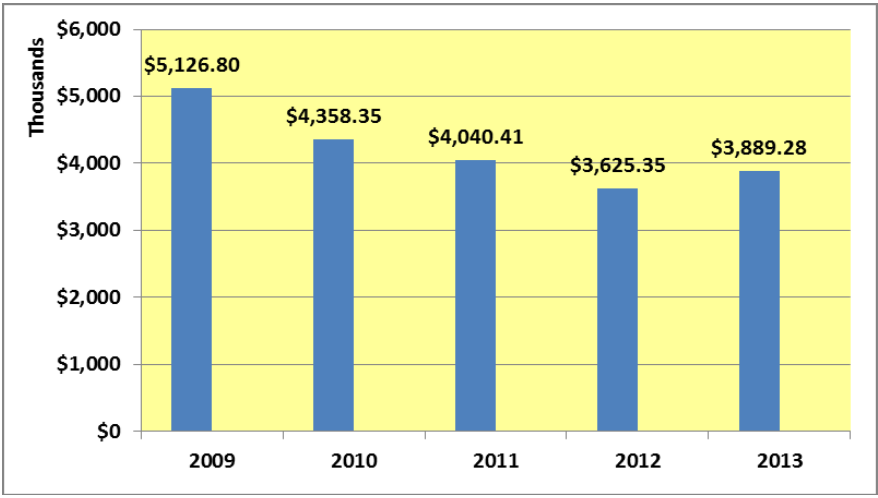
	2008	2011	2012
Loaf of Bread	\$1.68	\$1.98	\$2.49
12 Pk of Water	\$1.90	\$2.63	\$2.68
Lb of Tomatoes	\$0.68	\$1.59	\$1.99
Lb of Bacon	\$2.96	\$3.98	\$4.48
Gallon of Gas	\$3.39	\$3.89	\$3.91

Gas Costs Across the Country



February GF Expenses Comparison

Expenses through February used for comparison

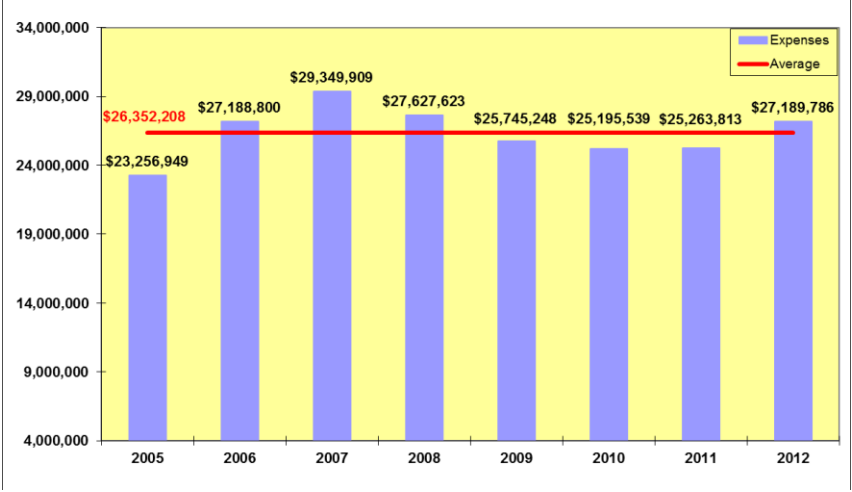


Percent of Decrease from 2010 7.30%

Percent of Decrease from 2011 10.27%

Up from last year 7.28%

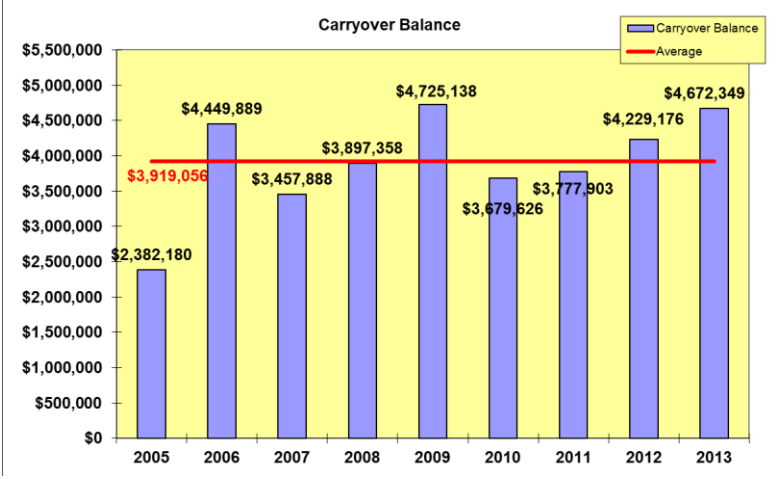
General Fund Expenditures



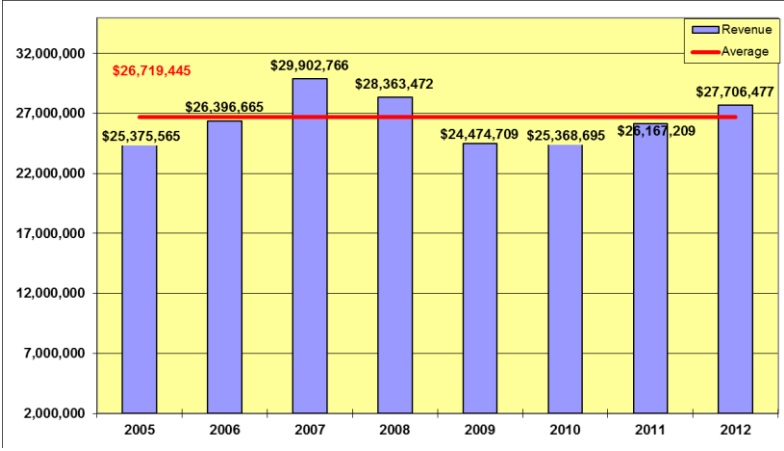
Up over \$1.9 Million

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General Fund Carryover up 10.48% for 2013



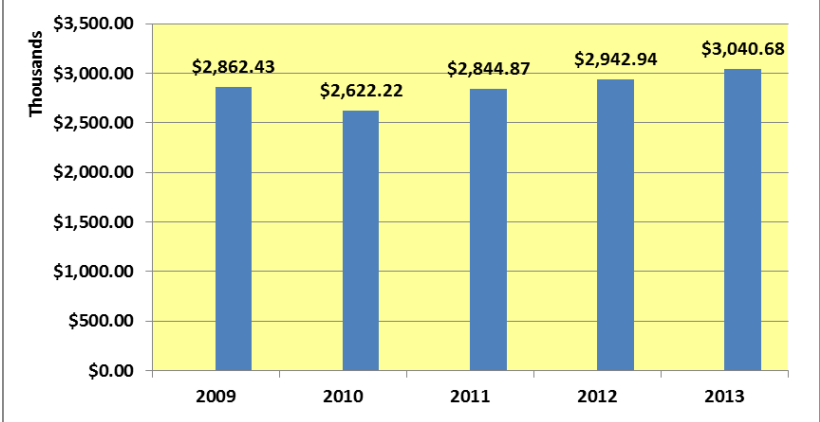
General Fund Revenue Analysis



Up over \$1.5 million

February GF Revenue Comparison

Revenue through February used for comparison

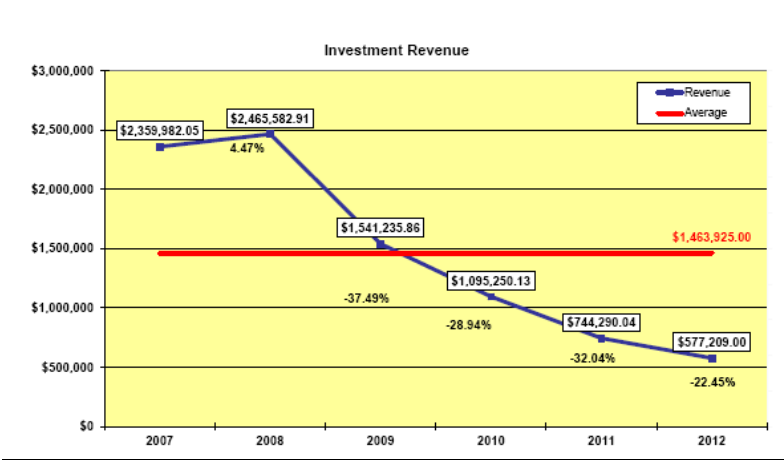


Percent of Increase from 2010 8.49%

Percent of Increase from 2011 3.45%

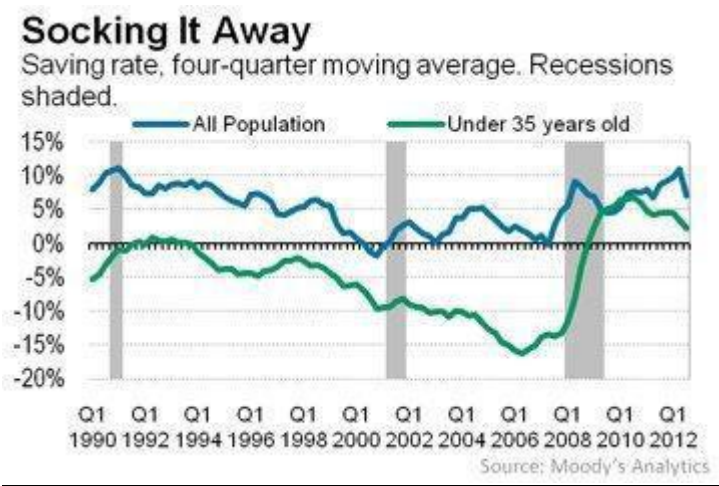
Up from last Year 3.32%

Investment Revenue down 22.45%

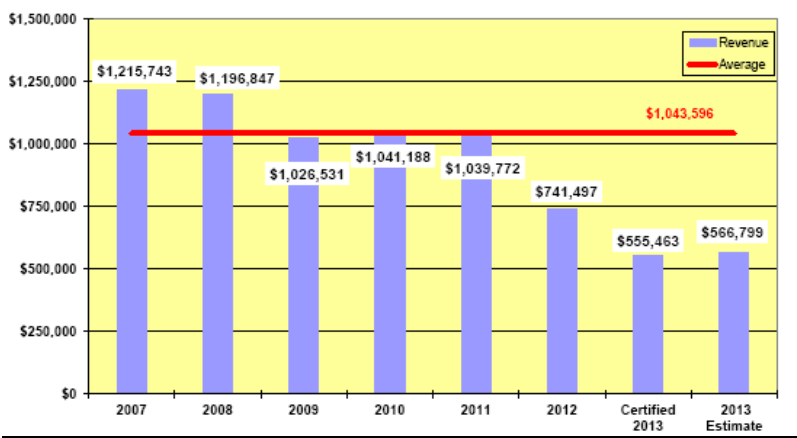


Based on an estimated \$26.5 million invested and \$27 million in interest bearing accounts

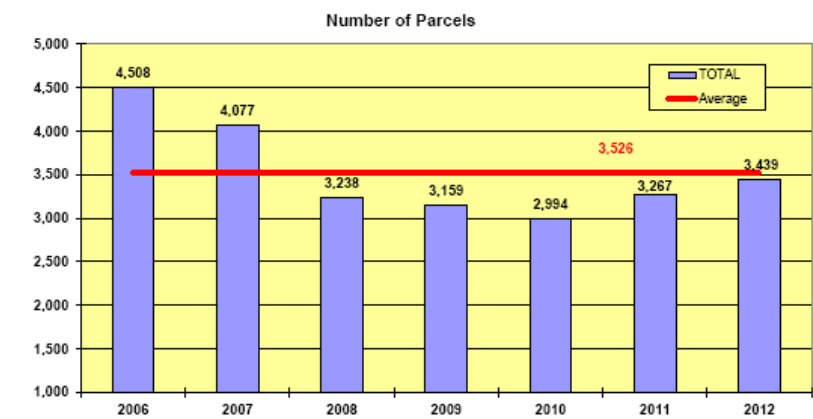
Young Adult Savings



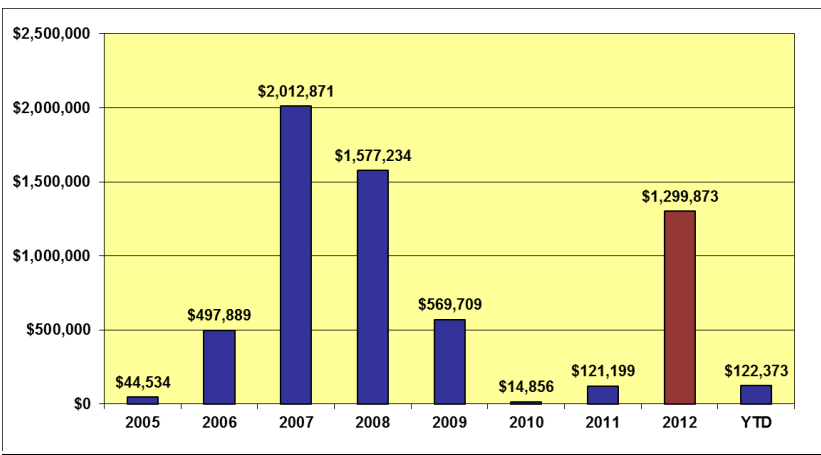
Local Government Fund



Property Transfers up 5.27 %

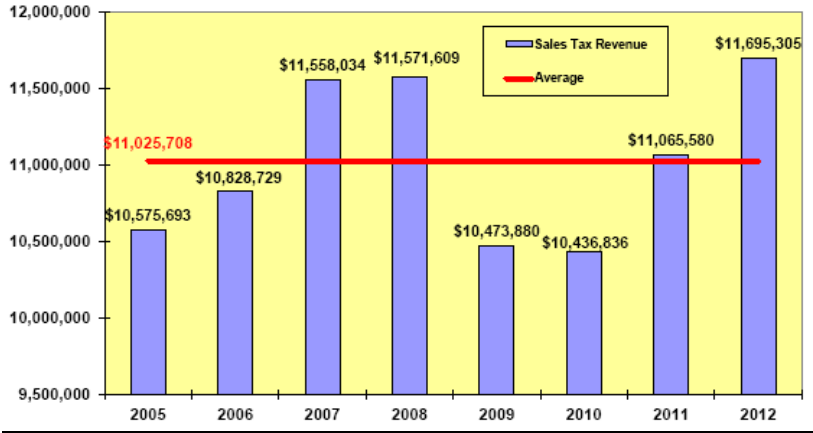


Inmate Housing Revenue



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Sales Tax Revenue up 5.69%



March Sales Tax Comparison

2008	\$3,084,419.25	
2009	\$2,848,575.53	-7.65%
2010	\$2,742,905.35	-3.71%
2011	\$2,827,805.51	3.10%
2012	\$3,056,432.85	8.08%
2013	\$3,099,239.88	1.40%

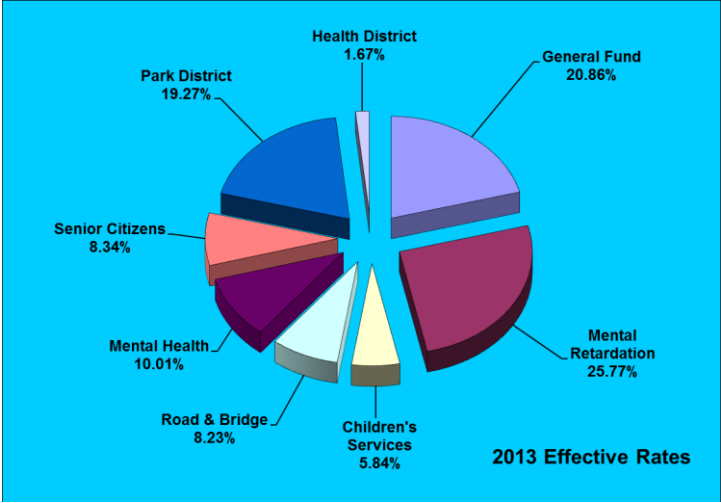
Revenue through March used for comparison

Casino Revenue

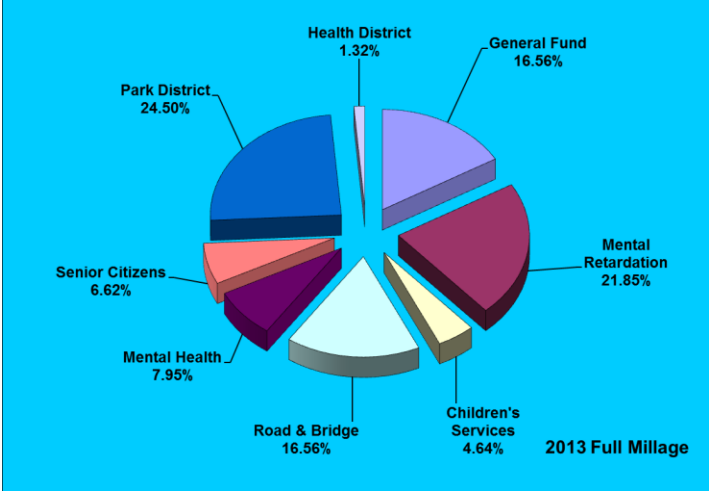
2012 \$243,806.00

2013 \$215,874.70

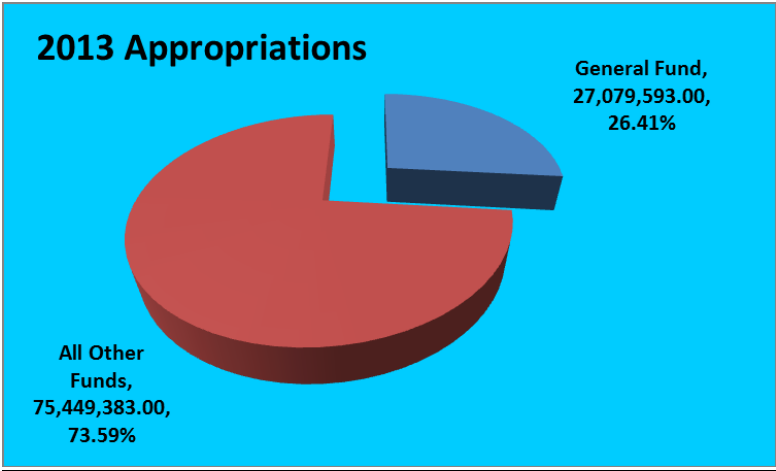
Property Taxes Revenue



Property Taxes



General Fund vs. All Funds



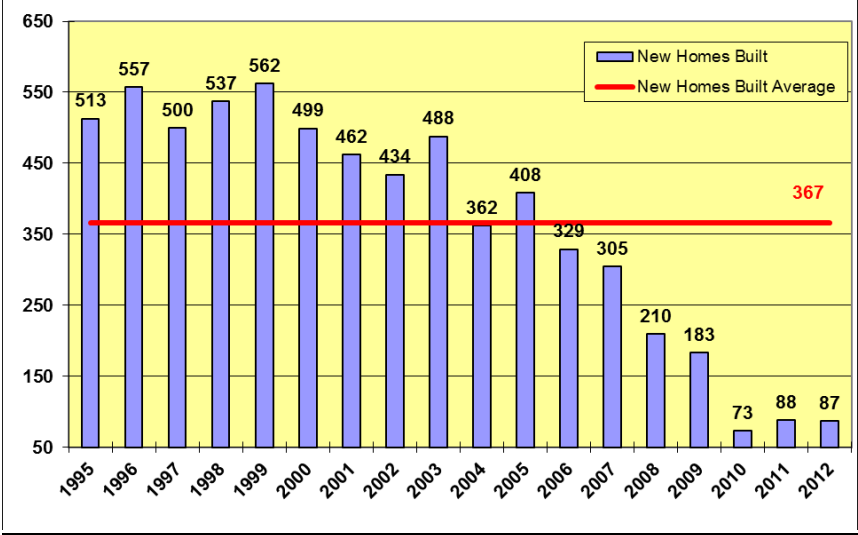
Low Housing Market Inventory



New Construction



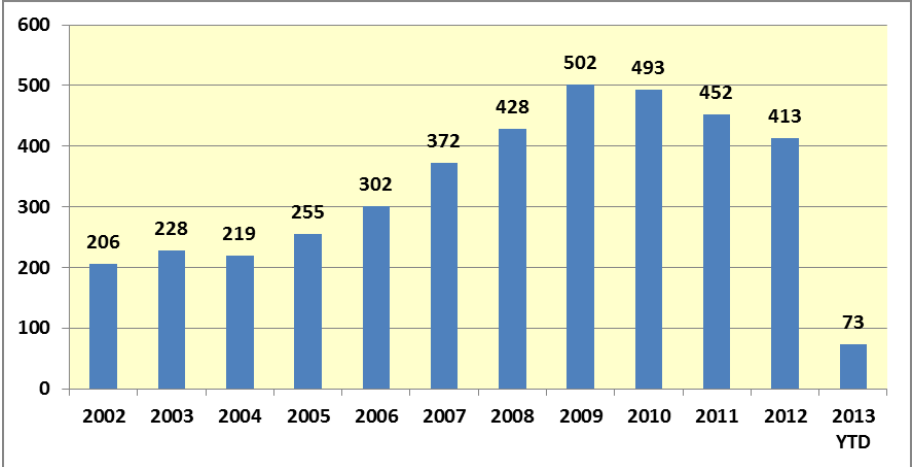
New Homes Built in Geauga



Board of Revision

2009 -	387 BOR Cases	79% residents helped
2010 -	384 BOR Cases	80% residents helped
2011 -	571 BOR Cases	81% residents helped
2012 -	452 BOR Cases	86% residents helped
2013 -	178 BOR cases as of 3/22/2013	

Geauga County Foreclosures



Source: Geauga County Common Pleas Court average around 350 for past 11 years

A story of Two men named Johnson one made money for his company and one is losing money for his company This story is important because history repeats itself and everyone in this room wants to make Geauga an even better place to live and raise a family and until you know the history we can't change what we are doing. A story of: 1. Listening to people 2. Have respect for those who came before us.... 3. DON'T assume you have all the answers 4. be ready to be humbled by smarter people than you and I

Johnson vs. Johnson



CEO of H J Heinz



CEO of JC Penney



William R. Johnson is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the H. J. Heinz Company, a global food company with sales approaching \$12 billion and iconic brands, businesses and operations across six continents. Under Mr. Johnson's leadership, Heinz has accelerated its growth in Emerging Markets and transformed its global portfolio of high-quality brands to focus on three core categories: Ketchup & Sauces, Meals & Snacks, and Infant/Nutrition Mr. Johnson earned his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his MBA from the University of Texas. He and his wife, Susie, have a son, Brad, and a daughter, Tracy.

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HJ Heinz Success



Company Stock is at \$72.02
Boosted Sales to 11.7 billion in 2012, 8.8% over previous year
Company purchased for \$28 Billion by Buffet & 3G capital
CEO Heinz due \$212.6 million for a job well done he is very well respected in his field



Ron Johnson took over JC Penney Johnson previously ran Apple's retail operations and is credited with pioneering the highly successful Apple Stores. He has also alienated much of Penney's core customer base by eliminating coupons and sales, bringing the more than 100-year-old retailer to a precarious position . He has lost 400 million for Bill Akman the board member who supports him for now. Penney's board is losing patience with Johnson's leadership and is considering either selling JC Penney ,replacing Johnson, or chapter 11 if it can't reverse a steep decline in sales within the year. According to Wall Street Journal.

JC Penney Failure

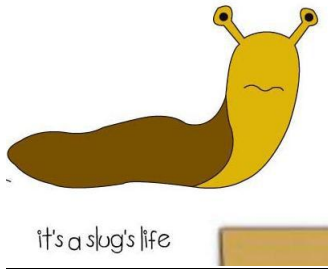


Company Stock is at \$17.90
43,000 less employees in 2012 closed 11 stores
Annual Revenue down 25%
Bill Akman the board member who is sponsoring
Ron Johnson has lost 400 million

In Geauga County we are doing better now than the last two years and better than our neighbors. Our Elected officials are all doing their best to contain spending. We need to improve our growth with new companies and assisting current companies to do better reduce some hurdles. WE need to listen to what companies are telling us on how they can be better. This does not mean we should start looking for issues that are not there. The County is in very good hands we just need to listen and pay attention and help out where we can.

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Why is this important because I looked under the rocks in Geauga County and can find only a few slugs left



Economy needs to improve

Housing Market is turning around

Job Market we need more talent

Health Care Biggest issue out there

What is new and what are we working on for 2013...

New Challenges for 2013

- *Sheriff Video Access to Public Provided Cameras*
- *Chardon Municipal Court Documentation Scanning and Management (Integration with Court View)*
- *County-wide Documentation Scanning and Management*
- *WWW Geauga Site Facelift*
- *2013 Pictometry Flight*
- *New World Systems-Business Analytics*
- *New World Systems- ESuite*

A quote from Voltaire:

No age or time, no position or circumstance, has a monopoly on SUCCESS.

Any age is the right age to start DOING!!!!

Let's work together and make Geauga County Better!!

Local resident Jack Smith commented about a lot going on not only in Geauga County but in Northeast Ohio, referencing a recent news article about State Representative John Patterson listing areas of concern that he wants to work on. Mr. Smith briefly expressed his views about agriculture and growing that is going on in the county, shipping with trucks and not just via international ports, education with the use of sea-grant college and extension offices, marketing of fresh crops, occu-cultural programs being the largest growing out there, with education programs and materials being available and processing facilities with extensive regulations, and that Geauga would be better with community canneries. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Spidalieri inquired of Mr. Gliha about the loss of a half million dollars in the Local Government Fund and what caused it to decline. Mr. Jemison added that it was State Legislators, to which Mr. Gliha added it was an attempt to balance the budget, and they took the money out of the local government fund which was pretty significant statewide. Mr. Spidalieri questioned the drastic change, to which Mr. Gliha stated that the fund dropped from \$1.3 million to \$550,000.00. Mr. Gliha added that recently there has been conversation between the Auditors and Commissioners bonding to complain to try and get back 3.68%, adding that there is a need for us to get it back, that they can't balance the budget on the backs of the local townships. Mr. Claypool then inquired about the double carryover he has seen with Chester Township. Mr. Gliha explained that the Budget Commission which includes himself, Mr. Chris Hitchcock and Mr. Jim Flaiz are all looking at carryover, referencing last year when Burton Township was told they had too much and stopped collecting on a levy for one year. Mr. Gliha added that he was not a fan of stock piling money, adding that it needs to be watched closely. Mr. Jemison briefly explained how the undivided local government fund was formed back in the 1970's when they wanted to pass a state income tax, but couldn't unless they got support from the Counties and the Ohio Municipal League, so they formed the local government fund to share the wealth. Mr. Jemison explained that he would have no problem if the fund went away, that the county would

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grow out of it, but they need to get rid of the state income tax, as well that they shouldn't keep collecting on what was promised to be shared.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from February 20, 2013.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 20, 2013 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) 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 February 2013, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tues., 4/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 4/2 The Commissioners' will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. on the proposed vacation of the non-maintained portion of Norton Street (TR 476) in Parkman Township*
- Thu., 4/4 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 4/9 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Tues., 4/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Wed., 4/10 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Legend Lake*
- Thu., 4/11 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.*
- Fri., 4/12 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m. Cleveland*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:05 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

Mary E. Samide

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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