

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 29, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 29, 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.*

*Commissioner Young was absent from today's meeting.*

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – LICENSED ARCHITECT CONTRACT 2012 WITH L. NEAL HOFFMAN AND RICHARD J. SMITH – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS**

*Director Mike Mihalisin explained that these were the yearly contracts for outside plan reviews for commercial plans exams. The contract is the same as it has been for the last three or four years. Mr. Mihalisin noted to the Board that the department is very busy and things are starting to really pick up.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2012 with L. Neal Hoffman to perform architectural reviews for commercial and industrial structures at a rate of \$70.00 per hour for the term March 31, 2012 through March 31, 2013.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2012 with Richard J. Smith to perform architectural reviews for commercial and industrial structures at a rate of \$70.00 per hour for the term March 31, 2012 through March 31, 2013.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – WENS SERVICE AGREEMENT – INSPIRON LOGISTICS, LLC**

*Director Dale Wedge explained that they are required to do cameo on the twenty-two extremely hazardous substance facilities in the county. This gives us an exclusion zone in case there is a release from any of those facilities. Currently the county does not have a real good way to notify the public of that, or transportation incidents, shooting incidents or things of that nature, when you have to notify a large population around an area that is affected or geographically you have a need to pick spots and call people. This system, the WENS system would allow you to do that, by taking the Sheriff's master street address guide which has all the 911 data information that gets downloaded to them on a daily basis and updates all the phone numbers, addresses and names of people. Mr. Wedge explained that they looked at three different systems; the other two would not allow us to plug that data in except maybe on a quarterly, half year or yearly basis, where the Sheriff can do this on a daily basis. Dave Sage from LEPC stated that this is for landline or hardline for Windstream and AT & T users and does not include cell.*

*Mr. Wedge stated that the other aspect is the ability to put links on county websites or local police and fire department, townships and village websites where people can opt in with a cell phone number to get notified of other events. They would have a template which would be set up so they could pick and choose the types of events they would want to be notified for. This system is currently used daily by the Sheriff's Office for notification of police and fire departments. Mr. Wedge stated that they came before the Board last year with this system and wanted to test it out for one year to see if it was a viable product. Mr. Wedge stated that he felt the Sheriff would attest that it has been a very good product and that he was back to report that the other systems they looked at wouldn't do what they wanted them to do. Sheriff McClelland arrived at the*

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meeting and Mr. Wedge updated him quickly on what he had explained to the Board about the 911 interface with the master street data to put cell phones into a template and rapidly notify people.

Sheriff McClelland explained that one thing they have been concerned about since the Fairport Harbor gas line incident is that they learned that twenty-five percent (25%) of the houses up there no longer have a landline phone for communication, so the ability to get emergency information out via reverse 911 notify system is about seventy-five percent (75%); that's a "c" grade and that's not good enough. Sheriff McClelland stated that it prompted them to look at other systems. The WENS system not only has a history, it's reliable and that's important. Sheriff McClelland stated that they have used the system to do back-up paging for fire and their own staff notifications, it's been very reliable and it does have the ability to start building the cellular database initially by subscribers, where you would go online and provide your location, and other information you want to give and eventually as things move forward, estimated in 2013 we will have more utilities' access to phone numbers through FEMA. Mr. Wedge stated that the program is called I Pause. Sheriff McClelland stated that WENS is a compatible system to that so it has the ability to geographically pull up an area and perhaps not just notify those that subscribe but those who may be passing through.

Mr. Wedge noted that you can associate a number with an address, so that if you are a transient or are at work, you could be notified if there was something going on at your house, even though you're not there. Sheriff McClelland gave an example of you live in Burton or Munson and you're at work and if there happened to be an emergency in that area you could find out, if you're a parent and you have a child that will be coming home on a bus, you could see tremendous value of getting information to your cell phone that there is problem there. WENS has the ability to do texting, which is a more efficient way, a much quicker way to get a lot of notifications out without overloading the cellular infrastructures. Mr. Wedge stated that the WENS system does not go through the county's infrastructure, it's faster as it is web based and can take a matter of minutes to get out. The servers are based out of the area so we wouldn't be constrained by overloading the area where the emergency was. Mr. Wedge noted that in the last year there were many times that the county could have used this system. Commissioner Jemison asked if we had currently been using the system. Sheriff McClelland replied yes, testing it, only to do internal paging, texting for notifications for fire. Mr. Jemison inquired about a reverse 911. Mr. Wedge noted that the vendor had been letting the county use it at no charge for the last month or two. Mr. Jemison noted that the cost was going from \$5,000.00 to \$19,000.00. Sheriff McClelland stated that the system will allow us to go from just being able to text message from lists to full cellular and allow citizens to subscribe to receive notifications.

Mr. Jemison noted in reading the minutes from the LEPC meeting that Mr. Wedge stated that putting sirens in to do notifications would cost around \$4 million dollars to put that infrastructure in, whereas with this system we can do these notifications via text, reverse 911, phone call instead of those kinds of things. Mr. Wedge explained that they had taken a hit on the Chester weather incident, noting that the problem was it wasn't even classified as a tornado until the next day, so it would not have gone out as an alert anyway. Sirens do not wake you up in the middle of the night, Mr. Wedge noted that he has never heard the Chardon sirens go off and he lives near one. A turnkey system would cost the county at least \$4 million for about 210 sirens and whatever the maintenance is on a yearly basis, the only thing a siren tells you if you are outside is that something is going on, it does not tell you what the problem is, you actually have to hear the siren and know that you then have to go inside and turn on the media, either TV or radio to find out what is going on. This system has the capability to tell you immediately, to notify you, your cell phone or your hardline phone in the house. Mr. Wedge explained that when we had the flooding, instead of going door to door to do damage assessment, we knew the affected area, we could have called the area and explained that if they had uninsured loss they would have that information built into a database and gotten back to those people, or given it to the United Way for them to do what they do and gotten the information out. \$19,000.00 compared to \$4 million plus the yearly cost for maintenance on sirens, Mr. Wedge thinks it's a much better idea. Mr. Jemison stated that we don't have sirens, but we will be able to notify our residents of some type of emergency, be it a tornado or flooding. Sheriff McClelland added that it is much more effective than sirens, as an emergency responder turning their siren on in a patrol car; people don't always hear it in a vehicle as you're coming up behind them. As you we're driving to work today, the siren could have been going off, but you might not have heard it. County Administrator David Lair gave an example of if you have a shooter at large in a geographic area that you want people to lock their doors and stay inside. Sheriff McClelland

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*stated that the appropriate response could be anything from evacuate or shelter and place, and with that system you are able to get that piece of information out there rather than just a siren alert. Commissioner Samide added that texting is very effective, you can look back at it, re-read it. Sheriff McClelland added that it is more cost effective. Mr. Jemison inquired on how they would encourage people to sign up for the service. Sheriff McClelland explained that they have already spoken with the police chiefs, and fire chiefs associations to buy-in to the program and their willingness to promote it to get people to subscribe. This is web based and with the new MDT system that is now in police and fire vehicles you could initiate right from the scene as sometimes seconds do count.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and authorize the President of the Board to initial and execute the WENS Service Agreement with Inspiron Logistics, LLC for the emergency response notification system for emergency responders and the general public in the amount of \$19,350.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2012 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*Social Services Director Gina Schultz explained that April is always recognized as Child Abuse Prevention month and this year we have a couple of activities planned at the agency. The pinwheels will be done again but will be moved to Junction Auto. Mr. Babcock agreed to let them put them at the northeast corner of Route 44 and Route 322, and hope to put them on the hill. The reception will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 11:30 a.m. The state is also doing an effort for “Wear Blue to Work” day on the 11<sup>th</sup> and presented pins depicting a blue pinwheel that can be worn to show support. They will also hold the 5K Race on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Punderson State Park.*

*Ms. Schultz stated that they investigated 458 reports of child abuse and neglect last year, noting that she brought with her Assessment Supervisor Meredith Myers to answer any questions. Ms. Samide inquired on if that number was up or down from the previous year. Ms. Myers stated that it’s pretty consistent. Ms. Schultz added that it was down a little but the cases have been a little more severe. Ms. Myers noted that Ms. Samide was on the opiate task force and the discussion has been that the intensity for heroin is on the rise, that it has been heard that heroin is now cheaper than marijuana, and has brought more court involved cases in, criminal court due to the addiction. This year they have seen more kids be moved into placement than in other years. Mr. Jemison thanked them for what they do. Ms. Samide added that listening to the issues will keep you up at night, but to deal with it is another thing. Ms. Schultz added that they lean on each other to get through.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-060 Recognizing April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month for Geauga County.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: March 29, 2012*  
*Resolution: 12-060*

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2012 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*

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*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.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**MAINTENANCE – UNPAID FMLA LEAVE – JOE MUKICS**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that Mr. Mukics was back in the hospital. Mr. Vernick added that they were taking the situation day by day as Mr. Mukics is very devoted to his job and that he is an outstanding worker.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave for Joe Mukics for the period March through June, 2012.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROMOTE TIM GRESSLEY – LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (#2307)**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that they had posted internally for the laboratory technician position and that they had three applicants whom they interviewed and had each of them spend a full day at the lab to see what it was like, as they were coming from very different jobs. The best fit of the three is Mr. Gressley, who has been a maintenance worker out there and had been doing the Operator position on the side so he was aware of what they did. A requirement is to have three years' experience in wastewater, and Mr. Gressley has five years, so this is a good opportunity for him.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to promote Tim Gressley to the position of Laboratory Technician (#2307) to be effective April 2, 2012 at a rate of \$17.24 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – MAINTENANCE WORKER, WATER / WASTEWATER SYSTEMS (#2330)**

*Mr. Bowen stated that Mr. Gressley's promotion will leave a maintenance position open and we are currently advertising for this position and would like to increase the posting to two positions available.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to increase the current posting for Maintenance Worker, Water / Wastewater Systems (#2330) to two positions at the Merritt Road Garage Facility.*

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE RAY FARINACCI – MAINTENANCE  
WORKER (#2330) – MERRITT ROAD GARAGE FACILITY

*Mr. Bowen explained that this was for one of the now two maintenance worker positions open. Mr. Farinacci has had his own business for the last ten to fifteen years in landscaping, construction and maintenance. Mr. Farinacci resides around the corner from the garage and is looking for a position with benefits.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Ray Farinacci to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) at the Merritt Road Garage Facility to be effective April 2, 2012 at a rate of \$14.67 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE NATHAN JOHNSTON – WASTE WATER  
PLANT OPERATOR I (#2326)

*Mr. Bowen explained that they had an opening for Waste Water Operator I and that this time we get to 'steal' someone else for a change. Mr. Johnston is from Orwell and is taking a decrease of a \$1.00 per hour, but Mr. Johnston holds a class II Operator license and water I, so after the completion of his probationary period, we can post internally per the union contract for Operator II and move ahead. Mr. Bowen added that they live in Orwell but Mr. Johnston's wife works for Job and Family Services.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Nathan Johnston to the position of Waste Water Plant Operator I (#2326) at the Merritt Road Garage Facility to be effective April 9, 2012 at a rate of \$15.95 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION  
COMPANY, INCORPORATED – CLARIDON TROY ROAD AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD

*Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that these contracts were with Kokosing Construction for the resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road which is the section from Taylor Wells Road to Mayfield Road and for the resurfacing of Fairmount Road for the section from State Route 306 to Sperry Road. Mr. Cattell stated that Kokosing Construction had represented the lowest and best bids.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract (RS-3DE-12) with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road (CH 3, Sections D & E) in Burton and Claridon Townships in the amount of \$349,480.50.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract (RS-16CE-12) with Kokosing Construction Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections C-E) in Russell and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$366,565.97.*

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH VACATING A PORTION OF SECTION B – WISNER ROAD**

*Mr. Cattell explained that this resolution is for the County Engineer to prepare a plat map for the Board's approval in the future. This will also include the designation of a walking trail from the south end of the vacation to the river bank. Ms. Samide stated that she had met with Mr. Cattell and four principal area residents that would be involved and talked about this and the big issue was that they would be able to continue to ride their horses, noting that the area is beautiful and they didn't want to lose that. Ms. Samide felt confident that the way we are doing this will satisfy all parties. Mr. Cattell added that it will retain the rights, and the residents seemed satisfied when they left. Mr. Jemison inquired if all the parties involved included Holden Arboretum. Mr. Cattell stated that Holden is for the vacation action and pleased with it. Ms. Samide added that Holden does not want the bridge. Ms. Samide added that we had a good meeting and we all understood this the same way. Mr. Jemison inquired if this included both ends. Mr. Cattell stated that this is all the way through, from the guardrail on the north end down to approximately 200 feet south of the bridge. Ms. Samide stated that the residents felt confident and noted that the next section of vacation to be considered will require starting the process all over again. Mr. Cattell added that if the Township and the Board want to proceed with the next vacation we will have to start the process giving public notice, and hold a hearing and viewing; this is an additional five hundred feet and will have the choice again to include the trail designation of thirty feet wide of that entire length. Mr. Jemison noted that he was confused and inquired about what more we would have to do. Mr. Cattell clarified by saying that this current resolution asks the Engineer to prepare the plat designating what the vacation will be; that plat will show the remaining road, but also our suggestion of the trail that was requested. The Board would have to approve that plat for the vacation. Mr. Lair added that there is additional erosion. This plat is for the original section, this other section with the new erosion is not included in today's action. Mr. Cattell added that the section with the bridge is first, then the other section has to be done separately. R.L. Phillips added that the bridge will be taken down before we come back with the final plat for approval. Mr. Cattell added that while we still own the right of way, we want to take the bridge down.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-059 to Proceed with the Vacation of a Portion of Section B of Wisner Road (TR 84) in Chardon Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: March 29, 2012*

*Resolution: 12-059*

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF  
SECTION B OF WISNER ROAD, TR 84  
Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board of Commissioners") found in Resolution # 11-037 that the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road in Chardon Township, dedicated in Book B, Pages 357-359 in the year of 1838, and altered in Book D, pages 429-432 in the year of 1868 would be for the public convenience and welfare; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners initiated the vacation proceedings by adopting a resolution to vacate a portion of Section B of Wisner Road in accordance with Section 5553.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Engineer issued to the Board of Commissioners a written report pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.06 stating that the Engineer believes the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road is for the public convenience and welfare; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public viewing and a public hearing related to the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road and gathered input from the*

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*affected persons and Chardon Township officials and heard testimony for and against the vacation.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 5553.04, et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby orders the vacation of a portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, located in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio, to proceed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners has determined to proceed with the proposed vacation with such modifications and changes in the route and termini as set forth herein as in the Board of Commissioners' judgment the public convenience and welfare require.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a survey, plat and accurate and detailed description of the right of way to be vacated shall be prepared by the County Engineer reflecting the following route and termini:*

*A portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, from a point located about two hundred and fifty-four feet (254') southerly from a Northwesterly property corner of Parcel No.08- 705900 to a point located about two hundred and forty feet (240') southerly from a Northeasterly property line of Parcel No. 06-038000.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abutting properties and owners shall be identified as: Holden Arboretum 9500 Sperry Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094 and Edith Daly & Key Bank Trustee 166 Crocker Park Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Board that the vacation of the portion of Section B of Wisner Road, TR 84, is in the interest of the public convenience and welfare, and that the portion of the road sought to be vacated is a public road.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the order of this Board shall not extinguish the rights of ingress and egress reserved to the abutting property owners named herein.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 5553.044 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public right of way thirty (30) feet wide over the best remaining lands as determined by the Engineer during his survey shall be preserved for public non-motorized vehicular recreational uses from the most southerly end of the road sought to be vacated a distance of about 290 feet north along the former roadway to the most southerly riverbank near the westerly abutment of the southerly bridge. Such public non-motorized vehicular recreational uses shall include, but are not limited to, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and ski touring.*

*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 Chardon Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS**

*Mr. Cattell stated that this was just to release the bid / performance bonds from last year's projects, with the exception of the Dines Road Bridge, that was signed in 2009, performed in 2010 but the company went out of business during the project. Mr. Cattell added that the bond had to be pulled to pay the subcontractors, but that has all been taken care of.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the release of the bid / performance bonds for the following projects, as all specifications have been met:*

*08-17-2011 Asphalt Pavement Recycling Aquilla Rd (CH 5s Sec C) Burton, Claridon Twp*

*07-13-2011 Replace Fox Rd. Bridge (201-0.21) Auburn Twp*

*06-29-2011 Asphalt Resurface Fairmount Rd. (CH 16, Sec F &G) Newbury Twp*

*06-29-2011 Asphalt Resurface Chardon Windsor Rd (CH13 Sec A-D) Hambden, Claridon Twp*

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06-01-2011 *Application of Polyester Pavement Markings – Various Cty Rds Year 2011*  
06-01-2011 *Asphalt Resurface Farmington Rd (CH 18, Sec A-C) Parkman Twp*  
05-18-2011 *Reconstruct Taylor Wells Rd. Bridge (113-2.03) Claridon Twp*  
04-20-2011 *Improve Chardon Windsor Rd (CH 13, Sec G) Hambden Twp*  
04-13-2011 *Asphalt Resurface Auburn Rd. (CH 4, Sec S-U) Chardon Twp*  
04-06-2011 *Improve Clay St (CH 37, Sec K & L) Thompson Twp*  
04-06-2011 *Improve Butternut Rd. (CH 21, Sec A-C) Munson Twp*  
03-30-2011 *Replace Hemlock Pt Rd Bridge (155-1.12) Russell Twp*  
12-16-2009 *Replace Dines Rd. Bridge (144-1.72) Russell Twp*

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Jemison	Aye
	Commissioner Young	Absent
	Commissioner Samide	Aye

**COUNTY ENGINEER – 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

*Mr. Phillips explained that the total of the projects that the bid / performance bonds were just released on totaled \$4.1 million dollars. Mr. Phillips added that they did another \$6 million dollars with the Townships that they paid for, but the county designed and supervised for them. In 2010 there was extra money from stimulus, so now we are back down to a more normal type program. Last year was very wet and we were still able to get \$4 million dollars in work done.*

*The bargaining unit did decide to decertify late summer and since then we have developed a nice relationship with them. Recent pay adjustments were based on merit, not on job class. A lot of people were surprised. Merit was based on sick leave, call outs for snow removal, attendance as well as performance, trying to be objective as possible, and stay within the two percent (2%) guideline.*

*Ramona Saikaly is retiring; she is the last employee that Mr. Phillips did not hire. Ms. Saikaly will have thirty-one years in April, which works out well with the decision to move the tax map department down to 470 in May. The two remaining employees in that department will be able to do a little cross training and have a tax map and a regular person serve the counter, saving some money in the end.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER – SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – OHIO EPA NPDES SMALL MS4 GENERAL PERMIT ANNUAL REPORT**

*Mr. Phillips and Carmella Shale presented the Board with the Geauga County 2012 Ohio EPA NPDES Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report, and further give an update on upcoming activities and information for compliance with the NPDES Phase 2 Permit.*

*Mr. Phillips explained that this was the second year in the joint permit E with the three townships. Two of the Townships have new people, Bainbridge and Chester, so it has been a bit of a challenge getting some of the information gathered and in on time. Mr. Phillips explained that there are six items you have to deal with. Two of them are education, public educational involvement and we do a good job with that between working with the Park District and the Health Department does a little bit. Chagrin River Partners and Soil and Water also does well with getting the information out to the public. Item four is Construction and we work with that all the time. Item Five is Post-construction and Ms. Shale with Soil and Water does a lot of work with that, doing inspections after the fact, two to three years later and inspections on all retention basins on subdivisions that are ten to twenty years old. Item six is Housekeeping and this is the one that we need to keep up on. It's really only the three Townships, as their facilities for salt storage are within the boundaries. They do the things they need to do, keep it clean, wash their equipment, and regulate the proper dumping of oil. Ms. Shale added that they were given a plan this year, that early last spring they developed protocols they should all follow. Mr. Phillips stated that a walk through would be done at the facilities before the EPA does their audit, and then the safety day in the fall will be on salt storage and handling. Item three is illicit discharge, this is the one no one wants to talk about too much. We are going to start testing; it has to be done in 2012 and 2013 on all the wet outfalls. There are only about 77 to 78 of them total, but they have to be tested in the next two years, and if we found one that turns out to effluent, E-coli, it will be turned over to the Health Department as a nuisance complaint, as with unfunded mandates they are not ready to step up to the plate. Mr. Phillips added that if it turns out to be acid or something then it will be investigated. Ms. Shale stated that it has to be addressed and we have to show that we are doing something.*



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*The 2010 census could change things. They can't get to Chardon yet to include them in the Phase 2 area, it has to be contiguous and there is no link between Chester Township through Munson to get to the city of Chardon and Mr. Phillips stated that he was sure the EPA would like to do that, Chardon is probably glad they can't. Mr. Phillips added that there will be rumors by the end of this year into the beginning of next as to what the permit is going to look like, who will be included and who will not. Ms. Shale stated that watershed specifics will be coming out. The Chagrin and Grand Rivers are the two watersheds in our county. The specific issue is largely about Lake Erie with the algae blooms in the western basin of the lake. Things are tightening up on anything draining into Lake Erie, and we are the headwaters. There are other communities more at the mouth, but they can't control what is coming from upstream, we need to make sure we do our part. Ms. Samide stated that everyone needs to understand what we are forced to do, when you are coming around checking the runoffs that this is mandated to be done, that this isn't us just wanting to aggravate you, this is something we have to do. Ms. Samide noted that we need to make sure that all the Elected Officials understand that. Mr. Phillips stated that the public involvement and education part does need to get out, but the first step is to get all the Townships in the western side to also understand that. Mr. Phillips stated that when you change trustees you have to re-educate and start over again. This report needs to be filed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is for the drainage permit that we carry for five years. Discussion then took place regarding the compact, fracking and Lake Erie.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING EVELYN LUOMA ON HER RETIREMENT**

*Ms. Samide stated that Ms. Luoma was retiring, that she has been there for twenty-five years and the fiscal officer since 1987.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #12-061 Honoring Evelyn Luoma on her retirement from Burton Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-061*

*Date: March 29, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING EVELYN LUOMA IN RECOGNITION OF HER RETIREMENT**

*WHEREAS, Evelyn Luoma is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who is hardworking, honest, and trustworthy; and*

*WHEREAS, Evelyn Luoma, often referred to as "Aunt Evie" from being the neighborhood babysitter is very dedicated to her family and her career; and*

*WHEREAS, Evelyn Luoma began her service to Burton Township in 1987 and has served the residents of the community as the Township Clerk and Fiscal Officer for the last twenty-five (25) years, being one of the first users of the U.A.N. State Computer System; and*

*WHEREAS, Evelyn Luoma during these last twenty-five (25) years has volunteered her time to the improvement of the township Administration building and the area around it, painting, wallpapering, and planting flowers; and*

*WHEREAS, Evelyn Luoma has had the pleasure of working with many surrounding Township Clerks, Fiscal Officers and County Elected Officials;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Evelyn Luoma on her retirement from Burton Township.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Thursday, April 5, 2012.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session for Thursday, May 17, 2012.*

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 21, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from February 8, 2012.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

*Thu., 3/29 Storm Water Task Force Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Planning Commission meeting room*

*Mon., 4/2 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*

*Tues., 4/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 4/3 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Farm Bureau Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Bass Lake Tavern*

*Wed., 4/4 United Way Annual Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. Notre Dame Cathedral Latin*

*Thu., 4/5 **Regular Session Cancelled (pending motion above)***

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

*Tues., 4/10 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Wed., 4/11 Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Grandview Golf Club*

*Thu., 4/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 470 Center St., Building #8 (Note Different Location)*

*Thu., 4/12 The County Auditor will present the Economic State of Geauga at 470 Center St. Building #8*

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

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.**

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*ABSENT*  
*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*  
*Katie Schaab, Acting Commissioners' Clerk*