

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 12, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

*It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*The President of the Board, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2012.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as Supplemental Appropriations to appropriate carryover balances including the Water Resources County Sewer Improvement fund for the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project; Travel Encumbrances for the Engineer's Office and the Transit Department; a payment to White Allen Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2011 Chevy Colorado for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$18,988.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-004 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 12, 2012.*

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

**COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – DECEMBER 2011**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of December, 2011 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of December, 2011 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2012 CREDIT CARD USE – BP CARD, FLEET SERVICES GIANT EAGLE, PNC GIANT EAGLE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the use of credit cards for the year 2012 (per month) for a BP card, Fleet Services Giant Eagle, and a PNC Giant Eagle card in the amount of \$2,000.00.*

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

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**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2012 CREDIT CARD USE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form (if applicable) (Policy 7.11 form – ORC 301.27) per month for the following:

<i>BP</i>	<i>JoAnna Brace</i>	<i>Tom McGrew</i>	<i>Kathy Hartz</i>
	<i>Bob Debevits</i>	<i>Kathy Petrella</i>	<i>Bobby Seagraves</i>
	<i>Bernadette Gliha</i>	<i>Adam VanBoxel</i>	<i>David Craig</i>
	<i>Marianne Deatsch</i>	<i>Becky O'Reilly</i>	<i>Becky Samardge</i>
	<i>Joey Tomsick</i>		
<i>Fleet Services</i>	<i>JoAnna Brace</i>	<i>Tom McGrew</i>	<i>Kathy Hartz</i>
<i>Giant Eagle</i>	<i>Bob Debevits</i>	<i>Kathy Petrella</i>	<i>David Craig</i>
<i>PNC Giant Eagle</i>	<i>Karen Fueger</i>	<i>Beth Perko</i>	<i>Chris Anspach</i>
	<i>Karen Stone</i>	<i>Becky Samardge</i>	<i>Sally Bell</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>	
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>	
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>	

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE STATEMENTS – TIMOTHY MCCASKEY**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that Mr. McCaskey was a down payment assistance rehabilitation client that has sold his house and that the county was recouping a portion of the money from the down payment and the rehabilitation.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage statements in connection with mortgages given by Timothy McCaskey under Grant #B-C-05-026-1 and #B-C-05-026-2.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – FRANKLIN STREET (CH 35) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*County Engineer R.L. Phillips explained that this was a maintenance agreement with Bainbridge Township over Franklin Street, noting that this had been previously mentioned when the road changes were discussed between the county and the townships. Mr. Phillips stated that the first agreement was done in the 1960's when they agreed to continue to plow but asked the county to do summer maintenance, i.e. patching, filling potholes and guardrail. After 1962 Franklin Street became a county road but the agreement stayed in place, Bainbridge Township continued to plow and the county took the road over and took care of the capital improvement part of it. Mr. Phillips explained that the county would like it to be turned back over to a township road, but it was better for the county to maintain underlying ownership due to the road being a multi-district road including Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville, Solon along with Bainbridge Township. Mr. Phillips stated that this agreement says that Bainbridge will do the the day to day maintenance of snowplowing, patching, filling potholes, mow the roadside grass and that the county will take care of the capital improvements. Franklin Street is on the Federal System and the county does receive Federal dollars for it. This agreement only adds the summer maintenance to Bainbridge Township as the County has taken Pettibone Road off their hands. Commissioner Jemison stated that he felt that Pettibone Road should have been a county road all along. Mr. Phillips briefly discussed the traffic light at the intersection of Pettibone and North Market Place Drive and that it is currently not working, noting that the church was putting an approved driveway in and that when their poles arrived and were put in place that they would fix the traffic light and pattern to allow for better traffic flow. Mr. Phillips added that they were working on obtaining a new agreement for maintenance with the church and the new owners of property along the intersection.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Franklin Street (CH35) Maintenance Agreement between the Geauga County Engineer's Office and the Board of Trustees of Bainbridge Township, dated November 14, 2011.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2012 CREDIT CARD USE – HOME DEPOT COMMERCIAL CREDIT ACCOUNT**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the use of Home Depot Commercial Credit Account for the 2012 year for \$1,000.00 per month.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2012 CREDIT CARD USE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form (Personnel Policy 7.11 form – ORC 301.27) per month for Dale B. Wedge, Judith A. Oberstar, Brian M. Laney and Kenneth L. Folsom.

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT**

*Nancy Seelbach from the Family First Council explained that this was a mutual funding agreement that the Board of Commissioners have participated in for a long time, adding that the council understands that this is a tough time, with cutbacks and reductions, but that they appreciate the ongoing support. Ms. Seelbach thanked the Board on behalf of the collaboration of the Family First Council and the families and children of Geauga County.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Job and Family Services, the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Geauga County Juvenile Court for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. This Agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$20,434.00 from the General Fund.

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION**

*Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp presented the Commissioners with a 2011 Auction Report noting that the county received \$50,519.13 in proceeds from the Gov Deals auction. Ms. Arp stated that two vehicles were transferred to Water Resources and the Department on Aging rather than being sold on the auction. The local auction received \$3,331.19, noting an increase of \$930.00 from the 2010 auction. Ms. Arp added that they had taken three loads of scrap for a total of \$751.80, and the recycling program has brought in \$134.30. Ms. Arp stated that the only change to the Resolution for this year was a change in the O.R.C. that items only have to be*

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*posted for ten days instead of the previous fifteen days. Mr. Jemison noted that the recycling may have brought in only \$134.30 but it saved forty cubic feet of landfill space and 55,000 kwh of energy. Ms. Arp added that the county used to pay twenty dollars a month to have the recycling items hauled away. Commissioner Samide added that now they pay us for them to pick it up.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-005 Authorizing the Intent to Dispose of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit County Personal Property Via Internet Auction in the Calendar Year 2012 on the Geauga County Website or with Gov Deals, Incorporated and to further authorize the advertisement of such internet auction on January 19, 2012 and January 26, 2012.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: January 12, 2012*

*Resolution: 12-005*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, OR UNFIT COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2012**

*WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 307.12 (E) as amended by House Bill 226 requires a Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution during each calendar year expressing its intent to dispose of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property through the use of an internet auction;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County hereby expresses its intent to dispose of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property by Internet Auction during the calendar year 2012; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the personal property disposed of through Internet Auction may include, as specified in ORC 307.12 (E), motor vehicles acquired for the use of county officers and departments, road machinery, car parts, equipment, tools, and office equipment or supplies which are not needed, obsolete, or unfit for the public use for which it was acquired; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that all property is offered for sale "as is, where is" with Geauga County making no warranty, guarantee, or representation of any kind expressed or implied, as to the condition of said items; and that any computers sold via Internet auction shall have their hard drive either wiped utilizing U.S. Department of Defense standards or the hard drive will be removed; and the Buyer will receive notification by e-mail from the Geauga County auction and be required to make payment in full via US currency, certified cashier's check, money order, or company check ( with bank letter guaranteeing funds) within five (5) business days from the time and date of said notification; and the Buyer will be responsible for removal of said items from the Geauga County facility within ten (10) business days of receipt of said notification; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the number of days of bidding for each auction, as specified in ORC 307.12 (E), will be at least ten (10) days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners will conduct auctions itself at <http://www.co.geauga.oh.us> and may also contract with GovDeals, Inc., 5913 Carmichael Place, Montgomery, Alabama, 36117; phone 800-613-0156, [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) to conduct some auctions on the county's behalf; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Commissioners shall publish in The Geauga County Maple Leaf, a newspaper of general circulation, notice of its intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use county personal property by internet auction to be published January 19, 2012 the second notice to be published not less than ten days nor more than twenty days after the previous notice; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that a similar notice shall also be posted continuously throughout the calendar year in a conspicuous place in the offices of the County Auditor and the Board of County Commissioners as well as being posted continuously on the county website (at [www.co.geauga.oh.us](http://www.co.geauga.oh.us)); and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that when property is to be sold by Internet Auction, the County Board of Commissioners or its representatives reserve the right, at a later date, to establish a minimum price that will be accepted for specific items and may establish any other terms and conditions for the particular sale, including but not limited to requirements for pick-up or delivery, method of payment, and payment of sales tax in accordance with applicable laws; and be it further*

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*RESOLVED, that such information shall be provided on the Internet at the time of the auction and may be provided before that time upon request after the terms and conditions have been determined by the board or its representatives.*

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION – PLAT OF STONERIDGE OF GEAUGA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 5 IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Ms. Samide stated that it was her belief that this was the last phase of Stoneridge along Pettibone. Mr. Jemison noted that this had been discussed at the Planning Commission meeting held on Tuesday evening and that Stoneridge was originally platted as condos, which are now platted as lots. Mr. Jemison stated that the Planning Commission had voted unanimously, approving it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Plat of Stoneridge of Geauga Subdivision, Phase 5 in Bainbridge Township.*

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

*Planning Commission Director Dave Dietrich arrived at the meeting and added that these are the five lots that front on Devon Court on the North West corner of Pettibone Road and State Route 306, at the old quarry site. Mr. Dietrich stated that it has been converted from a condo unit development to a subdivision with separate lots fronting on private roads that have been constructed to county specifications, consisting of detached single family homes.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – GAS WELL REVENUE**

*Ms. Samide stated that this was a gas well located on the fairgrounds and that a portion of the revenue stream from the well goes to the Agricultural Society.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2012 in the amount of \$8,600.63 which amount is in line with total gas well revenue received by the county through December 31, 2011 from a well located on the fairgrounds property.*

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

**OTHER – PRESENTATION FROM THE VETERANS MEMORIAL**

*Paul Newman stated that it has been eleven years, but thanked the Commissioners for the land that the memorial sits on and presented them with a framed aerial picture of the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Jemison stated that Mr. Newman had a vision and that this was something that was needed in Geauga County. Ms. Samide thanked Mr. Newman for the picture and for the hard work in getting the memorial completed.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 4, 2012, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) 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 December, 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

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- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending December, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- d) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of December, 2011.*
- e) *The 2011 Annual Inventory of all materials, machinery, tools and other county supplies pursuant to ORC 305.18 for the following: Archives / Records Center, Building Department, Clerk of Courts, Legal and Title, Department of Emergency Services, Probate /Juvenile Court, Recorder's Office, Water Resources, and Municipal Court.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Fri., 1/13 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.*

*Mon., 1/16 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Tues., 1/17 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Thu., 1/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Mon., 1/23 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Job and Family Services*

*Tues., 1/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Wed., 1/25 Geauga Tourism Annual Meeting Dinner, 6:30 p.m Middlefield Community Hall*

*Thu., 1/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Mon., 1/30 Board of Revision*

*Tues., 1/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

**OTHER**

*Local resident Skip Claypool asked if he could ask a procedural question of the Board regarding the approval the fourteen items on the agenda in the period of thirty-two minutes without hearing hardly any discussion. Mr. Claypool asked the Board to help him understand where information is presented to make the decisions on each of these items, if they hold executive sessions or how they are presented with the information upon which they make decisions and where the discussions are being held. Mr. Jemison explained that any discussions on any decisions are being held here in session, but that each Commissioner is given the information via email or copies prior to meeting that allows them to do research separately to allow them to make those decisions. Mr. Jemison took the agenda and went over each item explaining the following: the financial report for the financials approved this morning was on our desks this morning and allowed us to look over them prior to the meeting; the Treasurer's Financial report and the Auditor's Financial reports were also provided to us, but much earlier; credit cards are business as usual, this is something that the Board approves every year; Community Development did have some documents that were given to us earlier in the week that said that the client had sold their property and that they were paying us back for those loans; the County Engineer's agreement on Franklin Street is also something that we have also done, but Mr. Phillips came here and explained it, which made perfect sense; Department of Emergency Services credit card approval is usual business; the funding for Job and Family Services Family First Council is something that is done on an annual basis and has been in place for several years, as many as ten; the Maintenance Department has been disposing of unwanted personal property via the internet for probably the last four or five years, whereas prior to that the county was actually in need of buying buildings to house the stuff that was sold off only once a year, which was very*

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*inefficient so we were just renewing that; the Planning Commission plat for Stoneridge of Geauga you heard about when the Director came in and explained it, but the Commissioners are on the Planning Commission Board and were at the meeting and had already seen the plat and knew about it and understood what was going on with it; the gas well expenditure for the Fair Board is ongoing, ever since that well has been in existence on an annual basis the county returns these revenues to them. Mr. Claypool again asked when the Board holds discussions, where they take place. Mr. Jemison and Ms. Samide both answered, here in session, Ms. Samide added that they have to be held in a public meeting. Mr. Claypool added that he was hearing a lot of quick decisions being made and that even though these decisions appear to be mundane, these decisions need to be revisited periodically to find out if there is a better, or different approach that may be more cost effective since these are about tax payers money. Further discussion took place between the Board and Mr. Claypool regarding the county's budget, real estate (property) taxes, the rationale for having a County Administrator, school levies, NOACA, replacement of township road signs, and Geauga County overall.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:18 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*