

Commissioners' Journal
March 24, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 22, 2011.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS – TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE – CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Engineer Michael Stone explained that these are the Temporary Right of Ways needed to do the Taylor Wells Road Bridge project that the Board recently approved the plans for. Mr. Stone stated that this had been submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and are in process of review, and before the end of the week it should go down to get Federal approval so we can build a bridge. The \$300.00 is the minimum amount of compensation that is required.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Temporary Right of Way Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Edith W. Gardner (mother) and Robert E. Gardner (son) for the Taylor Wells Road Bridge Project in Claridon Township (part of parcel #12-023700) in the amount of \$300.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Temporary Right of Way Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Mary E. Krage for the Taylor Wells Road Bridge Project in Claridon Township (part of parcel #12-043600) in the amount of \$300.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Temporary Right of Way Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Gregory A. Gleason and Lisa M. Gleason (aka Lisa M. Androsac) for the Taylor Wells Road Bridge Project in Claridon Township (part of parcel #12-066085) in the amount of \$300.00.

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP

Mr. Stone stated Chardon Windsor Road, Section G is located between Princeton and Clay Street. This is one of the few sections of road that has not been widened out. This will have four feet of widening trench on each side, so the pavement will be taken out to twenty-six feet. This

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also required the ditches also be moved back. The estimated cost is \$640,000.00 which will be completely out of Road and Bridge levy property tax. Commissioner Jemison stated, You're going to widen it four feet on each side. Mr. Stone explained that the edges often get beat up, so they will come in about 6 inches to a foot, so it will not be a total of four feet, more like three to three and a half feet.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-043 Ordering the Improvement of Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13, Section G) in Huntsburg Township.

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

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised March 31, 2011 and the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 24, 2011

Resolution: 11-043

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTION G OF
CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD (CH 13) IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 10-232 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Section G of Chardon Windsor Road from Princeton Road (TR 118) to Clay Street (CH 37) in Huntsburg Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Section G of Chardon Windsor Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

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

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

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COUNTY HOME – ACCEPT RESIGNATION PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1) JOSEPH PODLECKI

Director Karen DeCola explained that this was a brand new employee that had just recently been hired, only worked about three weeks and is now resigning. Ms. DeCola believes he has another job.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of Joseph Podlecki, Part-time Attendant (#1504-1), to be effective March 20, 2011.

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

COUNTY HOME – AMEND POSTING –PART-TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)

Ms. DeCola stated that she currently has a posting for this position and is just increasing it to cover the recent vacancy.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to amend the current posting for Part-time Attendant (#1504-1) increasing it to two (2) positions and removing the shift requirement.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING SCOTT A. LARRICK – CHESTERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Mr. Jemison stated that the Board had been requested by Chesterland Chamber of Commerce to honor their Business Person of the Year.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-044 honoring Scott A. Larrick, Chesterland Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business Person of the Year.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 24, 2011

Resolution: 11-044

A RESOLUTION HONORING SCOTT A. LARRICK
CHESTERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Scott Larrick graduated from West Geauga High School in 1980 as the recipient of the “Mr. Wolverine” award, then later married his wife Polly and became a father; and

WHEREAS, Scott Larrick, Attorney-at-Law gives of himself to his clients and his community by volunteering and by assisting with baseball sign-ups, and selling Christmas Trees; and

WHEREAS, Scott Larrick has served as the co-chair at the pancake breakfasts, chair for the “Student of the month”, and the 4th of July parade, has shopped, wrapped, and “Santa” delivered gifts to families for the Kiwanis, is a Coach for a Lions Club football team, and is involved in the West Geauga Gridiron Group; and

WHEREAS, Scott Larrick aided in the creation of the Chamber scholarship fund and raises money by heading up a golf outing fundraiser; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Scott A. Larrick on being the Chesterland Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business Person of the Year.

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

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

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tues., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 3/29 Health District Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St. Building #8

Thu., 3/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tue., 4/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/7 Geauga County Historical Society will give a presentation update.

Thu., 4/7 Investment Advisory Board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – "STATE OF GEAUGA" PRESENTATION

County Auditor Frank Gliha presented the Board, along with those in attendance the Economic State of Geauga County and more. Mr. Gliha showed the General Fund against all Funds as being 25.66% (\$25,460,657.00) versus 74.34% (\$73,773,044.00) with a total budget of \$99,233,701.00. Mr. Gliha explained that the General Fund was up 26.7% for 2011.

2011 Appropriations: Figures as of 1/1/2011

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| <i>Public Safety</i> | <i>\$9,666,422.00 (38%)</i> |
| <i>Legislative & Executive</i> | <i>\$8,014,718.00 (31%)</i> |
| <i>Judicial</i> | <i>\$3,068,068.00 (12%)</i> |
| <i>Miscellaneous*</i> | <i>\$3,267,537.00 (13%)</i> |
| <i>Conservation/ Recreation</i> | <i>\$517,816.00 (2%)</i> |
| <i>Human Services</i> | <i>\$458,451.00 (2%)</i> |
| <i>Health</i> | <i>\$313,651.00 (1%)</i> |
| <i>Public Works</i> | <i>\$153,996.00 (1%)</i> |

**Miscellaneous includes Hospitalization, Air Navigation, Insurance and Operating Transfer*

Mr. Gliha explained that the Year to Date Total Revenue (Revenue through February was used for comparison) for 2008 was \$3,714,281.00, for 2009 was \$2,862,431.00, and 2010 was \$2,622,221.00 and in 2011 is \$2,844,870.00 showing a decrease from 2008 of 23.41% and up from 2009 8.49%. Mr. Gliha showed the following breakdown of property taxes for 2011 at Full Millage and the Effective Rates.

2011 Full Millage:

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

2011 Effective Rates:

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| <i>Park District</i> | <i>18.96%</i> |
| <i>Senior Citizens</i> | <i>8.61%</i> |
| <i>Mental Health</i> | <i>10.34%</i> |
| <i>Road & Bridge</i> | <i>8.10%</i> |
| <i>Children's Services</i> | <i>5.38%</i> |
| <i>Mental Retardation</i> | <i>25.36%</i> |
| <i>General Fund</i> | <i>21.53%</i> |
| <i>Health District</i> | <i>1.72%</i> |

An analysis on the General Fund for 2010 shows the year end expenses as being 2.20% over the revenues. Mr. Gliha briefly explained the Year to Date 2011 Total Expenses (through February for comparison) 2008 was \$5,313,535.00, 2009 was \$5,126,802.00, 2010 was \$4,358,353.00 and

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2011 as \$4,040,407 showing 23.96% decrease from 2008 and that the expenses are down from last year 7.30%. Mr. Gliha talked about the Year to Date 2011 Sales Tax Revenue and showed a comparison (through February) for 2008 was \$1,851,647.00, 2009 was \$1,733,315.00, 2010 was 1,669,264.00 and 2011 as \$1,765,656.00, showing a decrease of 4.64% from 2008 and being up from last year 5.77%. Investment Revenue was down in 2010 28.94%. The Local Government Fund has been a topic of discussion lately with the State Budget coming down; this fund will drop considerably over the next two years and by 2015 will most likely be non-existent. Mr. Gliha talked about Inmate Housing at the Safety Center showing revenue against expenses as in 2007 and 2008 the revenue was much higher then expenses. In 2009 revenue was \$569,709.00 and the expenses were \$735,238.00 and in 2010 the revenue was \$14,856.00 with expenses being \$726,420.00.

Geauga County Unemployment in December of 2010 was 7.70%, and in comparison to the average 2010 unemployed Geauga was 4.28% with our surrounding counties of Ashtabula at 6.01%, Cuyahoga at 4.70%, Lake at 4.91%, Portage at 5.51%, Summit at 5.33% and Trumbull at 5.85%. Reduction in Workforce can come at a cost. The County's unemployment compensation responsibility is 26 weeks of initial benefits, 20 weeks of 1st extension, 20 weeks of 2nd extension and 33 weeks of 3rd extension. Unemployed employees that are out four to six months start to lose their skills and look for lesser quality jobs. Mr. Gliha showed the percentage of the population that was unemployed in 2010 was 7.6 in Geauga County, while Ashtabula was 12.6, Cuyahoga was 9.5, Lake was 8.4, Portage was 9.8, Summit was 9.9 and Trumbull was 11.8. Mr. Gliha concluded that overall Geauga County in comparison is not doing bad, but we are not great either.

Mr. Gliha spoke about the number of new homes built in Geauga County being down. In 2010 there were 73, while in 2009 there were 183 and in 2008 there were 210. Taking that information and looking at the available vacant land in Geauga County only being 69,422 acres, over the course of time, if residents want a new home in Geauga they may have to tear down the one they have and rebuild on the same property. Property transfers also down at 2994 in 2010, while in 2009 they were 3,159. Mr. Gliha also talked about the Real Estate conveyance, transfer and permissive fees showed a 9.448% increase at 909,668.90 over 2009 at 831,139.50 which was a decrease from 2008 of -29.718%. New Construction adds money to the Tax Duplicate. 2007 added \$152,789,400.00, 2008 added \$106,958,300.00, 2009 added \$83,469,700 and in 2010 added \$102,024,700.00 of which \$63,801,800 was Judson. The Board of Revisions in 2009 heard from 387 residents and helped 79%, in 2010 the Board heard from 384 residents and helped 80%, in 2011 to date has 283 residents and had handled 100 of them so far. Mr. Gliha stated that they would send the tentative abstract (for property valuations) to Columbus in April, that he will be sending a letter to residents in the summer of 2011, with informal hearings planned for late summer and accept informal complaints through September 30, 2011.

In 2010 Geauga County had 487 new foreclosures, but in comparison to Ashtabula who had 759, Cuyahoga had 12,825, Lake had 1,760, Portage had 991, Summit had 4,320 and Trumbull had 1,413, it's a low number. The percent of the foreclosures to the population is 0.532% in Geauga. Ashtabula was 0.748%, Cuyahoga was 1.002%, Lake was 0.765%, Portage was 0.614%, Summit was 0.797% and Trumbull was 0.672%. Mr. Gliha showed a comparison for today's cost of living to 2008 as:

| | 2008 | 2011 | % Increase |
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| Loaf of Bread | \$1.68 | \$2.78 | 65.48 |
| 12 pk of Water | \$1.90 | \$2.63 | 38.42 |
| Lb. of Tomatoes | \$0.68 | \$1.09 | 60.29 |
| Lb. of Bacon | \$2.96 | \$3.68 | 24.32 |
| Gallon of Gas | \$3.29 | \$3.49 | 6.08 |

Overall Geauga County is strong; our Budgets are basically the same as last year. Officials need to continue to be conservative and watch their spending. The Treasurer has stated that the County from collections for 2010 is very strong and the county is doing well. Mr. Gliha stated that he asked local businesses how they were doing and the answer would be they would like to be doing better. New housing development is still occurring in Geauga, but we will not be anywhere near what it was in 2006 or 2007. Mr. Gliha talked about the county's keys to success: Experience, Determination and Brand New Innovations. He said that Geauga County can no longer do business as usual, that if we are passionate and utilize our experience that it can be highly profitable to the County. Looking at our Economy, if our revenues stay flat, for

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2012 through 2015 we will be fine with very little or no growth. If our expenses continue to rise we will need to adjust our spending and we will have to restructure departments. Mr. Gliha stated that growth in Geauga County needs to come through new innovative ideas, Partnerships and Technology.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:08 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk