

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 8, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 8, 2011 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, Tracy A. Jemison 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 Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 3, 2011.*

<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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as an appropriation transfer to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office for pay-ins made into the General Fund for DEA O/T salary and Post 2 reimbursements; cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2011 funding for the County Home, cash transfers for Medical, Dental and Life Insurance for March, 2011; travel request for the Department of Emergency Services; and fourth quarter 2010 Bed Tax disbursements to the City of Chardon and the Geauga County Tourism Council.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-031 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 8, 2011.*

<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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) – NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) combined notice of CDBG Program Income for the Great Lakes Outdoor Supply project. This notice will be published on March 10, 2011.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING AUBURN ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*County Engineer Mike Stone explained that this is the end of the process for Auburn Road project, having received Federal and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) approval to proceed to bid. This sets the advertising and bid opening dates. Commissioner Jemison asked for the estimated cost, to which Mr. Stone replied, approximately \$480,000.00.*

*Mr. Stone stated that the design had just been completed for the Hemlock Point Road Bridge and It is a totally local funded project. The estimated cost for this project is \$225,000.00 and will be a 16x7 precast culvert to replace the concrete slab currently in place. The County Administrator asked for the location of the Hemlock Point bridge, Mr. Stone stated that it was the extension of Music Street, about 1.2 miles south of Route 87.*

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Mr. Stone explained that Chardon Windsor Road and Fairmount Road were the two projects that the Commissioners had just held Public Hearings to discuss the Federal Aid. Estimated cost on Chardon Windsor Road is about \$700,000.00 and Fairmount is about \$600,000.00. These will now be sent to ODOT who will obtain Federal approval. These two projects are in the next fiscal year, so the bid dates will be around July. Mr. Stone explained that with such a late bid date, they wanted to get everything in ahead of time and be ready. Often it can be hard to get everything constructed by September. Commissioner Samide inquired if they would have them completed before the snow flies. Mr. Stone stated that they wanted to have everything signed and ready to go, so when they are able to go to bid they can move forward and get them done before the snow.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections S-U) Federal Aid Project in Chardon Township to be held on April 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on March 17, March 24, March 30 and the county website.

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

Commissioner Young inquired on if the prices of asphalt had gone up. Mr. Stone explained that ODOT does all their index numbers based on the previous month. The February numbers should be being posted now; the April number will be the number going in the bids. Mr. Stone stated that they expect any petroleum based product to go up, but just don't have the numbers yet.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPLACEMENT OF HEMLOCK POINT ROAD BRIDGE IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-032 ordering the Replacement of the Hemlock Point Road Bridge, (Structure #155-1.12) in Russell 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, March 30, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised March 10, 2011 and the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 11-032  
*Date:* March 8, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HEMLOCK POINT ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #155-1.12 IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #10–228 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Hemlock Creek on Hemlock Point Road at mile marker 1.12, and the relocation, grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Hemlock Point Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in Russell Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative for this improvement to the bridge on Hemlock Point Road are in the process of being secured; 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 reconstruction of Structure #155-1.12 on Hemlock*

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*Point 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, March 30, 2011.*

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

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD IN HAMB DEN AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIPS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-033 ordering the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13, Sections A-D) in Hambden and Claridon Townships.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the plans for the same.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 11-033*  
*Date: March 8, 2011*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS A-D OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD (CH 13) IN HAMB DEN AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIPS**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 09-225 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Chardon Windsor Road from Grant Street in the City of Chardon to Old State Road (SR 608) in Hambden and Claridon Townships by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges and culverts as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvement of Sections A-D of Chardon Windsor Road; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a hearing for objections for the improvement of Chardon Windsor Road is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and*

*WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and*

*WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.*

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

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

*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 Hambden Township Board of Trustees, Claridon Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-034 ordering the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections F & G) in Newbury Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the plans for the same.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 11-034*

*Date: March 8, 2011*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS F&G OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH 16) IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 10-013 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Fairmount Road from Sperry Road (CH 12) to Auburn Road (CH 4) in Newbury Township by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges and culverts as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvement of Sections F&G of Fairmount Road; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a hearing for objections for the improvement of Fairmount Road is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and*

*WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and*

*WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.*

*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 hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

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

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

**MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – SHEPP ELECTRIC COMPANY, INCORPORATED, DIVERSIFIED PIPING AND MECHANICAL INCORPORATED**

*Director Glen Vernick stated that this service contract is for the seven (7) generators for the buildings and is for a two year period. This contract covers the yearly inspection, maintenance and any additional repairs that are needed. Mr. Vernick stated that the contract amount is around \$6,000.00 a year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Shepp Electric Company, Incorporated for inspections and maintenance services on Geauga County Generators for Year 2011 and Year 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.*

<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>

*Mr. Vernick stated that we have approximately twenty-seven back flow devices. Mr. Vernick explained that they had combined with Transit, Job and Family Services and the Department on Aging to get a price of \$65.00 per back flow preventer, no matter the size.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Diversified Piping and Mechanical, Incorporated to perform inspections and maintenance services on Geauga County Back Flow Devices for Year 2011 and Year 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.*

<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>

*Mr. Vernick stated that they have four (4) good size back flow preventers at the Safety Center. These yearly inspections are required by the Water department.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Diversified Piping and Mechanical, Incorporated to perform inspections and maintenance services on Geauga County Safety Center Back Flow Devices for the Year 2011 and Year 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.*

<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>

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland stated that this agreement is for the technology improvement grant to upgrade to the 64 bit blade server. The local match comes out of the Federal Law Enforcement Trust account; money that is acquired through seizures.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Public Safety Subgrant Award Agreement for Technology Improvement (#2010-JG-LLE-5108) for the period of February 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 in the amount of \$8,277.78 (\$7,450.00 from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), and \$827.78 from the Federal Law Enforcement Trust).*

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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 – AGREEMENT - LEADERSHIP GEAUGA – PARKING LOT USE

*Mr. Lair explained that they anticipated a large number of people for their business class activities and needed the space to park. Commissioners' Clerk Christine Blair stated that maintenance had surveyed the area for the last couple of weeks on Fridays to ensure the availability of space for approximately thirty-five additional cars.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Leadership Geauga for the use of the parking lot located at 208 East Park Street during Business Class day activities on March 18, 2011.*

<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 – HIRE FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY (#1305) - MARY (KATIE) SCHAAB

*Mr. Lair explained that they had been looking to find an Administrative Secretary to relieve Ms. Blair of the some of the extra duties she has been doing. Mr. Lair explained that they had about fifty people apply for the position and that they have picked Ms. Schaab. She has a degree from Kent State. Prior to having a child she had worked for Charter One bank. Upon making the decision to re-enter the work force she made the decision to not return to the bank and decided that the posting for the position sounded like something that would fit what she wanted to do and serve the residents of Geauga County. The Commissioners' commented on the current smaller number of staff in comparison to years past; they do a very good job, they are dedicated, efficient, and cross trained allowing them to step in and get the job done.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve hiring Mary (Katie) Schaab for the Full-time position of Administrative Secretary (#1305) to be effective March 14, 2011, at a rate of \$10.66 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$11.22 per hour.*

<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>

OTHER - PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING 'FRACKING' AND DUMPING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO GAS AND OIL WELL DRILLING IN GEAUGA COUNTY AND OHIO

*Area resident George Collins presented his concerns to the Commissioners regarding "fracking" and "dumping" in Geauga County and Ohio. Mr. Collins presented the Board with handouts on what is currently happening in Pennsylvania and New York. Mr. Collins explained the process of "fracking"; injection of water and chemicals into the ground to break up the shale, the repercussions of that process; the return of the water, chemicals and radioactive materials that come from the shale, and how it affects ground water. The main concern is the ground water that flows into rivers and Lake Erie. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners to set regulations or deny the dumping of the chemicals into the wells or the process of "fracking" in Geauga County. The Commissioners explained to Mr. Collins that they are required to follow the policies set by the State under the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Jemison stated that right now this process is being regulated by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR), not the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and they have recently started to test the trucks that are "dumping" into the area wells. The Board agreed to follow up and look further into what is happening within the County.*

*Munson resident Ron Atkinson explained currently Counties do not have the authority to say yes or no to these processes taking place. Mr. Atkinson stated that Senator Grendell is in favor for the Townships and the Commissioners having the authority, but needs their support to proceed*

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*further. Mr. Atkinson stated that it needed to start on the County level because they have the resources to do the research, starting with the Health Department. Mr. Atkinson expressed that he felt that the counties in Ohio should have the authority and right to regulate these deliveries.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending February 2011.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 3/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 3/11 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

*Mon., 3/14 The Commissioners will attend the CCAO Regional Legislative Briefing at 11:30 a.m., Mary Yoder's Restaurant, Middlefield*

*Tues., 3/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/17 Leadership Geauga Youth Day*

*Mon., 3/21 Family First Council at 2:00 p.m.*

*Tues., 3/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 3/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 470 Center St., Building #8*

*Thu., 3/24 The County Auditor will present the Economic State of Geauga at 10:30 a.m., 470 Center St. Building #8*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:04 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*William S. Young*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*