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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 10, 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 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 8, 2011.

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

**Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as a payment for travel for the Recorder's spring seminar in the amount of \$230.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-035 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 10, 2011.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – FEBRUARY 2011

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

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

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

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – LICENSED ARCHITECT CONTRACTS FOR 2011 – L. NEAL HOFFMAN AND RICHARD J. SMITH

Director Michael Mihalisin stated this was the annual contracts for their commercial plan examinations only. Mr. Mihalisin stated that Mr. Hoffman has been doing this for the county since 1978. Commissioner Jemison asked if they use two in case of a conflict. Mr. Mihalisin stated they split the plans based on the different types of construction and for vacation coverage. There is no change to the contract; they are for the same rate that has been used for the last ten years.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2011 with L. Neal Hoffman to perform

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architectural reviews for commercial and industrial structures at a rate of \$70.00 per hour for the term March 31, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Licensed Architect Contract 2011 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, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

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

A local resident, Jack McCaskey asked Mr. Mihalisin how much work does this amount to, in the number of hours, more or less than 100 hours. Mr. Mihalisin stated that during a slow year it is more than 100 hours. Mr. Mihalisin explained that the county pays out the \$70.00 for the hour, but when a permit is paid for that time is covered under the cost of the permit. Mr. Mihalisin explained to Mr. McCaskey that they probably pay them between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 apiece, per year.

Mr. Mihalisin stated that they had just taken in their twentieth new home permit today and have four more coming in next week. At the current rate we should see about twenty-five to thirty by the end of the month. Last year we didn't have those numbers until July or August. All total last year we had eighty-nine permits, so they are improving.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADOPT THE 2011 AGING ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Director Sally Bell stated that every year they look at the actual cost of production of the programs they do for seniors. After that analysis is completed they take the total cost of the program and divide it by the total number of units of service provided to get a unit cost. This cost differs from year to year. This is the 2011 suggested donations for those programs. In the past they have asked seniors to donate twenty-five percent (25%) of the production cost of the actual full cost of the program; they have changed from that format in asking for the suggested donation but still have the opportunity to participate at the fullest level. Last year eight percent (8%) of the department's expenses came in as donations. This list is published four times a year in the senior newsletter and posted in conspicuous locations within the senior centers. Mr. Jemison noted that during the work session that they held at the Department on Aging, Ms. Bell had given a breakdown of those donations per program and asked which program had the most donations. Ms. Bell stated that the Chore and Home Maintenance program had the most donations brought in last year. Ms. Bell stated that these are truly suggested donations, that services are provided to senior citizens in this community through the allegiance of the Commissioners' to the program and through the senior services levy. This just publicizes what the costs are for the programs offered and ask program recipients to be a partner in a level that they can participate.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to adopt the Department on Aging Advisory Board's recommendations for the 2011 Suggested Donations for Programs and Services through the Department on Aging to be effective March 1, 2011.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE BIDS – HOME CARE SERVICES: HOMEMAKER AND PERSONAL CARE – GEAUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS AGE SIXTY AND OVER

Ms. Bell explained that six years ago when the levy failed to pass, a program called personal care and homemaker services was dropped. This program is specifically designed to keep people in their own home. It offers a little extra help, it could be to help with a load of laundry, scrubbing the kitchen floor or cleaning the bathroom, these are examples of homemaker kinds of

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chores. Often times due to a stroke or orthopedic problem elderly women are not able to wash their own hair, so that would be personal care. Sending someone in to give a bath or take care of the personal needs of a senior citizen would be personal care. The amount of money that the department is putting into this program will not be enough to solve the problem in Geauga County for all older citizens. They will still have to find other resources, but are looking to offset some of the costs incurred by families looking to keep their loved ones in their own homes. The department's bottom line is the same as what we see the Federal Government doing today. It is very costly to place people in long term care, so if they are able to provide a little assistance to a daughter or daughter in law who is trying to keep their mother or mother in law in their own home, then we will all save money in the long run. Ms. Bell stated they were asking to go out to bid to see what the current market will allow them to provide. Ms. Bell stated that when she started in this county over twenty years ago there was two home health care providers, today there is thirty-six in this county. The market is different. Commissioner Samide referred to a time when she used to assist with home visits. Ms. Bell explained that there is a tier in home health care, and below that is support services, and stated that they would not be doing any medical, this is personal care and home care services. Mr. Jemison stated that there may be something coming from the state that the Governor referred to in his state of the state address. Putting money into keeping people in their own homes is less expensive then putting them into nursing homes; programs like this can help balance the Medicaid budget. Ms. Bell stated that we are still in need of skilled care facilities in our communities. There is danger of trying to draw a line in the sand to keep people in the community but there comes a point when it is no longer cost effective. There is a need for high quality care for elderly people that need to be placed in a skilled facility. We don't want to go so far over the line to make families feel guilty about recognizing the fact they need those services. Mr. Jemison stated that with these services and with what the Governor's plans are, we could slow this process down and ultimately there could be a lot of tax dollars saved. Ms. Bell explained that when we as a society became dependent on a two family income that the ability for someone to be back at home and watch our loved ones became less practical for families and they did tend to place a little earlier then we had in the generation in front of the one we have today. You have to look at your loved one and decide to do what is right for them; it's not always safe for them to stay at home. Ms. Samide commented that as a loss of the extended family continues, young people are coming back into the home. You do want to keep you parents in their home as long as you can, they are the happiest there. Ms. Bell stated that they are seeing that in their Adult Day Care program, families are only wanted one to two days a week because they have someone at home that can take care of them.

Mr. Jemison asked if this was in the budget when it went to the voters. Ms. Bell explained that their long range planning committee, also called the implementation committee determined after analyzing all the services that are currently available as well as what the current needs are, they came up with the recommendation to bring back the program. Mr. Jemison inquired what the budget amount was for this program. Ms. Bell stated that it was about \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00, not a lot of money, but hopeful it will help families. Mr. McCaskey inquired about asking for bids, whether that was for the \$200,000.00, or was it a dollar amount per person. Ms. Bell explained it as being a home health care facility and taking the set dollar amount and determining how many hours your facility could handle at that price broken down per service or hour. Whether its 100 hours or 1000 hours, they have make that determination based on what it costs them internally. If you know that you have clients that are scattered in Chesterland, Thompson or Bainbridge, it might be easier or more cost effective to bid on this knowing that your clients could be closer together in an area; for example, concentrated in Middlefield.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents age sixty (60) and over to be held on April 13, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on March 17, and March 24 and on the county website.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PERMISSION TO HOLD EVENT – JULY 9, 2011

Ms. Bell excitedly stated that University Hospital is sponsoring a family health and safety day at their facility. Ms. Bell explained that while working with the physical and occupational

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therapists at the hospital on their balance program, the therapists had shared that the head of the occupational therapy department has been trained to determine if you are "CAR FIT"; if your car is fit to you. Ms. Bell explained that you are not required to buy special equipment, they just analyze if your car's seat is the correct distance from your brake or gas pedals, if your steering wheel is in the mechanism it needs to be, have you adjusted your mirrors properly, have you walked around your car to determine if it is fit. This is about keeping people safe in their own vehicle, and recognizing what your vehicle can do for you. Ms. Bell explained that they would be identifying volunteers to be trained by the hospital's occupational therapy staff so they help do this analysis. Ms. Bell explained that they look at the senior in the car, have the senior step out, make the adjustments, have the senior get back into the car and make sure the adjustments are correct, have the senior step back out the car and put the adjustments back to where they were set in the beginning, move the car forward and have the senior make the adjustments to where they actually should be, so they know how to do it. This program is free for seniors.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission for an event to be held Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 12555 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon that will include free "CAR-FIT" safety checks for senior citizens that will be sponsored by the Department on Aging and University Hospital Geauga.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – PHIL MILLER CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, OHIO PUMP, AND AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan explained that these were three additional annual contracts for service. Phil Miller Construction is for landscaping and excavating services throughout the year, usually to dig up water or sewer lines. Mr. Jemison stated that this was not for landscaping services at our facility. Mr. Morgan responded no, that they were for the resident's yard to be fixed after the repairs on the lines are completed. Ohio Pump is for repair services that the department can't handle beyond regular maintenance and minor repairs. Mr. Morgan stated that it's better to call in the company that does this for a living. Lastly, Auburn Fence is for any repairs needed to fencing, privacy fences that may come down during weather or from fallen trees.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Phil Miller Construction, Incorporated to perform excavating and landscaping services as needed at various locations within the department for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Ohio Pump to perform pump repair services at various wastewater treatment plants and lift stations within the department for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Auburn Fence Corporation to perform fence repairs, replacement and installations as needed at various county buildings within the department for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

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<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</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 2, 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 February 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was a brief discussion with Mr. McCaskey regarding the CCAO Regional Legislative Briefing meeting being held at Mary Yoder's; and the NOACA meeting and what it does for the county.

MEETINGS

- 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*
- Tues., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 3/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:40 A.M.

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