

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**March 1, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 1, 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 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including an appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for additional appropriations for appointed legal counsel for indigent expenses for the Municipal Court; a cash transfer for January Windstream phone charges; encumbrances include a contract for Hess and Associates for engineering services for the Chagrin Falls Park parking improvement project in the amount of \$8,500.00, travel requests for Juvenile Court, Department on Aging, and the department of Job and Family Services; vouchers payment for the 2011 pro rata share of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals costs in the amount of \$43,261.82 and the first quarter payment for 2011 to the OSU Extension Office in the amount of \$68,316.38.*

*Commissioner Jemison asked for the amount of the indigent expenses. County Administrator David Lair stated that the amount was \$3,000.00 and that the tightening of some reimbursement procedures could bring a portion of that back, but depending on the reimbursement amount it may or may not be worth it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-025 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 1, 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>

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – CREDIT CARD USE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the use of credit cards for the 2011 year for Judge Forrest W. Burt, Judge David L. Fuhry and Joanne E. Monaco for a Visa credit card, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (per month) per person.*

<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>

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY – FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) REHABILITATE RUNWAY 11/29 PHASE 2 PROJECT FINAL REIMBURSEMENT #4 AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT REPORT**

*Patty Fulop briefly discussed the smooth runway award that the Airport received. Ms. Fulop explained that this was the final reimbursement and the closeout report for this grant. Ms. Fulop explained that this was for the access road, off of Route 608, basically their old driveway that was redone so they didn't have to drive across the pavement to the runway and cause breakdown of the pavement. There was an area between the ramp and the runway that the sub-base was not firm enough and it crumbled. Ms. Fulop stated that they had to have them repair it as an additional part of the grant. All the requirements to close out the project and finish out the grant are included in the report including before and after pictures of the runway.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AIP #3-39-0054-1410 Rehabilitate Runway 11/29 Phase 2 Project Final Reimbursement #4 and the Project Closeout Report in the amount of \$20,526.02 (FAA share \$19,499.00 and a local match of \$1,027.02).*

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

*Commissioner Young stated that the local match was coming from the county. Ms. Fulop stated that she believed that Airport Authority would not be receiving any grant funds this year. The Board had previously approved the application for the \$622,000.00 to finish the rest of the paved areas, and per the FAA that is the priority and must be completed before any other projects. The FAA just doesn't have the funding this year and has asked that the remaining funds be carried over to next year. Ms. Fulop explained that with next year's funds they hope to get ODOT to assist with funding and they can get the project completed.*

**MAINTENANCE – HOME DEPOT COMMERCIAL CREDIT APPLICATION**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that this was an application to open an account at Home Depot. Mr. Vernick stated that this gives the department the capability to correct any problems that may occur after hours or on weekends.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Home Depot Application for Commercial Credit. This account will have a maximum monthly spending amount of \$5,000.00, with an authorized single purchase limit of \$5,000.00 for Glen Vernick and Richard Newsome, and an authorized single purchase limit of \$1,000.00 for Rik Wareham, Joe Mukics, Doug Merrell, Brian Smith, Chris Hall and Mike Tvergyak.*

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

**TRANSIT – CONTRACT AMENDMENT #2 AND #3 – TRAPEZE SOFTWARE GROUP, INCORPORATED**

*Director Kristina Reider stated that when Trapeze arrived on site for the first installation it was discovered that the navigational mapping portion which is the turn by turn directions for the drivers was not included. Ms. Reider explained that after searching it was determined that the County did pay for it and that it had been included, just not in the contract amendments. Ms. Reider stated that the amendment adds the software to the existing contract from 1997 and to the yearly maintenance fee.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Contract Amendment #2 with Trapeze Software Group, Incorporated to include the Navigational Mapping Software product to the existing Trapeze Software contract.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Contract Amendment #3 with Trapeze Software Group, Incorporated to include the Navigational Mapping Software to the existing yearly maintenance contract. There is no additional cost as this was included in the original price but omitted from the contract.*

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

*Ms. Reider stated that this was the “go live” week with the new program and that all seventeen computers will be up and running by the end of the week.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING**

*Commissioner Jemison asked for a motion to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the legal notice for the public hearing.*

<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>

*Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:12 a.m. and asked Engineer Michael Stone to explain the Replacement of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge. Mr. Stone stated that this hearing was required on part of the Environmental Justice Federal Aid System. Right now the estimate for this project is \$260,000.00, eighty percent (80%) will be Federal Aid and the county is eligible for another fifteen percent (15%) on our credit bridge program. The program uses Ohio Total Revenue credit and helps the Engineer's office make the match so that the county does not have to be responsible for five percent (5%). Mr. Stone stated that they are currently waiting for that total revenue to be approved. This is a truss bridge located just south of the bike path bridge that goes over the road. The replacement will consist of a twin cell concrete box culvert; two boxes side by side, a cover type structure without a deck requiring less maintenance. Mr. Stone explained that there is one situation that needs to be coordinated on the possibility of mussels living in the stream. As part of the environmental requirement they will have to conduct a study and they will do a check right before the project and if needed the mussels will be moved; it's all a matter of timing. Mr. Jemison stated that it all works out, we just have to take extra precautions. Mr. Stone stated that it is a straightforward Federal Aid project with the extra requirement. Mr. Stone also stated that they required three temporary right of way easements and to date they have not all been signed, but they have agreements on all offers to purchase. Mr. Stone stated that as soon as the credit bridge is approved this will be filed with ODOT to take to bid opening. Commissioner Samide inquired on when this project was originally started. Mr. Stone stated that the first resolution was done in 2009. Being no comments from the public Commissioner Jemison closed the public hearing at 10:15 a.m.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the legal notice for the public hearing.*

<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>

*Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. and asked Engineer Michael Stone to explain the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chardon Windsor Road. Mr. Stone stated that this is for the area including a small city portion from Grant Street to State Route 608 and is a straight resurfacing project. Past resurfacing projects included the widening standards for the Federal Government. The estimate for this project is \$700,420.00 and includes 2 inches and 2 lifts. Being no comments from the public Commissioner Jemison closed the public hearing at 10:16 a.m.*

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS FROM JEFF LORENCZI AND RICH MEAD – WATER OPERATOR I (#2326)**

*Director Doug Bowen stated that Mr. Lorenczi had been with the department for eight or nine years and was unhappy with the changes to PERS and no union raises and decided to leave and has found another job. Mr. Mead also gave notice that he had taken another job. Mr. Bowen explained that they currently are down four people, and are requesting to advertise for two maintenance workers. Mr. Bowen stated that in May eight people in the department were going for licenses and he hoped to be able to hire from within and not have to go outside to hire to fill those positions.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of Jeff Lorenczi from the position of Water Operator I (#2326) effective February 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>

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of Rich Mead from the position of Water Operator I (#2326) effective February 24, 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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE TWO POSITIONS – MAINTENANCE WORKER – WATER / WASTEWATER (#2330)**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions for Maintenance Worker – Water / Wastewater System (#2330) in the Merritt Road Garage. These positions will remain posted until the positions are filled.

<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 – FLOODING**

Mr. Bowen briefly discussed the issues and concerns they had yesterday dealing with the flooding, including the Burton Lake Area. Mr. Bowen explained that the ODNR was coming out today to check the area, as they had to issue a watch and then a warning to the residents in the affected area.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Jemison asked for a motion to waive the reading of the legal notice.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the legal notice for the public hearing.

<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>

Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:23 a.m. and asked Engineer Michael Stone to explain the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road. Mr. Stone stated that this was for the area from Sperry Road to Auburn Road and that since he has been with the county this is the third time this road has been resurfaced. The estimate on this project is \$600,000.00 with eighty percent (80%) Federal Aid with a maximum up to \$520,000.00. Mr. Stone explained that this was a standard resurfacing. Being no comments from the public Commissioner Jemison closed the public hearing at 10:24 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT PHIL KING – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to appoint Phil King to the Public Defender Commission for the remainder of the unexpired term of Edward T. Brice, ending October 4, 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>

Mr. Young stated that Mr. King was excited and pleased that the Board was taking action to appoint him to this position. Ms. Samide also commented that Mr. Umholtz was also pleased with the appointment.

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**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING CUB SCOUT PACK #91 ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-026 Cub Scouts Pack #91 recipients for achieving the Arrow of Light Award.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 11-026*

*Date: March 1, 2011*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CUB SCOUTS PACK 91, MUNSON TOWNSHIP FOR ACHIEVING THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD, THE HIGHEST RANK IN CUB SCOUTING**

*WHEREAS, The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting that could be earned by a Webelos Scout; and*

*WHEREAS, To earn the Arrow of Light Award a Webelo must be active in his den for at least 6 months since completing the fourth grade, and have earned the Webelos badge, show knowledge , earn five activity badges in addition to the three already earned for the Webelos badge and must include Fitness, Citizen, Readyman, Outdoorsman, one from the Mental Skills Group, one from the Technology Group and two others of their choice.*

*WHEREAS, the Webelos, with their den, must also visit one Boy Scout Troop meeting, one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity, participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike. After completing all five requirements, and after a talk with their Webelos den leader, arrange to visit (with a parent or guardian) a Boy Scout Troop they think they might like to join and have a conference with the Scoutmaster. Finally the Webelos must complete the Honesty Character Connection; and*

*WHEREAS, By the time a Webelos Scout earns the Arrow of Light Award he will have learned many things about a lot of subjects – and a lot about Boy Scouting. He will be ready to join a Boy Scout troop; and*

*WHEREAS, When a Webelos has completed all of the requirements, he has earned the right to wear the Arrow of Light badge, which will be presented during a ceremony at a Pack meeting; and*

*WHEREAS, The following boys have achieved the Arrow of Light: John Benson, Ben Brewster, Joey Scerbo, Dean Coso, Drew Cressman, Andrew Dwyer, Calvin Eggert, Danny Mansfield, Tyler Mintus, James Peric, and Ethan Williams; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes the above Webelos Cub Scouts for achieving the rank of Arrow of Light;*

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

<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 HOME – EXECUTIVE SESSSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session to for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee.*

<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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*Mr. Jemison stated that for the record Laura LaChapelle, David Lair, Colleen Lockhart and Karen DeCola were present in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 10:41 a.m. The following actions were taken as a result of this executive session.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve placing Patricia Collins on paid administrative leave beginning Thursday, February 10, 2011 pending disciplinary action and removing her from paid administrative leave on March 4, 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer for the termination of Patricia Collins.*

<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 the termination of Patricia Collins and execute the order of removal, reduction, suspension, fine, involuntary disability separations (R.C. 124.34) form for Full time attendant at the County Home to be effective March 4, 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>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT MODIFICATION – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

*Director Sally Bell stated that she had received an email from Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging regarding the funding that had been received for the Aging and Disability Resource Center and was offered an additional \$9,800.00. Ms. Bell stated that she revised the budget and attached it to the form. This money will cover the purchase of two (2) computers and travel expenses associated with the service. Ms. Bell explained that they would be an information center for people with disabilities between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59). Ms. Samide posed the question of where the money came from. Ms. Bell explained that the money was taken off the Older Americans Act to start the project and that was done on a range. Overall, the purpose of this project is to try and decrease the money going out in Medicaid. If money is invested on the front end to help people identify resources available to them and help them stay in their own homes in the community, the end result will be less people needing long term care under Medicaid. The service will be providing resources in the area to those in the community. Through articles in the paper about this service, we've already started to receive phone calls. We are working with LEAP, a program through United Way in Geauga County. Ms. Bell explained those physically disabled usually have orthopedic, hearing or vision problems and those are conditions already related to Seniors, so we have most of the same information already at hand.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Contract Modification for National Council on Aging (NCOA) Supplemental Funds form between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for supplemental funding through a grant from the US Administration on Aging and the US Department of Health and Human Services for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$9,800.00 increasing the contract amount to \$137,300.00.*

<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>

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*Ms. Bell invited the Board to attend an upcoming Focus Group meeting with Western Reserve Leadership on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for the roll out of the new program.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.*

<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. Jemison stated that for the record County Engineer R.L.Phillips, Ron Geller, Sheriff Dan McClelland, Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand, Director of Water Resources Doug Bowen, Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle and David Lair were present in executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 11:51 a.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 23, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The 2010 Annual Inventory of all materials, machinery, tools and other county supplies pursuant to ORC 305.18 for the following: Aging, Archives/Records Center, Auditor, Board of Elections, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Building, CASA, Clerk of Courts, Legal and Title, Common Pleas Court – Judge Burt and Judge Fuhry, Community Development, Commissioners, Coroner, County Home, Department of Emergency Services, Engineer, Intensive Supervision Probation, Job and Family Services, Law Library, Maintenance, Mental Health, Planning, Probate/Juvenile Court, Prosecutor, Prosecutor – Victim Witness & Criminal Investigation, Recorder, Sheriff, Soil and Water, Transit, Veterans, Water Resources and Chardon Municipal Court.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Samide noted that the Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.*

**MEETINGS**

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

*Tues., 3/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 3/8 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street*

*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.*

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

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

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:53 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*