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November 8, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 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 10:01 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 November 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the work session with the Park District on November 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 Cash transfers for Medical, Dental and Life Insurance for November 2011; Cash transfer out of the General Fund for a portion of 2011 funding for the County Home; and Travel requests for the Department of Job and Family Services and the County Engineer.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-174 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 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>

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of October, 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of October, 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – PART-TIME ASSISTANT SITE COORDINATOR (#1005-1) – ADVERTISE POSITION

Director Sally Bell explained that they were asking for a variation of an existing job. Ms. Bell stated that they have Assistant Site Coordinators at each of the senior centers, but that West Geauga senior center has continued to grow to a point that they are having only about 100 people less a year than what is coming to the multi-purpose senior center in Chardon. In taking a look at how to facilitate all these people, one way is to give the Site Coordinator an extra set of hands, three days a week and then two days a week have that person work in the adult day care. Fortunately for the community and unfortunately for the families there has been an increased need for services for the Alzheimer population and Dementia patients here in the county. Ms. Bell stated that the position has been upgraded but that they were not adjusting the pay. Ms. Bell explained that they expect to hire someone with a college degree and not just a high school diploma.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the new job description for a Part-time Assistant Site Coordinator (#1005-1).

<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 grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Assistant Site Coordinator (#1005-1) beginning on November 18, 2011 and accept applications until 4:30 p.m. on December 2, 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 – ADVERTISE POSITION – PART-TIME TRANSPORTATION DRIVER (#1020-1)

Ms. Bell explained that she was asking to replace the part-time driver that recently retired. Ms. Bell felt that when they had asked to hire an additional full-time driver that they would be able to absorb the additional hours of the out of county medical appointments for seniors. The department is just inundated with requests and is running tons of people through. Ms. Bell stated that in two months of the third quarter they had transported as many people as they did in the first half of the year. Commissioner Jemison inquired if the expansion happening at UH Geauga's cancer center will help with this situation. Ms. Bell stated yes, that part of the increase is due to dialysis patients out of Heather Hill. Ms. Bell stated that they are being taken to Jefferson, Mentor and Euclid just to be able to receive their dialysis. These patients are only going one way, as they can't handle that many extra trips to go both ways, so they have split those trips with their family members. Heather Hill did work out a transportation program for their patients but it really does involve long periods of waiting. The cancer addition at the hospital should make a difference for radiation and some of the chemo clients that are being done now, but there are still a lot of Veterans being taken to the VA Hospital and couples going for second opinions. Commissioner Samide inquired about the average age of the clients that are being transported. Ms. Bell stated that off the top of her head she believed it was in the early 80's.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Transportation Driver (#1020-1) beginning on November 18, 2011 and accept applications until 4:30 p.m. on December 2, 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 – ADVERTISE BIDS – SENIOR ASSESSMENTS FOR GEAUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER

Ms. Bell explained that they were going to try this for the first time, stating that the bid specifications were written for a senior adult assessment and include everything they liked about

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the current program they have with UH Hospitals and include an in home visit. Ms. Bell thanked the Prosecutor's office and Laura LaChapelle for working hard to get the specifications turned around in a short period of time, and that she really appreciated it. Ms. Bell stated that in 2008 before going for the last levy that they had planned out how many senior assessments they could do in the county and planned financially in the budget to be able to do them. The amount of money we are offering will be based per Geauga county senior, to be able to get the reimbursement. They are under the originally predicted number by 50% and hope this will be attractive to healthcare providers and services. Ms. Samide inquired if that meant they would be able to do twice as many. Ms. Bell responded that they would not be able to as this is not a money maker for the facilities. Ms. Bell noted that often the people who offered this program in the past have let it go based on finances. Ms. Bell stated that it was odd because a senior's insurance will pay for all the doctors involved. Ms. Bell stated that what they were really looking at is the overhead cost for the social worker to consolidate the information, the home visit components and the meetings with the families before and after the assessment, with follow up afterwards. Thirty days following the final meeting the social worker will contact the family to see what is happening and if they have implemented any of the plans; three months later they will follow up again and then again in six months. If a client is referred to an agency for follow up, it will be the first three months every month, then three months and then six months so these seniors don't fall through a crack. Ms. Bell explained that she was nervous but excited to get families to participate.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for Senior Assessments for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over to be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on November 17, 2011 and November 24, 2011 and on the county website.

<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 – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN - LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS – 15332 OLD STATE ROAD PROPERTIES, LLC

Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this was a revolving loan client that would be moving into the old Carlisle building. This client is willing to put up with the EPA regulations and inspections. Mr. Jemison stated that every report received is getting better and that client was fixing up the outside too.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute following legal binding documents between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and 15332 Old State Road Properties, LLC for the Local Revolving Loan Fund loan for the improvement of land and building at 15332 Old State Road, Middlefield, in the amount of \$75,000.00 for five years (60 months) at three and one half percent (3.5%) interest: Loan Servicing Letter, Mortgage, Promissory Note, Participation Agreement, Guaranty for Jeanette DeJesus, and Guaranty for Louis DeJesus.

<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 – AMENDMENT TO FREQUENCY RECONFIGURATION AGREEMENT – NEXTEL WEST CORP. (SPRINT NEXTEL)

Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this is part of the re-banding of the radio equipment that is taking place. All of this is being paid for by Sprint Nextel. Sheriff McClelland stated that originally the documents submitted included estimated numbers and estimated equipment, and now they have begun to reconcile those accounts as work is being completed. Today we are doing a reconciling of subscriber counts and some additional equipment that will also be replaced at no cost to the county by Sprint Nextel as we move forward.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Amendment to Frequency

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Reconfiguration Agreement between the County of Geauga and Nextel West Corp. (Sprint Nextel) to adjust for the actual subscriber count and to add equipment for the infrastructure retune.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACE FAIRMOUNT ROAD

Engineer Mike Stone explained that there are two typical items that can cause a change order; pavement repair and back up aggregate. These two things were both needed and caused the increase.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 and final increasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections F & G) in Newbury Township in the amount of \$3,452.24.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING KENSTON'S TIMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A 2011 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-175 Honoring Kenston's Timmons Elementary School on being named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-175
Date: November 8, 2011

A RESOLUTION HONORING KENSTON'S TIMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A 2011 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Kenston's Timmons Elementary School has been named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School for their academic excellence by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors both public and private schools on one of two criteria based upon the schools performance; 1) schools with students that are high performing on state assessments and/ or performance levels, or 2) schools with at least 40% of students from a disadvantaged background that improve performance to high levels on state assessments or national tests; and

WHEREAS, Kenston's Timmons Elementary School is one of three hundred four (304) schools in the country to receive this award, and will be honored along with two hundred fifty-four (254) public and forty-nine (49) private schools in Washington D.C. in November; and

WHEREAS, Kenston's Timmons Elementary School was one of twelve (12) public schools in the state of Ohio that will be recognized and given this honor; and

WHEREAS, Kenston School's Superintendent, Dr. Robert Lee expressed his excitement and stated that "This is a fine reflection of the collaborative efforts of our faculty, staff, parents and the townships of Auburn and Bainbridge"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Kenston's Timmons Elementary School on being named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School.

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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<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 AL BONNIS ON HIS RETIREMENT AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-176 Honoring Al Bonnis on his Retirement and for his Outstanding Service.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-176
Date: November 8, 2011

*A RESOLUTION HONORING AL BONNIS ON HIS RETIREMENT
AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE*

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis worked for the counties of Jackson, Butler, Fairfield, Hardin and Seneca before coming and serving the last sixteen years as the District Conservationist for Geauga, Lake and Ashtabula's Tri-county area; and

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis has designed and installed thousands of conservation practices throughout the State of Ohio that have included waterways, ditches, animal waste pads, fencing, pipelines, ponds, all weather horse pads, manure nutrient management plans and animal waste storage structures; and

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis created and designed an all-weather turnout pad design for horse operations that was approved and a standard for the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis is well known for his experience and wealth of knowledge, for being an advocate for farmers by giving technical assistance, and for his infectious, laid back personality; and

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis's contributions and dedication to the conservation of natural resources in preventing soil erosion and improvements to water quality throughout the State of Ohio is not only an accomplishment but a compliment of his outstanding qualities and service for which he has given for the last thirty years to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, Al Bonnis' standards will continue to address the needs of the equine industry not only in Geauga County but across the State of Ohio; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor Al Bonnis on his retirement from USDA Natural Resources Service and for his outstanding service and dedication for continued efforts to improve soil erosion, water quality along with the conservation of natural resources; and

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>

District Director Carmella Shale, PE, Engineer from Soil and Water Conservation District was present along with Mr. Al Bonnis. Mr. Jemison inquired how long Mr. Bonnis has been retired. Mr. Bonnis explained that it had been about a month, and joked that he has been vacuuming, fixing shelves and shopping with his wife. Mr. Bonnis stated that it has been wonderful to be able to relax. Mr. Jemison read the resolution passed and the Board presented it to Mr. Bonnis. Mr. Jemison thanked and congratulated him on his service and his retirement.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Ravenwood Mental Health Association 2010 Annual Report.*
- b) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of October, 2011.*
- c) *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 October 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. Mr. Jemison noted that at the Township Association dinner that there was a special presentation taking place by State Auditor David Yost of an award to Geauga County and the Auditor.

MEETINGS

Tues., 11/8 The Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

Wed., 11/9 Township Association Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Montville Community Center

*Thu., 11/10 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

Thu., 11/10 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Mon., 11/14 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Executive Meeting

Tues., 11/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 11/15 Martha Jagucki with USGS will give a presentation concerning the USGS Ground Water Study for Geauga County

Thu., 11/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 11/21 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m.

Tues., 11/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 11/24 **County offices will be closed for general business for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Fri., 11/25 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business.***

Tues., 11/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:31 A.M.

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Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk