

**Commissioners' Journal**  
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*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 12, 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 May 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as a payment to Chagrin Valley Paving for the Board of Developmental Disabilities sheltered industries paving project in the amount of \$190,755.19.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-078 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 12, 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 – APRIL 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 April, 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 April, 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>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – MODIFICATION INCREASE TO 2011 EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAM “MATTER OF BALANCE”**

*Director Sally Bell explained that this was for the “Matter of Balance” Program, which is an exercise program to educate seniors on the reasons why they fall and how they can be safer in their own environment. The contract came out late this year for that program but the department was able to complete all of our own units. Ms. Bell explained that it had become clear to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging that one of the Cuyahoga County agencies was not going to be able to draw down the available funding and contacted us and asked if we could anything to provide this service to more people. The department already had a class scheduled that would have not been receiving reimbursement, but because it's important that seniors have the opportunity to access that information it was still scheduled. With this additional funding we will receive 20 of the 26 units. An additional class for the Alzheimer's*

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*clients will be held but the department is planning to do it in eight consecutive days versus the eight weeks that it normally is held in. The hope is to reinforce that information consistently in a shorter amount of time. Ms. Bell stated that if all goes as planned they will be able to draw down that additional \$5,200.00. Ms. Bell stated that this is discussion as well as exercise to help seniors keep their balance. Those seniors that were tested in the assessment that were at risk are the ones being asked to participate in this class.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Modification of the 2011 Evidence-Based Prevention Program Initiatives Grant Agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Department on Aging increasing the contract award for the "Matter of Balance" for seniors program for the period January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011 in the amount of \$5,200.00 for a total contract award of \$12,400.00.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2011 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM**

*Ms. Bell explained that the department was eligible to receive 175 packets of coupons valued at \$50.00 each. Ms. Bell stated that this was for the Farm Market Program. As with last year the Federal Government only looks at the income level and not the nutritional risk factors. In Geauga County we look at those risk factors and are preparing a letter that will be sent out to those in the SAM's computer database that are low income and at nutritional risk and asking if they want to participate in the program. Those that write back and tell us that they do, will be given the coupons; a second mailing will go out after that to just those at low income. Ms. Bell stated that because there are so many seniors at nutritional risk, not just in Geauga County but everywhere that it was decided to really target those at risk and not just low income. Ms. Bell stated that she would be back to have contracts for our own Geauga County Program. Commissioner Samide inquired if it was because they don't eat as much. Ms. Bell explained that she felt it was because they couldn't afford it. That you can purchase 3 cans of canned peas for \$1.00 or one bag of fresh peas for \$1.00, plus it's also a matter of convenience, to clean and prepare them. Ms. Bell stated that we are very lucky in Geauga County to have so many farmers that participate and take the coupons. Several years ago they identified nationally that sixty percent (60%) of elderly people that were admitted to hospitals were mal-nurished. Ms. Samide stated that generally the older you get the less you eat. Ms. Bell stated that it was more important for seniors to get and eat good fresh fruits and vegetables and not all processed foods. Ms. Bell stated that both programs are GROW OHIO and that there are no administrative costs, that the total amount goes to the seniors.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2011 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Geauga County Department on Aging for the period June 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 for a total of 175 coupon sets valued at \$8,750.00.*

<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>

**ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – PROMOTE FULL-TIME ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CLERK (#2607) – AMBER SHERBONDY**

*Director Linda Burhenne explained that this was part of the re-organization after the Records Courier resigned. A current part-time Micrographics Clerk position was rolled into the Courier position and created a Full-time Archives and Records Clerk position that would require cross training in research and retrieval and have other responsibilities than just microfilming and scanning. Ms. Burhenne stated that it was important to make sure that everyone in the office could do everything because often there are only 4 people in the department. Ms. Smolko who has been with the county for many years agreed to cut back her hours in an effort to make this more of a cost saving measure.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the promotion of Amber Sherbondy to the position of Full-time Archives and Records Clerk (#2607) to be effective May 15, 2011 at a rate of \$9.63 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will increase to \$10.14 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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACE AUBURN ROAD**

*Engineer Joe Cattell explained that these were the Unit Contracts for Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road from Mentor Road North to the County Line; Butternut Road from Mayfield Road behind Notre Dame to Auburn Road; and Clay Street from State Route 166 to Thompson Road in Thompson. Mr. Cattell stated that all of these jobs came in substantially under the Engineer's estimate. Mr. Cattell explained that the AC index has not jumped and that it usually follows fuel, AC is what can't be refined into fuel and generally they follow each other but so far they haven't. Mr. Cattell stated that there would no road closures and that traffic will be maintained.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Unit Price Contract (RS-4SU-11) with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections S-U) in Chardon Township, in the amount of \$367,642.54.*

<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 – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACE BUTTERNUT ROAD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Unit Price Contract (RS-21AC-11) with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Butternut Road (CH 21, Sections A-C) in Munson Township, in the amount of \$321,451.10.*

<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 – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACE CLAY STREET**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Unit Price Contract (RS-37KL-11) with Kokosing Construction, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH 37, Sections K & L) in Thompson Township, in the amount of \$421,864.16.*

<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>

**PLANNING COMMISSION – PLAT OF STONERIDGE OF GEAUGA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4 – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Director Dave Dietrich explained that the plat had been reviewed at the last Planning Commission meeting. This subdivision is located in Bainbridge Township at the old quarry site off of Pettibone Road west of State Route 306. Devonshire Lane and Devon Court are installed and maintained as private roads by the Home Owners Association. Mr. Dietrich stated that originally this started out as a condo development and has been converted to a subplot phase in approach as sales occur or are secured. There are three lots here in Phase 4. Mr. Dietrich stated that easements are recorded for sewer and that they are tied in to the McFarland Creek*

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*plant; the lots have individual water wells. This subdivision is surrounded by open space and there are common areas that have easement purposes for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, with an overall density of five acres that will be maintained. Mr. Dietrich stated that the Board need not be thrown off by the lot size, that there are 39-40 lots overall and that the five acre lot will be maintained per Bainbridge zoning. Mr. Dietrich stated that he felt the owner didn't want to get too far ahead of himself. Commissioner Jemison stated that this phase-in of lots would give him more flexibility in selling two to three acre lots together. Commissioner Young stated that in the subdivision there appeared to be about twelve houses. Mr. Dietrich stated that they were roughly about a third of the way filled.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Plat of Stoneridge of Geauga Subdivision, Phase 4 in Bainbridge Township.*

<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>

**PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Environmental Enforcement Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District relating to the enforcement of Environmental Laws throughout the district, pursuant to O.R.C. 343.01, by assigned Environmental Officer Karen Sweet for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 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 – MASTER PROOF OF LOSS – CORSA – BUILDING #70 GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Master Proof of Loss document from CORSA for the wind and storm damage to Building #70 at the Geauga County Fairgrounds on April 17, 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>

*Geauga County Agricultural Society Secretary Paul Harris explained that this building is from the old water works and that currently two bays are used by the Burton Police Department and two bays are used for storage by the fairgrounds. Mr. Harris stated that the building had a flat roof with a drain in the center and the wind peeled back the flat roof and the roofing material underneath is what had been blown off and then the roof was laid back down. At first they were unsure where the materials had come from until they went into the building. The roof is being replaced with a pitch roof and should be completed by June 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – ANNUAL UPDATE**

*Mr. Harris and Bob Rogish presented the Board with their annual report. Mr. Harris started with thanking the Board for going to Columbus with the Agricultural Society. Mr. Harris explained that the Board President Tony Rastall had stepped down because of some serious medical issues. Term limits are three years for Vice President and President and currently Bob Rogish is in his first year of his term for Vice President and voted to retain Mr. Rogish in his Vice President position but serve as the President for the remainder of this year.*

*Mr. Harris explained that Grounds Manager Bob Stack retired after twelve years. His retirement didn't last but only three days and he was back brush hogging and mowing the next day. Greg Thomas will be his replacement, as he has worked with Mr. Stack and should be a perfect fit, including having "Fair Fever".*

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*Mr. Harris presented the Board with the project list or "wish list" and explained that there is no way to complete everything on the list but were trying to itemize the jobs out. Mr. Harris explained that projects they were taking on this summer included the following:*

*Community Development Sidewalk Improvement: This project that will handle the upkeep on the midways keeping them safe.*

*Campground electric: \$40,000.00 planned project to upgrade all the electric to accommodate the 300 campers they have during the fair, to help maintain all the air conditioners and heaters if needed depending on the weather.*

*Sewer line project: \$67,000.00 project is in and complete. The Commissioners went half on a .25 acre parcel on Goodwin Street that was purchased from the American Legion and which had the tie in paid for and was the last lot that could tied in and that allowed elimination of a problematic lift station. This project alone will pay for itself as the lift station cost about \$8,000.00 a year in upkeep.*

*New Sheep complex: The Rich Bradshaw stable barn that is located next to the Junior Fair Building will be burned by the Burton Fire Department as a training exercise on Sunday morning. This new complex will cost around \$200,000.00 to complete and will consist of a 60x130 foot building with open sides for curtain ventilation with 120 new sheep pens. The old sheep barn will be split in half, the back half for goats and the front half will be a showing arena for the goats and sheep, getting them out of a tent. Mr. Jemison inquired on the financing for the project. Mr. Harris stated that they didn't have all the details yet but that they had secured a loan with Middlefield Bank with ten years to pay for all the projects. Mr. Bradshaw has been relocated to the beef barn.*

*Other things include upgrades, roofs on merchant halls, barns to be painted and general upkeep across the fairgrounds, including upgrades to the electrical panels. Mr. Harris stated that by the time all the projects are completed this year they could be pushing close to a half million dollars that will be put back into the grounds this year.*

*Another change this year is the release time on Monday for the fair. Animals and concessions will now be required to stay until 8:00 p.m. The ride companies have been pushing to add an additional day but the revenue is not there. In 1980 the time was changed from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Fair Board has seen a thirty percent (30%) drop in attendance on Monday afternoons and that is about \$50,000.00 that they can't afford to lose.*

*Mr. Harris explained that the grounds use remains constant, and that there is not a weekend between now and the fall that the grounds are not in use. It continues to be busy and that doesn't include all the people in there daily using it like a park.*

*Mr. Harris thanked the Board for investing in the fairgrounds. Mr. Jemison stated that it was a good return on their investment.*

*Mr. Harris invited the Board to come out to the fairgrounds during July or August to take a ride through the grounds and see the upgrades and the projects that are going on.*

*Mr. Rogish stated that he looked forward to working with the Board more closely. Mr. Jemison stated that the grounds are looking great and that the Fairs are better then ever, and that the Fair Board was really doing a great job.*

*Mr. Young commented that this is so good for the county, that so many people come from other counties because they are so impressed by what you do there. You do such a good job and it's wonderful for people to come out and when they are here they are spending and putting money into the county.*

*Ms. Samide stated that there is a big difference between our fairgrounds and others. Mr. Harris stated that there are countless hours of volunteers that help out on the fairgrounds. Mr. Harris noted that some other fairs last year that only had 7,500 people in attendance, and that he felt that stems from a lack of support. County Administrator David Lair stated that this is really a county fair, and the county embraces it as a whole. Mr. Harris stated that agriculture really is*

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*the showcase and that was what they were committed to do, but the rides, games and food are all a part of it, bit agriculture is what is most important to them.*

*A brief discussion was held about whether the Geauga Learn program would be taking place again this year. Mr. Harris stated that at this point he had heard it wouldn't be. Another brief discussion was had regarding the cost of entertainment at the fair. Mr. Harris stated that to keep the grandstand from going dark that they had added entertainment on Monday afternoon.*

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – 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 noted for the record that Superintendent Don Rice along with Mr. Lair joined them in executive session.*

*The Board returned from executive session at 11:49 a.m. The following action was taken as a result of this executive session.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Metzenbaum Employees Association for the period through May 31, 2014.*

<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>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 4, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of April 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 April 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Fri., 5/13 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

*Sat., 5/14 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Munson Troop 91 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, 1:30 p.m. Chardon United Methodist Church*

*Sat., 5/14 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Aquilla Village Baseball Dedication, 2:00 p.m. Aquilla Village Park*

*Mon., 5/16 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Western Reserve EERA meeting 10:00 a.m. at the Leonard Krieger CanalWay Center, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation*

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*Mon., 5/16 Board of Revision*

*Mon., 5/16 Family First Council meeting 2:00 p.m.*

*Tues., 5/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 5/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 5/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER  
SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:55 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*

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