

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 1, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 1, 2012 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 26, 2012.*

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

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LETTER AGREEMENT – FOGLE /STENZEL ARCHITECTS, INCORPORATED**

*Business Manager Steve Tucker explained that this agreement with Fogle / Stenzel Architects is for several projects that they hope to conduct during this year. The first is to replace about nineteen windows that are the original windows to the building, second is put in HVAC air conditioning into the Multi-purpose room, which was the original gym and cafeteria to allow the adult clients an area for recreation, movement and exercise that in the summer will not affect their conditions, and last is to modify three classrooms to make them more adult friendly for rehabilitation, which is to work on daily living skills, instead of the workshop. It can often be distracting back and forth for those in workshop to see people having fun, and those in rehabilitation to be curious about the workshop. Commissioner Jemison asked what the budget was for these projects. Mr. Tucker stated that the construction estimate was \$215,000.00 and the fee for the architect is 12% of the estimate cost. Mr. Tucker mentioned that it had been discussed before regarding the cost of the architects fees, having looked into some architects websites he discovered that the majority of them were 15% to 18%, noting that they were probably higher since they were promoting architects. Mr. Tucker noted that the department has a long history since the 1990's with Fogle / Stenzel, adding that they provide some project management by holding weekly meetings with the contractors and sub-contractors to make sure things go well. Commissioner Samide noted that the agreement reads: Architect Fixed Fee, and asked that even if there were any changes, would they stick to the agreement. Mr. Tucker replied that the \$25,800.00 would not change.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Letter Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Fogle / Stenzel Architects, Incorporated for the architects fixed fee for the 2012 Classroom, Multi-purpose Room, and Window Renovation at the Metzenbaum Center in the amount of \$25,800.00.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including a Revenue Certification for the Board of Mental Health fund; Transfers out of the General Fund for first quarter 2012 interest, and Transfers into the General Fund for the Job and Family Services building lease payment for May 2012; a Contract for Fogle/Stenzel Architects for architect and project management fees for the classroom, multi-purpose room, and window renovation at the Metzenbaum Center in the amount of \$25,800.00; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Common Pleas Court and the Department of Job and Family Services; a payment to Charlie's Dodge, Incorporated for the state contract purchase of a 2012 Jeep Liberty for the Engineer's*

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Office in the amount of \$17,102.00; and a payment to CORSA for program costs for property, auto and general liability insurance in the amount of \$362,834.00.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-085 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 1, 2012.

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

**GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – LETTER AND APPENDIX D STANDARD ASSURANCE FORMS – FY 2013 OHIO AIRPORT GRANT PROGRAM**

*Business Manager Patty Fulop explained that in the fall of 2010 they had re-paved the runway and are looking to do the rest of the pavement. Ms. Fulop stated that they discovered that some of the pavement is breaking down pretty severely, that it is old, and that there is also some drainage issues that need to be addressed which will cost about \$50,000.00 to repair. Ms. Fulop stated that they were looking to take some of the asphalt out and replace it with concrete, especially around the Med-Evac helicopter; as the asphalt breaks down it tends to loosen up particles and when the helicopter rotor goes it causes those particles to create a sandblasting effect, which becomes an issue. Other areas that need repair are in front of the firebird hangar and the heaviest used area by the fuel farm, as that gets the most traffic.*

*Ms. Fulop explained that in December a discussion took place with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding pre-applying for an FAA grant that would cover the cost of the whole project, about \$665,000.00. Our liaison at the time, Alex Urstein felt that this would compete favorably and it would be easy to get for the pavement over other projects. Ms. Fulop stated that things happen and Mr. Urstein is no longer our liaison, as he is now in Michigan. The new liaison is Irene Porter, who is very experienced and has signed many applications; however Ms. Porter doesn't share the same passion for our airport that Mr. Urstein did originally, so we will have to work on winning her over. County Administrator David Lair inquired if Ms. Porter had been out to visit the airport yet? Ms. Fulop replied that she had not yet been out, and that Ms. Porter believed we would only be able to get our entitlements which we have saved up the last couple of years for this project in the amount of about \$331,000.00. Ms. Fulop stated that we know we will get our entitlements, which are \$329,465.00 and with our match will be \$366,072.00, which will allow for a fair amount of the work to get completed; the drainage and concrete work are the most important.*

*Ms. Fulop explained that this was to apply to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funds, in case we are unable to get any additional Federal funds. The amount request from ODOT is \$265,000.00 which with a match will bring it to almost \$300,000.00, which is the amount needed to complete the project for this year. Mr. Jemison asked for clarification on the amount, as the motion amount read \$269,000.00. Ms. Fulop replied that it was for the \$269,000.00. Mr. Jemison then inquired about the total cost for the project. Ms. Fulop stated that the total project cost comes out to \$665,000.00 with FAA and ODOT funds along with our match. Ms. Fulop went on to explain that at the beginning of this year the FAA changed the grant program and upped the match from 5% to 10%. In the past we always tried for FAA grants first because the match was only 5%. Mr. Jemison stated that now there was no advantage. Ms. Fulop stated that they were applying to both, FAA and ODOT to see who would give us enough funds; we have the entitlements from FAA and are hoping for more from them, and for the funds from ODOT.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Letter and Appendix D Standard Assurance Forms to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation for the FY2013 Ohio Airport Grant Program for Reconstruct Asphalt Apron and a Portion of Taxiway B at the Geauga County Airport in the amount of \$269,000.00.

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

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MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – WHEELER LANDSCAPING, INCORPORATED

*Director Glen Vernick explained that this contract is with Wheeler Landscaping for the Red Simmons Memorial site for the irrigation system which includes sprinklers. Mr. Vernick stated that the company will come in at the beginning of summer and do a complete systems check, including the back-flow preventer as it is tied into the main line. Mr. Vernick stated that this is a two year contract, that it costs \$252.00 a year, but does not include any replacement parts or repairs. This contract allows a cushion of about \$500.00 to cover any additional costs in case something happens; it may not be needed, but it's there in case we have to use it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Wheeler Landscaping, Incorporated to perform irrigation services and maintenance of the Red Simmons Memorial site located at 12450 Merritt Road, Chardon for the Year 2012 and Year 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2012 in the amount \$20,000.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Tourism Council, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.692 for the Year 2012 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Historical Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.23 for the Year 2012 in the amount of \$20,000.00.*

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HIRE RACHEL LANE – SUMMER HELP #0101

*Program Coordinator Rhea Benton explained that Ms. Lane worked for the department last summer, did a great job and they were excited to have her back. Ms. Samide inquired about the forty hours a week. Ms. Benton stated that Ms. Lane is very efficient and will be working less hours than last year, but expect that she will get a lot done.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the re-hiring of Rachel Lane to the position of Summer Help (#0101), second year to be effective May 7, 2012 with a maximum of forty (40) hours per week at a rate of \$8.50 per hour through September 30, 2012 or until the start of school – whichever comes first, for a maximum of 21 weeks.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**

*Ms. Benton stated this was the status report for the formula grant, adding that it was still early in the year so there hasn't been a lot expended through it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Community Development Block Grant Program Status Report for the period September 1, 2011 through March 30, 2012 for Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PROGRAM**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that the county was going to apply for a water and sanitary sewer grant for the Thompson project. The State has asked that Ms. Stusek be appointed to administer the grant due to Ms. Stocker being a land owner in the township. Ms. Samide stated that this is a desperately needed sewer project in Thompson, and has been needed for many years.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-086 Authorizing the President of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners to make application to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, Ohio Department of Development for financial assistance under the State of Ohio's Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, and further appoint Joni Stusek, Program Administrator, as the official representative of the Board of Commissioners and to act in connection with the application and administration of this program.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-086  
Date: May 1, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GEAUGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PROGRAM**

*WHEREAS, The State of Ohio, Department of Development, provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local needs; and*

*WHEREAS, The County of Geauga, Ohio desires to participate in the Program to receive financial assistance under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Formula Program; and*

*WHEREAS, The County of Geauga, Ohio has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, through its Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program.*

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*WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County must direct and authorize the Department of Community & Economic Development Program Administrator, Joni Stusek, to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO:*

*SECTION I. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners authorizes Joni Stusek as the official representative of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners application to participate in the State of Ohio Department of Development Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program and to oversee the application and administer the program. This designation shall supersede any prior designations.*

*SECTION II. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby approves filing an application for financial assistance under the State of Ohio Department of Development Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program.*

*SECTION III. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby understands and agrees that participation in the Program will require compliance with program guidelines.*

*SECTION IV. That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby commits itself to provide the local share funding as described in the application.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2012 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-087 proclaiming May 2012 as Mental Health Month in Geauga County.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: May 1, 2012*  
*Resolution: 12-087*

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2012 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH FOR GEAUGA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, Mental Health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being and all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and*

*WHEREAS, Mental Health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and*

*WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services celebrates Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illnesses, and the stigma that still exists; and*

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*WHEREAS, every year one in seven Geauga County residents receive services from the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and its contract agencies, in the areas of prevention, intervention, support, and treatment services.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2012 as MENTAL HEALTH MONTH in Geauga County.*

*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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a) *The Ohio State University Extension 2011 Highlights for Geauga County.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tues., 5/1 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Department on Aging, 1:00 p.m.*

*Thu., 5/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*5/7 – 5/11 Public Service Recognition Week*

*Mon., 5/7 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*

*Tues., 5/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 5/8 The Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. for an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2011 Formula Grant #B-F-11-1AZ-1*

*Tues., 5/8 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Wed., 5/9 Board of Revision, 2:00 p.m.*

*Thu., 5/10 Employee Health and Wellness EXPO, Building #8 (Public Service Recognition Week)*

*Thu., 5/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 5/10 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m. Chambers*

*Fri., 5/11 NOACA meeting, 10:00 a.m.*

**OTHER – AIRPORT MUSEUM**

*Ms. Fulop stated that they were losing the 'museum' at the airport. The aircraft currently housed in the Firebird hangar are being auctioned off on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in the afternoon. On Friday, May 18, 2012 there will be an Open House for people to take a good look before the auction on Saturday. Ms. Fulop stated that these were big executive aircraft from the 1940's and 1950's. Ms. Fulop stated that the gentleman has a five year lease, and as of yet has not given notice to vacate, in the past he has sold off one collection and started another.*

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PROGRAM –  
THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

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

*Commissioner Samide opened the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Stusek explained that on March 27, 2012 Public Hearing #1 was held, as required by the state offering all the programs that could be applied for. Public Hearing #2 is currently being held to say that the county is going to apply for water and sanitary sewer funds. The county is able to apply for \$600,000.00, from the CDBG program so that is what we are going to apply for. This \$600,000.00 is part of the funding that will be included in the Thompson sewer project. Water Resources Director Doug Bowen explained that the estimated cost for the project is about \$3.65 million. Currently they have a USDA grant loan which splits 45/ 55; for whatever funding that is taken in it is split in that combination. Mr. Bowen stated tentatively they are scheduled to borrow \$3.2 million from USDA, which they have already been approved for, with the split will be \$1.4 grant and \$1.8 million loan. Mr. Bowen stated that they have \$500,000.00 in Issue 2 funds, a \$300,000.00 grant from Army Corp of Engineers, for Engineering which has already been completed, and \$220,000.00 from the CDBG Local fund. The net loan amount will be around \$1 million. Mr. Bowen stated that whenever we get more grant funds, they take it away for the loan. Mr. Bowen stated that there a couple of scenarios, but with the loan reduced to \$1 million at 2% interest for forty years, the payment will be \$33.50 a month, with a user fee of \$56.00, making it around \$90.00 a month; if we don't get the grant funds, it will be around \$100.00 a month. Ms. Samide added that this is the cost for those tied into the sewer plant. Mr. Jemison inquired if we had final pricing yet. Ms. Samide inquired if the residents have been made aware of the costs. Mr. Bowen explained that they have held some public meetings, but no official meetings, and would have another in approximately two weeks. Mr. Bowen stated that two to three years ago the residents were given ball park figures; now those numbers are a little more fine-tuned. Ms. Samide asked how far off the numbers were from the ball park figures that were given. Mr. Bowen stated that they were not too far, that it helped that the interest rate for the loan dropped from 3% to 2% that helps a lot over forty years. Ms. Samide stated that this will go a long way in that area, but the problem is that you don't have as many users tying in to help lower the cost of the fees.*

*Mr. Bowen stated that this will be determined at an official public meeting, when assessments are done as to who wants to be tied in and who does not. Currently we are looking at forty-eight residential units, twenty commercial which is the equivalent to thirty-two units, as restaurants and the school count as more than one unit, along with twelve vacant properties. Ms. Samide asked what happens on a vacant property, do they still pay the fee even though they aren't built? Mr. Bowen stated the owners will pay the assessment part, but not a monthly user fee, this would be beneficial to be part of this and pay the \$30 or so a month and have sewer for the future, making the property more valuable. Mr. Bowen stated that this is the equivalent of ninety-two units for the EPA requirements, and at 400 gallons per unit, rounded to 100 units equals a 40,000 gallon a day plant, which is what they are planning for.*

*Mr. Jemison stated that the Trustees have to decide if we move forward. Mr. Bowen stated that at a meeting about two weeks ago the Trustees said yes to holding an unofficial public meeting. Ms. Samide added that this is good, that this has been a long time coming. Mr. Jemison stated that the area in all rock. Commissioner Young stated that this will be much nicer for the community once it's all done. Being no comments from the public Commissioner Samide closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m.*

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

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:39 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

*ABSENT*

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*