

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 1, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 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 10:06 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 August 30, 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**

*County Administrator David Lair explained the financials as a Supplemental Appropriation for Medicare for the Family First Council payroll.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-136 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2011 GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR**

*The Commissioners' officially opened the fair for 2011 with introducing Agricultural Society Vice President Bob Rogish who is Acting President of the Geauga County Agricultural Society, along with other fellow Elected Officials present at the meeting including Sheriff Dan McClelland, Auditor Frank Gliha, Recorder Sharon Gingerich, Engineer R.L. Phillips, and from the State Auditor David Yost's Office, Michelle Stys. Commissioner Jemison also noted that Blake Rear was in attendance from the Chardon School Board. Commissioner Samide read a letter of proclamation to the Geauga County Agricultural Society from Senator Rob Portman.*

*Commissioner Jemison and the Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Geauga County Agricultural Society on their 188<sup>th</sup> Year of the Great Geauga County Fair from State Auditor David Yost.*

*Mr. Rogish thanked those in attendance, the Board, Senator Portman and State Auditor Yost and all the volunteers and the many hours that they put into making the fair happen, because without them it wouldn't be the fair we have today. Mr. Rogish hoped everyone enjoys the fair.*

*Commissioner Jemison acknowledged the four hundred plus sixth grade students from West Geauga and Kenston schools that were there participating in the Geauga Learn program. Senator Tim Grendell thanked the Board for their continued support of the Geauga Learn Program. Mr. Grendell explained that this program brings students from schools in the southern and western portions of the county out to the fair and gives them the chance to have some fun at the fair and to learn about Geauga County Agriculture, our Natural Resources, and History. Thanks in part to the Farm Bureau, and the Fair Board the students are given coupons to return to the fair with their families.*

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – RESIGNATION FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER – CHRIS A. HALL**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that Mr. Hall started with the county as Part-time and moved into a Full-time position. Mr. Vernick stated that Mr. Hall had recently obtained another job within Geauga County and this is his reason for leaving.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the resignation of Chris A. Hall, Full-time Maintenance Worker to be effective September 9, 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>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – FILL VACANT MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)**

*Mr. Vernick explained that due to Mr. Hall leaving they will need to fill his position. Mr. Vernick stated that they had just hired a Full-time Maintenance worker last week and would like to use the applications they had received to fill this current vacancy from Mr. Hall and not have to start the process over and re-advertise.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to fill the vacant Maintenance Worker (#1904) position, due to a resignation.*

<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>

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE BID OPENINGS – 2011-2013**

**SNOWPLOWING AND SALTING OF FOUR COUNTY-OWNED SITES**

*Mr. Vernick stated that snow is just around the corner and would like to advertise for bids for a two-year contract for snowplowing and salting of four county owned sites. These sites include Chardon Square, the 24-Hour Service Area, 470 Center Street and the Safety Center.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for bids for the 2011-2013 Snowplowing and Salting of Four (4) County-owned Sites (#1: Chardon Square, #2: The 24-Hour Service Area, #3: 470 Center Street, and #4: Safety Center) to be held October 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. for #1: Chardon Square, 2:15 p.m. for #2: The 24-Hour Service Area, 2:30 p.m. for #3: 470 Center Street, and 2:45 p.m. for #4: Safety Center. Notice of these bid openings will be advertised on September 8, 2011, September 15, 2011 and the county web site.*

<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 thanked Mr. Vernick and the Maintenance Department for all their hard work with setting up for the fair.*

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ALCATEL-LUCENT USE SUPPLY AGREEMENT – RADIO / ANTENNA EQUIPMENT – TROY AND CHAGRIN TOWER SITES**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this was to purchase the microwave antenna and equipment from Alcatel-Lucent for the Troy and Chagrin Tower sites. Sheriff McClelland stated that originally the vendor who did the installation was going to provide the equipment but they discovered that by purchasing the equipment separately it will save approximately \$55,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Alcatel-Lucent USA Supply Agreement for radio / antenna equipment for the Troy and Chagrin Tower sites in the amount of \$225,686.00.*

<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>

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**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE TWO WEEK EXTENSION OF BID OPENING – PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSIT FARE EQUIPMENT**

*Director Kristina Reider stated that they needed to extend the advertisement period for two weeks as the advertisement did not run in Passenger Transport magazine as it was supposed to.*

*Ms. Reider explained that in order to reach the vendors that will be required for this project, the advertisement needs to run in Passenger Transport. Ms. Reider explained that this is to advertise for bids to install equipment in the buses that will allow the passengers to use swipe cards instead of the use of cash. Cards will be issued to the passengers and when they are swiped the fare will go against their account.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to extend the advertisement period by two (2) weeks for bids for the Provision and Installation of Transit Fare Equipment in seventeen (17) vehicles in the Transit fleet, 2 Fare Media Encoders, all Software, Hardware and Licenses to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this extension for the bid opening will be advertised on September 7, 2011 and in Passenger Transport on September 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>

**HARE RAISERS 4-H CLUB – GEAUGA HUNGER TASK FORCE PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION**

*The 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club presented the Geauga Hunger Task Force Representative, Ed Peterson, Pastor for the United Methodist Church with the results of the food collection and a check for the combined amount of monetary donations received from all 4-H Club participants. This years total consisted of 1,655 items collected and a donation of \$2,600.42. The Commissioners presented the Hare Raisers Rabbit Club with the following resolution:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-134 Honoring the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 11-134*  
*Date: September 1, 2011*

**RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB**

*WHEREAS, 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club organized and sponsored the Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition, a community service project under the direction of their 4-H advisor Marcia Reilly; and*

*WHEREAS, this is the seventh year for the Annual 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition; and*

*WHEREAS, the competition is open to all 4-H club members from the age of five through eighteen and is based on a point system for the number of non-perishable food items or cash donations collected by each club, with bonus points given to clubs who registered for the competition by the deadline; and*

*WHEREAS, the 4-H Clubs have been collecting in various areas and by various means throughout the county; and*

*WHEREAS, the final collection of non perishable items took place at the Geauga County Fairground Rabbit Barn on August 11 and 12, 2011 which were delivered in cardboard boxes and loaded in a truck provided through United Way and transported to the Geauga Hunger Task Force for disbursement within Geauga County. The monetary donations will be presented to the Geauga Hunger Task Force at the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Session at the Great Geauga County Fair on September 1, 2011; and*

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*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for their outstanding dedication and service to Geauga County, Geauga Hunger Task Force, 4-H and for organizing this cooperative and beneficial community service project; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County 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>

*4-H Advisor Marcia Reilly thanked the Board for the Resolution and recognized the help and support of all the 4-H clubs that participated in collecting the food items and donations for this year. Ms. Reilly stated that the Hare Raisers could not have done it without them.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BURTON – MIDDLEFIELD ROTARY'S FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR THE GEAUGA COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-135 recognizing the Burton-Middlefield Rotary for their efforts in raising a significant portion of the costs for the Geauga County Veteran's Memorial.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 11-135*

*Date: September 1, 2011*

***A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BURTON-MIDDLEFIELD ROTARY FOR THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS ALLOWING THE GEAUGA COUNTY VETERANS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT BE PAID IN FULL***

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Veteran's Memorial was first conceived in 2001 by a group of Geauga County Veterans, with an estimated cost of over \$400,000; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Geauga County Veterans' Memorial is to create and build a memorial dedicated to all Geauga County Veterans, past and present, who have honorably served the United States of America, honoring over 13,000 Geauga County Veterans who have served our country from the Revolutionary War to the present day; and*

*WHEREAS, Burton-Middlefield Rotary members believing that our Veterans have exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" undertook the project of assisting in the effort toward funding the Geauga County Veterans Memorial; and*

*WHEREAS, Burton-Middlefield Rotary raised funds through Car Shows and Motorcycle Rides, with major sponsors of these events including Preston Superstore, Junction Auto Family and F.O.E. Geauga Aerie # 2261, eventually being recognized by the Memorial as having raised over \$75,000 towards the construction of the memorial, becoming the largest benefactor of the project through their ongoing efforts; and*

*WHEREAS, to complete the construction of the Geauga County Veterans' Memorial, Burton-Middlefield Rotary's mission was to raise the final amount needed of \$7,000 to pay off the Memorial so that our Veterans whom the Memorial honors did not have to pay personally for the Memorial; and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Burton-Middlefield Rotary for their efforts in raising a significant portion of the costs of construction of the Geauga County Veterans' Memorial, including the final fundraising effort which has enabled this monument to past, current, and future Veterans to be paid in full.*

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

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 24, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*9/1 thru 9/5    The Great Geauga County Fair.*

*Mon., 9/5      **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.***

*Tues., 9/6      **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Thu., 9/8      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 9/8      The Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:20 a.m. for the proposed rehiring of retirant Timothy Wenzel.*

*Fri., 9/9      NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

*Sun., 9/11    The Commissioners will hold a Patriot Day Remembrance Observance marking the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the lawn of the Courthouse on Chardon square.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:32 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*