

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 12, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 12, 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 10:00 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 County Home Annual meeting of May 31, 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>

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 5, 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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Contingency account for additional postage appropriations due to additional mailing requirements for the Board of Elections and increased postage costs; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SFY 2012 mandated share for the Department of Job and Family Services; a purchase order for Charlie's Dodge, Incorporated for the purchase of a 2012 Jeep Liberty for the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$17,431.50; and Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court, Department of Job and Family Services, and the Commissioners Office.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-004 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 12, 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>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – 2012 SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION AGENT AGREEMENT**

*Director Sally Bell explained that this was the Senior Farmers Market Federal program where the Department on Aging distributes 179 sets of coupon vouchers to income eligible and nutritionally eligible seniors. Ms. Bell added that there is no administrative cost to the department as it is purely a service to the seniors.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2012 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and Geauga County Department on Aging for the period June 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 for distribution of 179 sets of coupons valued at \$8,950.00.*

<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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**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO WATER  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #1 – AUBURN BAINBRIDGE  
EXCAVATING, INCORPORATED**

*Program Coordinator Joni Stusek explained that this is for the first install of a septic system under the EPA grant. The EPA is requiring that every time a payment is made to a contractor that it is brought to the “borrower”, the Board for approval.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #1 for Auburn Bainbridge Excavating, Incorporated for installation of a septic system located at 13213 Marilyn Drive, Chesterland owned by Jeremy P. Leonardi, under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$8,160.00.*

<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>

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – ADVERTISE BIDS FOR BESSIE BENNER  
METZENBAUM REMODELING 2012**

*Business Manager Steve Tucker explained that previously they had asked for approval for the architect contract to continue making the facility accommodating to adults. Mr. Tucker stated the plans are to make the school building a hab center for adults that don't work, to come do habilitation and activities of daily living and move those adults out of the workshop setting. It's conducive for the people in the workshop to focus on work and not have someone playing games or people who are not productive sitting next to them. Mr. Tucker explained that the plan is to take four (4) rooms and convert them into two (2), making changing rooms and laundry facilities so that they are all self-contained. On May 1<sup>st</sup> when the department came before the Board the estimate for the project was \$215,000.00 which was based on design work in March; since that time additional options or alternatives have been added to the proposal which include a computer lab, that a storage room be made into a conference room, and for more energy efficient lighting. Adding these alternatives increased the estimate to a high conservative figure of \$265,000.00. Commissioner Samide questioned if this was just changing rooms around and not adding additional space, just taking walls out. Mr. Tucker explained that it included taking walls out, making rooms more suitable for adults, giving the example of a changing room that would accommodate a wheelchair or a very large changing table for a person that needs to be laid down. Commissioner Young inquired if the rooms would have their own bathroom. Mr. Tucker noted that there are existing bathrooms in the facility that are designed for children; they will be taken out and upgraded for an adult. Ms. Samide inquired about the amount of square footage being remodeled. Mr. Tucker wasn't sure of the exact figure but added that the space is almost the entire south side of the building. Mr. Jemison inquired if this included the replacement of windows. Mr. Tucker replied that the windows were included in the original estimate for up to nineteen (19) windows that are original to the building that was built in 1965. Ms. Samide inquired about the architect's fee increasing with the cost estimate. Mr. Tucker noted that the fee would stay the same unless something changes substantially. Mr. Jemison noted that including the architect and all the alternative options brings the total cost to around \$294,000.00. Mr. Tucker added that they hoped it would come in lower, noting that they were advertising for a longer period of time and have two walk-throughs planned in hopes of getting more interest. During the last remodel they only received three interested contractors and believes it was due to the size of the job.*

*Discussion took place regarding concept drawings of the project that would give the Board a better overview of the project, noting that they felt it was a little expensive. Mr. Tucker added that the project included windows, the configuration of four rooms into two, and a Heating and HVAC unit being put onto the roof for control of temperature in the gym. Further discussion occurred regarding the existing rooms that were being changed along with the changes to the entryway for the creation of a conference room. Mr. Jemison requested Mr. Tucker come back with the drawings and give a better overview prior to the bids being awarded for the project.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Remodeling 2012 to be held Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 15, 2012, June 22, 2012 and on the county website.*

<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>

**TRANSIT – PERSONAL UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MARVIN SPRINGER**

*Director Kristina Reider explained that Mr. Springer would not need the entire week as unpaid, that he would indeed have some vacation time. Due to the hours that the drivers work it is often hard to calculate the amount of vacation they will have, so requesting the entire week covers for any portion of that time that may need to be unpaid.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve a personal unpaid leave of absence for Marvin Springer, per Section 6.12 of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual for the period July 23, 2012 through July 27, 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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FISCAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO GEAUGA COUNTY – JOHN C. CONNER**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Agreement to Provide Fiscal Consulting Services to Geauga County, Ohio between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and John C. Conner for the period June 25, 2012 through June 24, 2013 in the amount of \$700.00 per month.*

<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 – RESOLUTIONS HONORING GREAT LAKES CHEESE COMPANY AND MIDDLEFIELD SWISS CHEESE CO-OP FOR BEING AWARDED BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHEESE CONTEST**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-105 Honoring Great Lakes Cheese Company for being awarded a Bronze Medal in the 2012 World Championship Cheese Contest.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-105*  
*Date: June 12, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING GREAT LAKES CHEESE COMPANY FOR BEING AWARDED A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHEESE CONTEST**

*WHEREAS, In 1958 along the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland, Ohio a Swiss Immigrant named Hans Epprecht began delivery of bulk cheeses to neighborhood stores by beginning a tradition in order to satisfy customer demand for a variety of smaller pre-cut wrapped cheeses; and*

*WHEREAS, Great Lakes Cheese Company serves national retailers and food service operations from seven (7) facilities across the United States in Fillmore, Utah; Plymouth, Wisconsin; Adams, New York; Cuba, New York; La Crosse, Wisconsin, Wausau, Wisconsin; and their Corporate Headquarters located in Hiram, Ohio; and*

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*WHEREAS, Great Lakes Cheese Company has won over one hundred ten (110) awards over the last twenty years with the most recent at the 29<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual World Championship Cheese Contest held in Madison, Wisconsin; and*

*WHEREAS, Great Lakes Cheese Company was one of two thousand five hundred four (2,504) entries from twenty-four (24) countries in eighty-two (82) contest classes to be chosen by an international panel of forty (40) judges from seventeen (17) nations and ten (10) U. S. States to win a Bronze Medal with a score of 99.00 in the New York Sharp Cheddar Cheese category; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Great Lakes Cheese Company for being a Bronze Medal Winner at the 2012 World Championship Cheese Contest; 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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #12-106 Honoring Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op for being awarded a Bronze Medal in the 2012 World Championship Cheese Contest.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-106*  
*Date: June 12, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MIDDLEFIELD SWISS CHEESE CO-OP FOR BEING AWARDED A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHEESE CONTEST**

*WHEREAS, Nestled in beautiful Middlefield, Ohio you will find one of the largest swiss cheese manufacturers in the United States, and it began July 4, 1956 when Hans Rothenbuhler fulfilled his dream of cheesemaking with a two hundred fifty (250) pound wheel of cheese; and*

*WHEREAS, Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op manufactures their swiss cheese on site in a modern highly automated facility with only kosher certified ingredients and 100% grade A milk and sold in the Chalet Shop to visitors from all over the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op awards include Best of Class at the 2011 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest with the most recent at the 29<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual World Championship Cheese Contest that was held in Madison, Wisconsin; and*

*WHEREAS, Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op was one of two thousand five hundred four (2,504) entries from twenty-four (24) countries in eighty-two (82) contest classes to be chosen by an international panel of forty (40) judges from seventeen (17) nations and ten (10) U. S. States to win a Bronze Medal with a score of 97.35 in the Baby Swiss Cheese category; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op for being a Bronze Medal Winner at the 2012 World Championship Cheese Contest; 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 Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – JULY 5, 2012

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Samide to cancel session on Thursday, July 5, 2012.*

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

*\*Commissioner Young abstained due to his retirement on June 30, 2012.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 6, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

*Tues., 6/12 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*

*Wed., 6/13 The Commissioners will attend the Geauga Growth Partnership Annual Meeting, 7:30 a.m. at Fowlers Mill Golf Club*

*Thu., 6/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Sat., 6/16 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Grand Opening Celebration of Observatory Park, 6:30 p.m.*

*Mon., 6/18 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m.*

*Mon., 6/18 Family First Council, 2:00 p.m. Mental Health Board*

*Tues., 6/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/21 Portage Geauga Joint Detention Center Board Public Hearing for the 2013 Tax Budget, 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Chambers, Geauga County.*

*Fri., 6/22 Department on Aging's First 5K Shake, Rattle and Run, 8:30 a.m. Orchard Hills Park, Chesterland*

*Tues., 6/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

OTHER – BICENTENNIAL OF WAR OF 1812

*Discussion took place regarding the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 on June 18, 2012 and that each county received a 4 x 6 flag containing fifteen stars and fifteen stripes that is asked to be raised at noon to commemorate the beginning of the war. The board discussed a location that would be appropriate for the size of the flag and agreed that it should be flown at the Veterans memorial and that the maintenance department could raise the flag on behalf of the Board.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER JEMISON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.**

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*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*