

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 29, 2010**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 29, 2010 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 10:01 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 24, 2010.*

<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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a Revenue Certification for Community Development Block Grant Fund (TTI) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program; a transfer from the Contingency account to return appropriations to the Sheriff's Office and Clerk of Courts Office for reimbursements paid into the General Fund; a cash transfer into the General Fund for payment of the JFS Building lease payment; a contract for Workman Industrial for the installation of a silencer for the McFarland Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$24,420.00 for the Department of Water Resources; a contract for Johnson Controls for a security system for the Department of Developmental Disabilities Transportation Facility in the amount of \$89,014.00; a Then and Now for the County Home; and a travel request for the Department of Community and Economic Development.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-126 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 29, 2010.*

<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>

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – INCUMBENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM – SPRINT / NEXTEL**

*Sheriff Dan McClelland explained that this is part of the rebanding and redistribution of frequencies. Nextel will assume some of the frequencies currently used by public safety and as a result are required to pay all expenses related to reprogramming and the move. Motorola has met the specific milestones and this request authorizes Nextel to make the payment. Commissioner Jemison inquired as to what the deadline is for this process. Sheriff McClelland did not have the deadline date but commented that there are many preliminary steps before the actual radio re-programming can be done.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Incumbent Acknowledgement form from Sprint/Nextel confirming that Planning Funding Agreement milestone services performed by Motorola were performed to the satisfaction of Geauga County.*

<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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MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – PITNEY BOWES SALES AGREEMENT & SERVICE LEVEL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – POSTAGE MACHINE MAINTENANCE

*Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp explained that this agreement is a one year renewal which is good until June of next year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Pitney Bowes Sales Agreement & Service Level Maintenance Agreement for postage machine maintenance for the period June 27, 2010 through June 26, 2011, in the amount of \$1,286.62, Ohio State Bid Contract # 4411100108.*

<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>

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORM

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Forms authorizing David Lair, Glen Vernick, Richard Newsome and Diane Arp to sign their name and or the Elected Official's name or Department Head's name on the Department Head line on all accounting forms for the (A) General (5) Building Improvement Fund accounts.*

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OPWC APPENDIX E DISBURSEMENT REQUEST – MCFARLAND CREEK COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT

*Director Doug Bowen and Operations Manager Jim Reider were present for this item. Mr. Bowen stated that this is for McFarland I & I (inflow and infiltration) that was a combination of stimulus and Issue II funds. This request is a disbursement for that. Mr. Bowen stated that they are half way through this project and asked Mr. Reider to update the Board on the project thus far. Mr. Reider stated that with the I&I work the contractor found and fixed a lot of problems in the lines that have made a big difference especially with all the rains that have occurred recently. They expect much more when the project is completed and added that it was worth doing this project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Appendix E Disbursement Request Form and Certification #3 of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant to release the State grant funds, for the McFarland Creek Collection System Rehabilitation Project (OPWC#CG21M)), in the amount of \$141,915.37.*

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AND RESOLUTION – SAFETY CENTER IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2010

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate in regards to the \$2,500,000.00 Safety Center Improvement Notes, Series 2010.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution 10-127 Providing for the Issuance of Notes of the County of Geauga, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$2,500,000.00 in Anticipation of*

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*the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Paying a Portion of the Costs of  
Constructing a New County Safety Center.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 29, 2010*

*Resolution: 10-127*

*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga met on June 29, 2010, commencing at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., in regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building No. 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:*

*Commissioner Young    Commissioner Jemison*

*Commissioner Samide*

*The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.*

*Commissioner Young presented the following preambles and resolution and moved their adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Jemison:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-127**

*A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF  
GEAUGA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000, IN  
ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A  
PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW COUNTY SAFETY CENTER.*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 09-116, adopted June 18, 2009, notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, dated August 19, 2009 and maturing August 19, 2010, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000 (the "Outstanding Notes") were issued for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing a new County Safety Center ("Project");*

*WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that the County should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3, together with other funds available to the County; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Auditor, as fiscal officer, has certified to this Board that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Project is at least five years, and that the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds is 28 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes is August 30, 2024;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, that:*

*Section 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing a new County Safety Center (the Bonds).*

*Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2011, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 6.0% per year, payable semi-annually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are substantially equal. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2012.*

*Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Board determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to retire, together with other funds available to the County, the Outstanding Notes. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.0% per year (computed on a 360-day per year basis) to be determined by the County Auditor in his certificate awarding the Notes and authorized in Section 6 hereof (the Certificate of Award), payable at maturity, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than nine months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award.*

*Section 4. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, without deduction for services of the County's paying agent, at the main office of The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, or at such other office of a bank or*

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*trust company designated by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the County and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose.*

*Section 5. The Notes shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners and by the County Auditor, in the name of the County and in their official capacities, provided that all but one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the County Auditor, provided that the entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and provided no note shall be of a denomination of less than \$100,000. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the County Auditor and shall express upon their faces the purpose, which may be in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to Chapter 133 and Section 307.02 of the Revised Code and this Resolution. The County Auditor is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other note issues of the County into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code. The County Auditor is further authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County in connection with the sale of the Notes, to obtain a rating on the Notes from one or more nationally recognized rating service.*

*Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, if it is determined by the County Auditor to be advantageous to the County, the Notes may be issued in book entry form for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized: (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered typewritten Note and registered in the name of a depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of a depository; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the depository and its participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the depository and its participants subject to the terms of this Resolution; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the County.*

*Section 6. The Notes shall be and hereby are awarded and sold by the County Auditor at private sale at not less than par in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Auditor shall, in accordance with his determination of the best interests of and financial advantages to the County and its taxpayers and conditions then existing in the financial markets, determine the interest rate the Notes shall bear and their maturity consistent with this Resolution and make all other designations herein authorized, execute the Certificate of Award related thereto, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser, to the original purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The County Auditor, the County Treasurer, the County Commissioners, the County Administrator and other County officials, as appropriate, each are authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements, other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. In connection with the issuance of the Notes herein authorized, the legal services of the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. are hereby retained to act as bond counsel to this County.*

*Section 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.*

*Section 8. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.*

*Section 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due.*

*Section 10. The County of Geauga covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) or (ii)*

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*be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103(a) of the Code applies, and (b) the interest on the Notes will not be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.*

*The County further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.*

*The County hereby represents that the Outstanding Notes (the Refunded Obligation) were designated or deemed designated, and qualified, as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The County hereby covenants that it will redeem the Refunded Obligation from proceeds of, and within 90 days after issuance of, the Notes, and represents that all other conditions are met for treating the amount of the Notes not in excess of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligation outstanding immediately prior to the redemption of the Refunded Obligation as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" without necessity for further designation and as not to be taken into account under subparagraph (D) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code pursuant to subparagraph (D)(ii) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.*

*The amount of the Notes (such amount being the issue price of the Notes less accrued interest, if any, as determined under the Code) in excess of the principal amount of the Refunded Obligation that is outstanding immediately prior to the redemption of the Refunded Obligation is hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In that connection, the County hereby represents and covenants that it, together with all its subordinate entities or entities that issue obligations on its behalf, or on behalf of which it issues obligations, in or during the calendar year in which the Notes are issued, (i) have not issued and will not issue tax-exempt obligations designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, including the aforesaid amount of the Notes, in an aggregate amount in excess of \$30,000,000, and (ii) have not issued, do not reasonably anticipate issuing, and will not issue, tax-exempt obligations (including the aforesaid amount of the Notes, but excluding obligations, other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Code, that are private activity bonds as defined in Section 141 of the Code and excluding refunding obligations that are not advance refunding obligations as defined in Section 149(d)(5) of the Code to the extent that the amount of the refunding obligations does not exceed the outstanding principal amount of the refunded obligations) in an aggregate amount exceeding \$30,000,000, unless the County first obtains a written opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such designation or issuance, as applicable, will not adversely affect the status of the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations".*

*Further, the County represents and covenants that, during any time or in any manner as might affect the status of the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations," it has not formed or participated in the formation of, or benefitted from or availed itself of, any entity in order to avoid the purposes of subparagraph (C) or (D) of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, and will not form, participate in the formation of, or benefit from or avail itself of, any such entity. The County further represents that the Notes are not being issued as part of a direct or indirect composite issue that combines issues or lots of tax-exempt obligations of different issuers.*

*Each covenant made in this section with respect to the Notes is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the Notes (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this section to take with respect to the Notes.*

*The County Auditor, as the fiscal officer, or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Notes as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the*

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*Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.*

*Section 11. The Clerk of this Board is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor.*

*Section 12. This Board determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County of Geauga have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.*

*Section 13. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.*

*Section 14. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.*

<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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ARRA HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PAYMENT REQUEST FORM**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek stated that this is the end of the water pollution control grant from the state with the 75% match to the clients 25%. The department was able to do eleven systems. This system has been approved from the Health District. The Board commented that this was expensive.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (OWPCLF) ARRA Home Sewage Treatment System Payment Request Form #11 in connection with the installment of new septic system at 10290 Pekin Road, Newbury Township, in the amount of \$18,300.00.*

<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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION – HARRY LOCKEMER AND AUBURN BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING – 15953 RAVENNA**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a three-party Agreement for Housing Demolition/Clearance between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Harry Lockemer and Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for the demolition of property located at 15953 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant, in the amount of \$3,850.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed for Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for demolition of Harry Lockemer property located at 15953 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD  
STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION – HARRY LOCKEMER AND AUBURN  
BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING - 15963 RAVENNA**

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a three-party Agreement for Housing Demolition/Clearance between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Harry Lockemer and Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for the demolition of property located at 15963 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant, in the amount of \$4,950.00.*

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

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed for Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for demolition of property (owned by Harry Lockemer) located at 15963 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD  
STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION – HOLMES AND AUBURN  
BAINBRIDGE EXCAVATING**

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a three-party Agreement for Housing Demolition/Clearance between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, J. Jim and Shirley Holmes and Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for the demolition of property located at 14990 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant, in the amount of \$4,400.00.*

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

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed for Auburn Bainbridge Excavating for demolition of property (owned by J. Jim and Shirley Holmes) located at 14990 Ravenna Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD  
STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION – FREY AND CHEROKEE DEMO LLC**

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Geauga County Demolition Clearance Program Acknowledgement, Consent and Release form for the demolition of property (Parcel # 23-104500) (owned by Joseph and Agnes Frey) located at 16050 Messenger Road, Newbury Township, under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant.*

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

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*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Cherokee Demo LLC for demolition of two (2) structures (owned by Joseph and Agnes Frey) at 16050 Messenger Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant, as they represented the lowest and best proposal, in the amount of \$4,500.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a three-party Agreement for Housing Demolition/Clearance between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Joseph and Agnes Frey and Cherokee Demo LLC for the demolition of property located at 16050 Messenger Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant, in the amount of \$4,500.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed for Cherokee Demo LLC for demolition of two (2) structures at 16050 Messenger Road, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.*

<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>

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION – GEBEAU AND ACE DEMO INCORPORATED**

*Ms. Stusek explained that this was PC's bar that burned down in 2007 in Kiwanis Lake. The owners had no insurance but applied for a demolition permit but could not afford to demolish it. Community Development is going to demo the bar structure and a barn on the property which is what this contract is covering. There is also another structure on the property (package plant) that they will be taking down in the future if it is determined it cannot be saved. Commissioners' Clerk Claudine Kozenko inquired as to what a package plant is. Ms. Stusek responded it was in place of a septic system and was required by EPA. Commissioner Samide commented that when all this is torn down the Gebeau's can rebuild. Ms. Stusek explained that Community Development is in the process of negotiations with them to purchase the land so they can build on that property. With this grant they are required to build two new homes. This property was always zoned residential. The owners had a special use permit for the bar to be operating on the property. It reverted back to residential after two years of the bar not operating. Commissioner Samide asked if we took control of the property as if we owned it. Ms. Stusek responded that they will demo the property and they are in negotiations to purchase the property. If they are able to purchase the property they will do a lot split and build two new structures.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Geauga County Demolition Clearance Program Acknowledgement, Consent and Release form for the demolition of property (Parcel # 23-053100) (owned by Charles and Patricia Gebeau) located at 14795 Elm Street, Newbury Township, under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Ace Demo Incorporated for demolition of two (2) structures (owned by Charles and Patricia*

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*Gebeau) at 14795 Elm Street, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant, as they represented the lowest and best proposal, in the amount of \$9,461.00.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion:* *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute a three-party Agreement for Housing Demolition/Clearance between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Charles and Patricia Gebeau and Ace Demo Incorporated for the demolition of property located at 14795 Elm Street, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant, in the amount of \$9,461.00.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion:* *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice to Proceed for Ace Demo, Incorporated for demolition of two (2) structures (owned by Charles and Patricia Gebeau) at 14795 Elm Street, Newbury under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT DEMOLITION**

*Ms. Stusek explained that this is a brick home that was abandoned and was flooded and had animals living in it. The people that bought the parcel are rebuilding on the site and need this structure to be taken down.*

*Motion:* *by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Geauga County Demolition Clearance Program Acknowledgement, Consent and Release form for the demolition of property (Parcel # 02-017600) located at 8838 Washington Street, Bainbridge Township, owned by Michael and Tracy Brent, under the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOINT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA COUNTY HOUSING COALITION**

*Ms. Stusek stated that this is the agreement they are entering into with their local 501-3c to accomplish the construction of the two new homes on the property mentioned previously today. The Housing Coalition will be acting as the developer. Commissioner Jemison asked Ms. Stusek to explain how this agreement works. Ms. Stusek stated that the grant requires them to construct two new homes. Originally Community Development was requested to buy two foreclosed homes and rehab them but they couldn't find any that were in sufficient condition to rehab. Community Development asked for an addendum to construct two new houses. The grant requires a developer to handle oversight of the implementation and administration for that particular phase of the grant. This fits in completely with the goals of the Housing Coalition. Community Development will still have oversight of the project. They will move forward to purchase land and meet with a builder. Commissioner Jemison added that the grant pays for the construction cost and the Housing Coalition gets 2% administrative cost, the property then gets sold. Ms. Stusek added that the property has to be appraised and then can be sold at what they have in the property or less, they cannot profit from this transaction. Commissioner Jemison inquired as to when they receive the money from the sale of the property if it gets recycled to be used to build more homes. Ms. Stusek responded that it depends on how much money they recoup. Commissioner Young asked what the value of these homes will be. Ms. Stusek*

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*responded that they believe the houses could be built for about \$130,000 but they would have to add the cost of a septic system and a well for the properties. These houses will be done within the Kiwanis Lake area. The houses will be three bedrooms, no basement ranches with double attached garage.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute a Joint Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Geauga County Housing Coalition for the Administration and Implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).*

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

*\* Commissioner Jemison explained his "Abstain" vote as he is a member of the Housing Coalition.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING GIRL SCOUTS FOR EARNING THEIR GOLD AWARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the following Resolutions honoring the following Girl Scouts for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award: #10-128 Megan Cuthbert, #10-129 Jaclyn Gleske, #10-130 Shelby Hall, #10-131 Rachel Murry, #10-132 Rachel O'Connor, #10-133 Kate Okrez, #10-134 Julie Picha, #10-135 Mary Sheridan, #10-136 Sarah Zucker.*

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*Resolution: 10-128*  
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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEGAN CUTHBERT  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Megan Cuthbert is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Megan Cuthbert, for her Gold Award, spearheaded major recycling projects; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Megan Cuthbert for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING JACLYN GLESKE  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Jaclyn Gleske is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Jaclyn Gleske, for her Gold Award, collected cell phones and emergency overnight supplies for WomenSafe shelter; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Jaclyn Gleske for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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*Resolution: 10-130*  
*Date: June 29, 2010*

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHELBY HALL  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Shelby Hall is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

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*WHEREAS, Shelby Hall, for her Gold Award, sent fifty (50) care boxes to our troops overseas; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Shelby Hall for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

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

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 10-131*  
*Date: June 29, 2010*

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING RACHEL MURRY  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Rachel Murry is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Rachel Murry, for her Gold Award, created a teen room at WomenSafe; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Rachel Murry for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING RACHEL O'CONNOR  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

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*WHEREAS, Rachel O'Connor is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Rachel O'Connor, for her Gold Award, made fifty (50) blankets and care kits for diabetic children; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Rachel O'Connor for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

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

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING KATE OKREZ  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Kate Okrez is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Kate Okrez, for her Gold Award, collected and properly disposed of over fifteen hundred (1500) worn American Flags; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Kate Okrez for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING JULIE PICHA  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3)*

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*complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Julie Picha is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Julie Picha, for her Gold Award, painted games on a school playground and taught children how to play them; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Julie Picha for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARY SHERIDAN  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Mary Sheridan is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Mary Sheridan, for her Gold Award, taught sign language and educated kids on the hearing impaired world; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Mary Sheridan for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

*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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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING SARAH ZUCKER  
FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT OF LAKE ERIE COUNCIL GOLD AWARD**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each Girl Scout, in order to achieve the individual Gold Award, must (1) earn four project patches in topics related to her Gold Award project, (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin, (3) complete thirty hours of service in a leadership capacity in her community, school or troop (4) demonstrate her ability to bring together the skills learned in the first three activities to make a positive difference in the live of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Sarah Zucker is a member of Girl Scout Troop #912, West Geauga, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Sarah Zucker, for her Gold Award, hosted a dinner and food collection for Harvest for Hunger; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Sarah Zucker for service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of America.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – TAX BUDGET**

*Commissioner Samide opened the public hearing to discuss the Geauga County 2011 Tax Budget at 10:30 a.m. County Administrator Dave Lair thanked Budget Specialist Heidi Delaney for all the work she did on the power point presentation.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to waive reading of the advertisement for the public hearing.*

<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>

*Mr. Lair explained that this is the time of year for the tax budget, per the law, which is used as a planning tool, to demonstrate the need to levy taxes. The budget is done using conservative estimates by understating what the revenues will be and try to put in everything that will be spent. The final appropriation will be done in December. The total tax budget for 2011 is \$102.2 million: \$26.8 million is the General Fund budget with \$28.2 general fund requests received. What is in the appropriation budget may differ and further cuts may have to be made. The resources: the county assumes a modest carry over balance of \$2 million (unencumbered funds), revenues projected is \$23,410,047.00 making a total revenue resources of \$25,410,047.00. Where the money comes from: the largest amount is 43% from sales tax and 32% from real estate taxes which is 75% of the general fund, and 11% is for fees such as Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder fees, 4% from local government tax, 3% from property transfers tax and investment income tax is projected only at 2%. Mr. Lair explained that prisoner housing income peaked in 2007 and went down yearly and basically disappeared in 2010; investment income has gone down since 2008, sales tax which is the biggest chunk is getting smaller as well. Mr. Lair explained that the slight growth in real estate taxes is deceptive*

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*because \$1.5 million had to be moved back into the general fund, which was going towards debt retirement, is actually a reclassification of funds coming out of debt retirement. Local government funds have been going down in recent years as well. The issue is the drop in revenue. The county had been paying down debt aggressively, fixing up older buildings that had not been taken care of for years. In 2003 the county had \$32.3 million available resources, in 2009 \$29 million, 2010 \$27 million. Mr. Lair stated that the figures for 2010 are deceptive as the \$1.5 million put in from debt retirement is reflected in the number as revenue although it appears that revenue stayed the same. There was a 9.7% decrease in revenue in 2009, 4.6% in 2010 and a projected 8.8% in 2011 (with a conservative carryover estimate of \$2 million). The same carry over was used last year but fortunately the county ended up with \$3.6 million carryover. Commissioner Jemison added that the cash flow analysis shows the carryover as only \$1.8 million and added that we need to see some conservative spending for the next half of 2010. In comparing last years actual tax budget resources to 2011 conservative estimates show carryforward, sales tax, investment income, election fees, state reimbursement personal property tax, Treasurer fees, Recorder fees as well as miscellaneous fee revenue balances down for a total of \$2,455,000.00. To reduce expenses the county has decreased the expenses in this tax budget by \$830,000 with no wage increases for the second year, some expenses associated with staff layoffs, further reduction in staff through attrition and additional line item expenses reduced in multiple departments as the county goes forward. Other reductions include Sheriff and Maintenance Department jail utilities expense reductions, OSU and Soil and Water grant reductions, Commissioners' Offices expense reductions, Board of Election's election cost savings and the Youth Center cost reductions. General fund operating expenses for 2011: public safety 41%, Legislative and executive 34% and Judicial 13%. Mr. Lair stated that the bottom line for the 2011 Tax budget requirements is: \$26,796,892, the estimated revenues is \$23,410,047 so an estimated carry over of \$3,386,845 is needed. Deducting the \$2 million currently in the budget we are now showing a \$1,386,845 deficit. In order to get that additional carryover, assuming we get the \$2 million, this year the departments are asked to hold spending down to 88% of their appropriated budget. Last year they were requested to spend 90% of their budget appropriations. It may be difficult with smaller departments where salary is most of the budget which is hard to do unless you lay off people. Other departments that have significant dollars outside of salaries that Mr. Lair hopes will step up and help get the carryover where it needs to be. The overall goal is to fund general increases at or below 2010 levels where possible. No increase in most expense categories including salaries and strictly limiting initiatives to those which show an immediate return on investment and added value to Geauga taxpayers. Commissioner Jemison commented that he doesn't believe we hit bottom yet but he is starting to see some revenues that are flattening. The sales tax was up this month by \$3,000 from a year ago but the month prior to that it was down. Commissioner Jemison added that 2011 will be another struggle and this will be a slow turnaround. Commissioner Samide commented that it may not return to those previous levels. Mr. Lair stated that in September and October when departments come to budget hearings they need to be prepared to explain why the county should continue to support those expenditures that are not required by law. Mr. Lair added that if it looks like the cash flow is not picking up towards the end of the year then some hard choices will have to be made. Mr. Lair continued by saying that it is fun when there is money but it is the measure of everyone's character when money gets tight and you have to make cuts. Mr. Lair said that we have to all kind of hold hands and decide what is the best way to maintain services to our residents and keep the budget we are required to have. Commissioner Samide stated that we will make our budget; we will balance one way or another. Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator/Engineer Carmella Shale inquired if the Board had heard anything on the state commitment to local funds. Mr. Lair reported he had not heard anything. Commissioner Samide remarked that each department has to think of ways they can step up to the plate to help.*

*Being no further comments from the audience Commissioner Samide closed the public hearing at 10:50 a.m.*

**OTHER**

*Commissioner's reviewed calendars and events.*

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending April 2010 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending May 2010 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

MEETINGS

- Tue., 7/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Mon., 7/5 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday.***
- Tue., 7/6 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Thu., 7/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 7/8 A public hearing for the proposed rehiring of Karen DeCola as a retirant and employment to the position of County Home Superintendent, to be effective August 1, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 7/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Tue., 7/13 Investment Advisory meeting immediately after session.*
- Wed., 7/14 Township Association quarterly dinner meeting at St. Denis Party Center at 6:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 7/15 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***
- Fri., 7/16 TAC meeting*
- Tue., 7/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 7/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*
- Thu., 7/22 A public hearing continuance on the issue of the removal of the rock obstructions (specifically large rocks) in the Sperry Road right-of-way pertaining to the Todd Tornstrom property located at 13140 Sperry Road, Chesterland, at 10:30 a.m. in Commissioners Chambers.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:51 A.M.**

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*William S. Young*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*