

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 26, 2011**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 26, 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 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Young was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 24, 2011.*

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

**COMMON PLEAS COURT, INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION – FY 2012 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS**

*Sandy Gilbo stated that the first two parts of the grant are the renewal for Intensive Supervision Probation and Pre-trial which they have had for years. Ms. Gilbo explained to the Board that she will be the Director for the new third part of the grant lump sum that is for the Pre-sentence Investigation Writing. Ms. Gilbo explained that the job has shifted from the state officers to now a county employee and that the state has offered the counties money to help with the expense of hiring someone to do this. Ms. Gilbo stated that these were part of the state changes and budget cuts. Commissioner Jemison explained to Commissioner Samide that a few weeks ago a meeting was held with Judge Burt and Susan Doudican. Mr. Jemison stated that the state used to write these pre-sentence reports and now the county has do them starting July 1<sup>st</sup> ; at this point in time it is revenue neutral and they are sending money, but he wanted to stress that at this time they are sending money. The department will be absorbing all of the work and people are going to have to do more and we don't know how long that will continue, but they are being responsible and not asking for more funds to do this.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for Community-Based Corrections Programs 408 Non-Residential Misdemeanant between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the State of Ohio's Bureau of Community Sanctions, the Division of Parole and Community Services, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$89,669.00, with no local match.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE PARTY CONTRACT – GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED**

*Program Administrator Joni Stusek explained that this was part of the Formula Block Grant that the Commissioners had approved last year. Ms. Stusek stated that this project is a pretty wide walkway, the second one near Gate 4 and this will be paved starting at Gate 4 and go North to the Merchant Hall. Ms. Stusek stated that right now the walkway dips down in the middle and has a lot of breakage and could pose a lot of problems for someone that is wheelchair bound; it might be ok for someone who is walking as long as they were careful, but the concern is making it handicapped accessible. Mr. Jemison noted that this walkway was the handicap entrance as the fairgrounds has special parking at the other end. Ms. Stusek stated that it was a good project and that she had met with Ronyak Paving and they were ready to get started but the*

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*weather was not cooperating. There are a lot of events scheduled at the fairgrounds that they will have to work around but hope to have it completed by the end of June.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Three-party Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Agricultural Society, and Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements Project, under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$53,407.50.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ARCHITECT’S CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBILITY BY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Architect’s Certification Compliance with Minimum Standards for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped in connection with the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements Project under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – GEAUGA COUNTY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements Project, under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Commencement to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated in connection with the Geauga County Fairgrounds Sidewalk Improvements Project, under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1).*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE – AWARD BID – C.I.R., INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE – CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

*Engineer Joe Cattell explained that the Taylor Wells Road Bridge which is located just south of the bike path, was a fifty-foot span steel bridge that was definitely in need of being replaced. That replacement will be with a 24x8 twin box culvert. Mr. Cattell stated that the road would be closed to traffic during the replacement for approximately sixty days, with a detour set up on Mayfield Road to Claridon Troy Road back around to Chardon Windsor. Mr. Cattell stated that the bid had come in just under estimate and felt the detour shouldn’t be too much of an inconvenience.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to award the bid to C.I.R., Incorporated for the Replacement of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge (Structure #113-2.03) in Claridon Township, in the amount of \$259,669.00, as*

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*they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD IN HAMBDEN AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIPS AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Cattell explained that this is a resurfacing project that they had applied for Federal Funding, that includes eighty percent (80%) with a maximum of \$520,000.00. The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$700,000.00, to this point the current bids have been coming in about twenty percent (20%) under estimate and if this project comes in the same way we should be in good shape. This is roughly three miles from the City of Chardon limits to Old State Road.*

*Mr. Cattell explained that this was another project that they had applied for Federal Funding, that also includes eighty percent (80%) with a maximum of \$420,000.00. The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$600,000.00. Mr. Cattell stated that since these roads are on the Federal system the county is able to get the funding. This project will run from Sperry Road heading West to Auburn Road. Mr. Cattell stated that traffic will be maintained for both projects.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13, Sections A-D) in Hambden and Claridon Townships to be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 2, 2011, June 9, 2011, June 16, 2011 and the county website.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections F & G) in Newbury Township to be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 2, 2011, June 9, 2011, June 16, 2011 and the county website.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVES – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT**

*Executive Director Tim Taylor explained that for about the last ten years an official agreement has been being executed between the Board of County Commissioners and the Federal Government, which is done anytime that funding is received from the Federal Government. Mr. Taylor stated that we are obligated to follow the rules, this agreement being very extensive as it covers about 8.5 million dollars of Job and Family Services funding. Mr. Taylor explained that it is a little different scope in terms of the on us that is put onto the Department of Job and Family Services and the County Commissioners' to make sure that all the procedures, all the policies, and all the rules are being followed for both the Federal and the State. Mr. Taylor stated that all 88 counties in Ohio share the same responsibilities with regards to that, it's what we are supposed to do and it's a life's work to stay up with it. The County Commissioners' along with the State Director of Job and Family Services are required to execute the agreement in order to receive the funding, and it simply makes a commitment that we will follow the policies, rules and regulations. The language that pertains to the County of Geauga says that we must and the requirements for the State of Ohio says that they may, which is kind of the general nature. They write the agreement and have the funds and provide the oversight. Mr. Jemison inquired if there was something in the agreement that says if for some reason the funding does not come that the county is still required to fund these programs. Mr. Taylor stated that there was still some question about if there is insufficient funding that we might have to provide that,*

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*but there is also language that says we can end the contract. By ending that contract, we are basically saying to the State of Ohio the county of Geauga no longer wants to provide these services; and we are going to stop the relationship between you providing funds and we as county government providing these services. Mr. Taylor exclaimed that is obviously a very weighty decision to have to make and fortunately we've not ever been in the situation to have that concern. Mr. Taylor explained that our daily effort is to make sure we are not in any problem with that. Certainly at times we grouse about the amount of monitoring, the number of auditors, and the number of reports that we have to write but they look over our shoulder pretty closely. One way to look at this is we are constantly looking at how we provide the services, reviewing the policies and trying to keep up with the policies that change daily, along with the volumes of rules we have to follow, but it helps keep us current. Often times the focus is on that aspect more than on the clients but that is the nature of the beast and sometimes we have to push back every now and then.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant Agreement (#G-1213-11-0041) establishing terms, conditions and requirements governing the administration and use of federal funds by Geauga County Job and Family Services, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of Geauga County Job and Family Services, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.*

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISE BIDS – CUSTODIAL SERVICES – GEAUGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING – 470 CENTER STREET BUILDING #5 AND #6**  
*Director Glen Vernick explained that starting July 1<sup>st</sup> the Opera House custodial services will be being done by the maintenance department staff. In the past the Annex building has had different janitors on each floor and this would put one contracted janitor in the building. Mr. Jemison inquired about building 5 and 6 being done by the county. Mr. Vernick stated that it will be bid out like it has been done in the past for the simple reason that he currently doesn't have enough staff coverage with each building being about 6,000 square feet. Mr. Vernick did state that there has been some talk about having Building #2 done by the maintenance department, with an adjustment made to the rented rate paid for that building by the Educational Service Center.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for Custodial Services at the Geauga County Courthouse Annex Building for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 2, 2011, June 9, 2011 and the county website.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for Custodial Services at 470 Center Street, Buildings #5 and #6 for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on June 2, 2011, June 9, 2011 and the county website.*

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

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – ADVERTISE BIDS – BESSIE BENNER METZENBAUM CENTER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REMODELING 2011**

*Steve Tucker explained that this project is for the remodeling of four (4) rooms that are currently designed for children to make them accessible for adults. There is a wall between two rooms that will be removed making a changing area more suitable for adults giving enough room for people with wheelchairs and attendants when they need some privacy. Mr. Tucker stated that a*

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*doorway that currently has a separator right in the middle where the two doors close is ok for children and smaller people to get through but for safety reasons this will be redone allowing for adults to get out safely in case there is an emergency. The estimated cost for this project is \$65,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center Enhancement Program Remodeling 2011 to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 2:45 p.m. Notice of this bid opening will be advertised on May 27, 2011, June 3, 2011 and the county website.*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 18, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- 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 April 2011 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tues., 5/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/2 **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*6/2 – 6/6 Some of the Commissioners will attend LaTourette's Conference in Washington D.C.*

*Tues., 6/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tues., 6/7 Investment Advisory Board Meeting, following session*

*Tues., 6/7 The Commissioners will hold a work session with the Geauga Park District 12:30 p.m. at Orchard Hills park*

*Wed., 6/8 Geauga Growth Partnership Annual Meeting, 7:30 a.m. EOUV Hall*

*Thus., 6/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Thu., 6/9 The Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the proposed rehiring of retirant Judith Oberstar at 10:30 a.m.*

*Fri. 6/10 NOACA Summit, Cleveland at 9:30 a.m.*

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

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*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*ABSENT*  
*William S. Young*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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