

Commissioners' Journal
February 10, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 10, 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 Samide was absent from this session.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2011.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a voucher payment to Hummel Construction Company for request #7 and #8 for November and December payments for the Board of Developmental Disabilities Transportation Facility Construction totaling \$881,393.88.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-020 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 10, 2011.

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

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JANUARY, 2011

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of January, 2011 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of January, 2011 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton stated that program income is money that is paid back after being loaned out. Activity for the last half of 2010 included an emergency repair and some housing rehabilitation work.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Housing Semi-Annual

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Program Income Report for the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ED) REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Administrative Secretary Kelly Belconis explained that this is the final report for 2010 that must balance with the Auditor, the State and against our own program for principal, interest and fees paid. Everything has balanced and we have a current number of twenty-five (25) loans and two (2) in the middle of disbursement. Commissioner Jemison asked if payments were being made and coming in a timely manner. Ms. Belconis stated that they were good, and if they do have a problem they usually work out an arrangement with the Revolving Loan Fund Board and come up with a solution of a lower payment for a couple of months so no loans are lost.

Commissioner Young asked about the total debts. Ms. Belconis stated that the balance as of June 30th was \$863,920.00, and the balance as of December 31, 2010 was \$596,556.57 and the total loans disbursed between June 30 and December 31 was \$548,066.11. To date the total of all loans made is \$2,933,244.38. Ms. Belconis stated that they have been told that this is the most successful Revolving Loan Fund Program in the state. Mr. Young asked when this was originally started to which Ms. Belconis replied that she has a record of the program beginning in 1983.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Economic Development (ED) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Semi-Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – HEIDI M. LOVE

Ms. Benton stated that Ms. Love was a 2006 down payment rehabilitation client, and that she is taking advantage of the low interest rates right now and through Park Federal Savings Bank is going from a 5.75% rate to a 4.5% rate and reducing her payment. Ms. Benton explained that there is no cash out, she is just lowering her interest rate. Mr. Young asked if there was a fee that they have to pay to lower the rate. Ms. Benton explained that she believed the cost was just over \$1,000.00 for the title charges and third party fees. Mr. Young stated that they are good options to consider from time to time.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Park View Federal Savings Bank, as Heidi M. Love nka Heidi M. McArthur is refinancing at a lower interest rate (from 5.75% to 4.5%) reducing the monthly payment by \$145.74 on property located at 11334 Wilson Mills Road, Chardon under Grant #B-C-05-026-2.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PLANS AND SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE, THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD

County Engineer Michael Stone explained that these three items are for the Environmental Justice requirements for Federal Aid Funding. A public hearing must be advertised and held and plans available for view. The Taylor Wells Road bridge is a truss bridge located just north of Hall Road on the township section that will be replaced. This bridge was in bad enough shape that it qualified for Federal Aid funding. Mr. Stone stated that bridge funding is tough for this county to receive since most of our bridges are in good shape, in comparison to other

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counties. Chardon Windsor Road is Sections A-D and goes from the city of Chardon to State Route 608. This is a resurfacing job that does have eighty percent (80%) Federal Funding. Fairmount Road will be the sections from Sperry Road to Auburn Road. This will be the fourth time for Federal funding on this road and is one of the earliest roads done from back in 1968. Mr. Stone stated that at this point right now we are just setting up the hearing dates.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge Receipt of Plans for the Replacement of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge (Structure #113-2.03) in Claridon Township per Resolution #09-175 approved September 30, 2009. This will set a public hearing to be held March 1, 2011 at 10:10 a.m. Notice of this hearing will be published on February 17 and February 24, 2011.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge Receipt of Plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Chardon Windsor Road (CH 13, Sections A-D) in Hambden and Claridon Townships per Resolution #09-225 approved December 15, 2009. This will set a public hearing to be held March 1, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this hearing will be published on February 17 and February 24, 2011.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to acknowledge Receipt of Plans for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH 16, Sections F&G) in Newbury Township per Resolution #10-013 approved January 28, 2010. This will set a public hearing to be held March 1, 2011 at 10:20 a.m. Notice of this hearing will be published on February 17 and February 24, 2011.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE –RESOLUTION ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF BUTTERNUT ROAD, COVER SHEET SPECIFICATIONS AND SETS THE BID OPENING

Mr. Stone stated that this project will be 100% funded with county local road and bridge property tax funding. These sections (A-C) are from State Route 322 to Auburn Road. Mr. Stone explained that they were considering widening the extension of Wye Road, which is actually Butternut. After going through the planning process and looking at the bridge by the entrance of Notre Dame, that will probably need to be replaced within the next five years, it makes sense to relocate the road due to the intersection with Wye. Mr. Stone stated that they were going to hold off on doing that and just do the asphalt resurfacing for the time being. Mr. Jemison asked how they would handle the intersection of Wye Road. Mr. Stone explained that looking at the GIS, right by the driveway and where the bridge is you head quite a bit north and south and will probably continue to swing that way and pull Wye into the curve; it may need a longer bridge but in the long run it only makes sense. An interesting part of this project is that it is one of the cement stabilization jobs and that the other Sections B&C that were done in 1998 used more asphalt than is used now. Mr. Stone has mentioned that they should consider using more asphalt on this project as the last one they did this on is still around and looking at the life cycle cost, it might be worth it.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-018 Ordering the Improvement of Butternut Road (CH 21, Sections A-C) in Munson Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the cover sheet for specifications for this improvement project.

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Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on April 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised March 17 and March 24, 2011 and on the county web site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-018

Date: February 10, 2011

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS A-C OF BUTTERNUT ROAD (CH 21) IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 10-231 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Sections A-C of Butternut Road from Mayfield Road (US 322) to Auburn Road (CH 4) in Munson Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Butternut Road; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Sections A-C of Butternut Road, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Munson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CLAY STREET, COVER SHEET SPECIFICATIONS AND SETS THE BID OPENING

Mr. Stone explained that the section of Clay Street goes from State Route 166 up to Thompson Road. This is actually a cement stabilization job that went over a winter; it was started in 2002 and completed in 2003 and is in need of attention because of that surfacing going on the following year. Mr. Stone stated that they didn't get the life cycle of it because of the winter situation. Mr. Stone explained that this project is set up to remove some of the asphalt surface and repave.

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Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-019 Ordering the Improvement of Clay Street (CH 37, Sections K & L) in Thompson Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the cover sheet for specifications for this improvement project.

Further, the resolution sets a bid opening on April 6, 2011 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of the bid opening will be advertised March 17 and March 24, 2011 and on the county web site.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-019

Date: February 10, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS K&L OF
CLAY STREET (CH 37) IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined Resolution 10-230 determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Sections K-L of Clay Street from Rock Creek Road (SR 166) to Thompson Road (CH 7) in Thompson Township by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvement, widening, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement to Clay Street; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session for the improvement of Sections K&L of Clay Street, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Thompson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

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Mr. Stone stated that both of these jobs are being advertised a little early as they are ready to go, but held the bids to April so that as we get closer to the summer season and the contractors can get a feeling of what petroleum prices might do. Mr. Stone explained that they no longer have adjustments in plans and because of this are trying to be fairer. Mr. Jemison asked that without the adjustment if they fear contractors having to cover themselves will bid higher. Mr. Stone explained that you have that concern but there are some contractors that can lock in their price the day they bid. By bidding in April we get a little closer to the season and it allows the smaller groups an opportunity.

MAINTENEANCE DEPARTMENT – RETIREMENT RESIGNATION ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY (#1908) KATHY KIRBY

Director Glen Vernick stated that Ms. Kirby was currently on vacation and would be until February 28th and then retire. From his understanding Ms. Kirby was the first Geauga County Maintenance department secretary when they were up under the Courthouse. Ms. Kirby has been here for twenty-one years.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept the retirement resignation of Kathy Kirby, Administrative Secretary (#1908) in the Maintenance Department to be effective February 28, 2011.

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

Mia Moore from the Illumination Company announced that First Energy had plans to close their acquisition of Alleghany Energy within the week and this will take them into seven (7) states including Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. Ms. Moore also stated that First Energy has partnered with an Ohio Company to have the largest purchase of electronic generation for a wind turbine facility in Western Ohio. Ms. Moore stated that this will help them reach their goals.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of January 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*
- 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 January 2011 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

MEETINGS

Fri., 2/11 Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) 2011 Economic Update Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

Fri., 2/11 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Tues., 2/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 2/15 The Commissioners will attend a Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting in Portage County at 1:00 p.m.

Wed., 2/16 CDBG Formula Project and Application Workshop 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, Bldg. #8, 470 Center Street

Thu., 2/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 2/17 Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

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Fri., 2/18 Leadership Geauga Government Day

Mon., 2/21 County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Tues., 2/22 The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.

Thu., 2/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Mon., 2/28 Family First Council meeting at 2:00 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:27A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

ABSENT
Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk