

Commissioners' Journal
March 17, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 17, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 15, 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>

**Commissioner Young was absent from this session.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LEADERSHIP GEAUGA YOUTH PROGRAM

Board President Tracy Jemison welcomed the Leadership Geauga County Youth Program participants Class of 2011, who will be participating in a Mock Commissioners Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Jemison and Commissioner Samide gave a brief biography on themselves and how they came to be commissioners. The students introduced themselves to the Board and said where they attend school.

The following is the participating county official or department with their student representative:

<u>Office</u>	<u>County Official</u>	<u>Student Delegate</u>
<i>Commissioners</i>	<i>Tracy A. Jemison</i> <i>William S. Young (Absent)</i> <i>Mary E. Samide</i>	<i>Brad Barnhart – Newbury</i> <i>Erik Herchek – NDCL</i> <i>Emily Van Wagoner – Chagrin Falls</i>
<i>County Administrator</i>	<i>David Lair</i>	<i>Johnny Spear – Chardon</i>
<i>Commissioners' Clerk</i>	<i>Christine Blair</i>	<i>Rachel Komar – West Geauga</i>
<i>Building Department</i>	<i>Mike Mihalisin</i>	
<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Frank Gliha</i>	
<i>Prosecutor Representative</i>	<i>Laura LaChapelle</i>	<u><i>Students – not in order of representation</i></u>
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>Dan McClelland</i>	<i>Davey Byler - Berkshire</i>
<i>Community Economic Development</i>	<i>Anita Stocker</i>	<i>Keighle Joyce - NDCL</i>
<i>Munson Township</i>	<i>Andy Bushman</i>	<i>Jenn Lanstrum - Cardnial</i>
	<i>Tim Kearns</i>	<i>Audrey Martillotta - Chardon</i>
<i>Health Department</i>	<i>Bob Weisdack</i>	<i>Maggie Williams - Chardon</i>
<i>Department for Improving Economic Development</i>		<i>Val Arko - NDCL</i>
<i>End National Taking of RAIL property (ENTRAIL)</i>	<i>Phil King</i>	<i>John Martillotta - Chardon</i>
<i>Historical Society</i>		<i>Erin Lax - NDCL</i>
<i>Citizens for Responsible Acquisition of Property</i>	<i>Mike Lear</i>	<i>Jen Andrews – Chagrin Falls</i>
<i>National Unified Bank</i>	<i>Teeter Grosvenor</i>	<i>Danielle Lombardo - NDCL</i>
<i>Gauga Park District</i>		<i>Brandon Portman - NDCL</i>
<i>Notre Dame Cathedral</i>	<i>Laura Holcomb</i>	<i>Holden Pahr - Chardon</i>
<i>Latin School</i>	<i>Felicia Hough</i>	<i>Hannah Sellers - Kenston</i>
<i>Organized Labor</i>	<i>John Leech</i>	<i>Tracey Teichman - Chardon</i>
	<i>Joe Waler</i>	
	<i>Jim Dvorak</i>	
	<i>Jim McClintock</i>	

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
THE RADCLIFFE ROAD BRIDGE – HAMB DEN TOWNSHIP

Engineer Mike Stone explained that Hambden Township would be heading up this project that will be funded with State of Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding, with our local match being about twenty-eight percent (28%). Radcliffe Road runs along the county line so there is four entities involved in this joint project, Leroy Township and Concord Township in Lake County and Hambden Township and the County. The County is involved in this project because the county takes care of any bridge over ten feet in span even if it's a township road. This bridge is in need of replacement and will be have a 16x7 concrete box culvert put in. The cost is about \$120,000.00 and the estimated local match is around \$34,000.00 depending on fuel prices. Ms. Samide noted for the students that the bridge being referenced is not a bridge like you would see in Cleveland, that it's a small bridge that would go across a stream. Mr. Stone stated that anything that covers a ten foot span in the State of Ohio is considered a bridge basically for inspection purposes. Mr. Stone stated that in 1969 there was a bridge failure and since that time any structure twenty feet and over is a Federal Structure and needs to be inspected.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-039 ordering the Reconstruction of the Radcliffe Road Bridge (Structure #200-1.28) in Hambden Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the title sheet of the plans for the same.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-039

Date: March 17, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
RADCLIFFE ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #200-1.28
Hambden Township, Geauga County / LeRoy Township, Lake County**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #10-192 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Alyworth Creek on Radcliffe Road at mile marker 1.28, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Radcliffe Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative to the reconstruction of the Radcliffe Road bridge have been secured; and

WHEREAS, Hambden Township has secured Ohio Public Works grant funding for the improvement of Radcliffe Road to include this bridge replacement; 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 reconstruction of Structure #200-1.28 on Radcliffe 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 Hambden Township will receive bids and administer the contract for this work.

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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 Hambden Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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>

Mr. Stone stated that Hambden Township will be sending this to bid, so there was no bid date set.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – JASON SCHILLING

Director Doug Bowen stated that Mr. Schilling was a new employee, having only been here for two months and was still in his probationary period. Mr. Schilling needed to appear in court for personal reasons and does not have any vacation time.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve an unpaid leave of absence, for Jason Schilling, Maintenance Worker on Thursday, March 17, 2011 per section 6.13 of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MARY (KATIE) SCHAAB

County Administrator David Lair explained that Ms. Schaab had plans made prior to employment and had reservations that were non-refundable. Mr. Jemison stated that it was not unusual for a new employee to start a job having prior plans.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence, for Mary (Katie) Schaab, Administrative Secretary, for the period March 24 through March 29, 2011, pursuant to section 3 of the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. This leave will extend Ms. Schaab's probationary period by four (4) days.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2011

Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart explained that this was the eighth year (8th) for Public Service Recognition Week and that this would be the fourth year (4th) to hold an EXPO for the employees to attend, the previous years had a health and safety theme. This year the EXPO will be hosted by the Health and Wellness Committee. Benefits Specialist Kathy Hostutler explained that the committee was excited, and had plans for hands on activities and lots of FUN. Ideas being considered include a Fitness Challenge, Balance Assessments, Relaxation Stations, Screenings, Cornhole Tournaments, EAP presentations and more. Ms. Lockhart commented that this year's theme ties in well with the County Health and Wellness Programs. Ms. Hostutler explained would count as a qualifying event for the employee wellness rate for Healthcare for next year, and hopes that the employees will take advantage of it.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-040 proclaiming May 2 through May 6 as Public Service Recognition Week for 2011 to continue the annual recognition established by the Board of County Commissioners on March 16, 2004, and to encourage managers and supervisors to participate in the Employee Recognition and Awards Program for which Guidelines were approved and added to the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual on March 16, 2004.

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This will be the 8th year that Geauga County has celebrated, joining other public employees in the U.S. and around the world taking part in this celebration, which was established as the first full week in May since 1985.

This is the 4th year that a PSR Expo will be held for county employees. For 2011 it will be held on Thursday, May 5 in Meeting Room 8. This Health & Wellness EXPO will provide an opportunity for our employees to learn more about nutrition, exercise, and competition, as well as information from health and wellness experts.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-040

Date: March 17, 2011

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 6
AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FOR 2011**

WHEREAS, In honor of the men and women who serve America every single day as public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. The vast array of services provided by the government is an integral part of our lives. Every day of our lives we depend upon the work of public employees; and Public Service

WHEREAS, Public service is a public trust, a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, A job in public service will impact the lives of many people, through public policy, education, law enforcement, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, With out these dedicated government employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, We, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, do proclaim that annually the first week of May to be Public Service Recognition Week in Geauga County and call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made by public employees at all levels who help ensure the quality of our lives in this great country and in this great county in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 325.25 specifically authorizes employee recognition programs; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio wish to utilize this authority to recognize the employees of Geauga County government on an annual basis during the first week of May during Public Service Recognition week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Young</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 3/18 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Metzenbaum Center Transportation Facility Open House, 10:00 a.m. 8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland

Fri., 3/18 Some of the Commissioners will attend the re-scheduled NOACA meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mon., 3/21 Family First Council at 2:00 p.m.

Tues., 3/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 3/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 470 Center St., Building #8

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Thu., 3/24 The County Auditor will present the Economic State of Geauga at 10:30 a.m., 470 Center St. Building #8

Tues., 3/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 3/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk