

Commissioners' Journal
March 3, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 3, 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 10:04 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 February 24, 2011.

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

** Commissioner Samide was absent from this session.*

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 1, 2011.

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

**Commissioner Jemison explained his "Abstain" vote as he is Chairman of United Way this year.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as including a revenue certification for the Transit department's Capital Fund for remaining ARRA funds; a payment to the Portage / Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for first quarter 2011 expenses in the amount of \$80,528.00 and a payment to United Way for the Department of Job and Family Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-027 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 3, 2011.

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

A brief discussion was held with local resident Jack McCaskey regarding the copy of the financials he obtained at the meeting on February 24, 2011, and the overseeing of purchases by the Commissioners. Mr. McCaskey questioned the purchase of a cabinet and a travel request. The Commissioners responded to the resident that they do look over the financials and what is spent each week, but that the departments have budgets and they have to live within their means, and if they don't have the money they don't spend it.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE TO PROCEED – HESS AND ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED

Program Coordinator Rhea Benton stated that this was additional paperwork for the Chagrin Falls parking lot improvement project. Mr. McCaskey inquired on the dollar amount. Mr. Jemison stated that this was for the same project that they had previously approved for \$8,500.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Hess and Associates Engineering, Incorporated for professional services to be

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performed at 7060 Woodland Avenue, Chagrin Falls under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Assistant Director Paul Reiman stated that the policy changes here are mostly wording changes, to be in line with the Commissioners' policies. Mr. Jemison noted that they had lowered the vacation carryover maximum to 200 hours. Mr. Reiman explained one example of the changes were the job posting – previously they had a minimum of five days, with weekends and possible legal holidays it had become a problem and was changed to a minimum period of five days allowing them to extend the posting period.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the revisions to the following sections of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual: Section 2. Employment - Job Postings, Transfers and Promotions; Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan; Section 3. Conduct - Grievance Procedures; Section 5. Benefits - Employee Assistance Program; Section 6. Leaves - Sick Leave; Other Leaves of Absence; Vacation Leave; and Section 8. Loss Prevention - Driver Eligibility Guidelines, upon the recommendation of the Director of Geauga County Job and Family Services to be effective immediately.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) COUNTY HIGHWAY MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Mr. Jemison noted that there was no change in mileage from 2009 to 2010.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) 2010 County Highway System Mileage Certification for a total of 227.809 miles.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION ORDERING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE- TITLE SHEET FOR THE SAME

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-028 ordering the Reconstruction of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge (Structure #113-2.03) in Claridon 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

Date: March 3, 2011

Resolution: 11-028

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #113-2.03 IN CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 09-175 that the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over the West Branch of the Cuyahoga River on Taylor Wells Road, and the grading, paving, widening,

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and draining of a portion of Taylor Wells Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County has secured agreements for the lands needed to be taken relative to the reconstruction of the Taylor Wells Road bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a hearing for objections for the replacement of the Taylor Wells Road bridge is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare requires that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

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 hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 Claridon 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACTS – RADICK’S LANDSCAPING, INCORPORATED

Director Doug Bowen explained that these service contracts for Radick’s Landscaping are to have money on standby for landscaping services that cannot be handled by department personnel.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Radick’s Landscaping, Incorporated to perform landscaping services at various locations within the water section for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Radick’s Landscaping, Incorporated to perform landscaping services at various wastewater locations within the County for the Year 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.*

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – MCNAMARAS STEAK AND SEAFOOD GRILLE - CHESTERLAND

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by 8737 INC (d.b.a. McNamaras Steak and Seafood Grille) located at 8737 Mayfield Road, Chesterland (C TRFO 2455368).*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2011
EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNERS –THOMAS W.BENDA AND THERAPEUTIC RIDING
CENTER**

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-029 Honoring Leadership Geauga 2011 Emerald Leader Award Winner Thomas W. Benda.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-029
Date: March 3, 2011

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA
2011 EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER THOMAS W. BENDA**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Benda served many years and has been recognized for his achievements in Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety with The Lubrizol Corporation, currently serves on the Board of Directors for University Hospitals, and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the University Hospitals Extended Care Campus at Heather Hill; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Benda served his neighbors by volunteering on the Lakeland Foundation, and is a lifetime Eagle Scout for the Greater Western Reserve Council of Boy Scouts of America, and has even paid it forward at Lake County United Way services; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Benda has also served on St. Mary's Parish Council in Chardon for evangelization, men's renewal, and the 100th Jubilee Anniversary; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the dedicated service of Thomas W. Benda and the honor of being the recipient of the 2011 Leadership Geauga County Emerald Leader Award.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-030 Honoring Leadership Geauga 2011 Emerald Leader Award Winner Therapeutic Riding Center.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-030
Date: March 3, 2011

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2011 EMERALD LEADER
AWARD WINNER FIELDSTONE FARM THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency

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that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center (TRC) is a non-profit organization that has been around for thirty-two years providing therapeutic opportunities to children and adults with special needs that are aided through equestrian programs promoting emotional and physical wellness and achievement by improving their balance, strengthening muscles and achieving educational goals as well as learning life skills; and

WHEREAS, Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center helps more than eight hundred (800) clients annually from nine (9) counties in ages ranging from two (2) to ninety (90) years old with a thirty-seven (37) member staff, and seven hundred (700) volunteers donating 22,222 service hours in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center has partnered with the Geauga County Educational Service Center by providing at risk students with emotional disabilities the opportunity for an alternate educational environment to learn life skills, vocation, counseling and partnership with therapy horses; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the dedicated service of Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center and the honor of being the recipient of the 2011 Leadership Geauga County Emerald Leader Award.

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

COUNTY HOME – ADVERTISE POSITION – PART TIME ATTENDANT (#1504-1)
County Administrator David Lair explained that this is for the replacement of a terminated employee at entry level.

Motion: *by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-Time Attendant (#1504-1), third shift. This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

OTHER
The Board reviewed upcoming events.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of February 2011.*

MEETINGS

Tues., 3/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 3/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Fri., 3/11 NOACA meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mon., 3/14 The Commissioners will attend the CCAO Regional Legislative Briefing at 11:30 a.m., Mary Yoder's Restaurant, Middlefield

Tues., 3/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

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Thu., 3/17 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 3/17 Leadership Geauga Youth Day

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

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

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:37 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk