

Commissioners' Journal
April 21, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 21, 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 Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 19, 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>Aye</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials as purchase orders for CORSA for County Building, Property and Liability insurance premiums totaling \$343,157.00; and payments to United Way for Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, and the Department on Aging.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-059 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 21, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CHANGES TO JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE - TRANSPORTATION DRIVER (#1020)

Director Sally Bell stated that they have been really busy and have had to decline a number of Seniors transportation requests. Commissioners Clerk Christine Blair read from a letter submitted by Ms. Bell that in the last six months they were unable to schedule out of county medical appointments on 194 different occasions due to current drivers being booked with other clients. Ms. Bell stated that in this first quarter they have seen a tremendous jump in the numbers of people using the service. Ms. Bell explained that she currently has one Full-time and one Part-time driver and would like to add an additional Full-time driver for a short time. Ms. Bell explained that instead of introducing and training a Part-time driver, it would be more beneficial to hire a Full-time driver and then when the current Part-time driver retires, they will only have 2 Full-time drivers. Commissioner Jemison inquired if the department had enough vehicles for the three drivers. Ms. Bell stated that they have a Big Bus with a wheelchair lift, a Van with a wheelchair lift and a Stratus that is used when possible with seniors that are able to get in and out. Ms. Bell explained that they also have a white vehicle that came from the Sheriff's department that is used almost full time by Mr. Van Boxel doing in home visits to seniors. Ms. Bell stated that the department had ordered a new vehicle with the Sheriff's department and were waiting for that to arrive and hoped that once the Sheriff's department received their new vehicles that they would be able to get another vehicle that was previously used by a deputy. Commissioner Young inquired about overtime being used for the drivers. Ms. Bell explained that the drivers were at will and came in and worked when they are needed and were currently able to manage without overtime. Mr. Jemison inquired about the main vehicle that went downtown. Ms. Bell stated that they used the Van primarily due to the cost of operating the Bus. However, the Bus does get used to transport seniors on special event outings within the area rather than using an alternate company. Mr. Young voiced concern over people using the service instead of finding another means like a friend or family member. Ms. Bell stated that was not a concern for her as the people who are using the service are donating more towards the costs than before.

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Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve changes to the Transportation Driver (#1020) job description at the Department on Aging to meet the state guidelines as required for Transit Drivers.

<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 grant permission to advertise for the position of Transportation Driver (#1020), this job posting will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 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>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REJECT ALL BIDS – RETURN BONDS SUBMITTED – HOME CARE SERVICES

Ms. Bell stated that they had received four (4) bids for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care. Part of that bid request package included that they bid out for a contract term of three years. With the market today and the uncertainty of reimbursements on insurance and Medicare, the bidders were afraid to go out on that limb for three years. Ms. Bell explained that they needed to be respectful of the local businesses. Ms. Bell asked the Board to pull the motion on the agenda to advertise the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care as the paperwork had not been completed and received while she was out on personal matters, but requested they approve releasing the bonds and returning the paperwork and she would come back before the Board to advertise.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to reject all bids for the Home Care Services: Homemaker and Personal Care for Geauga County Residents Age 60 and over and further release the bid bonds / cashiers checks submitted.

<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 PROPOSING TO COOPERATE WITH THOMPSON TOWNSHIP – IMPROVEMENT OF DEWEY AND LEDGE ROADS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-060 Proposing to Cooperate with the Thompson Township Board of Trustees on the Improvement of Dewey Road (Section C) and Ledge Road (Section A).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 21, 2011

Resolution: 11-060

RESOLUTION OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING TO COOPERATE WITH THE THOMPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Improvement to Section C of Dewey Road & Section A of Ledge Road

Commissioner Samide moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Young:

WHEREAS, the public interest demands the improvement hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, Sections 5535.08 and 5535.15 of the Ohio Revised Code allows counties to assist in funding the maintenance and repair of township roads; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is best served by the cooperation of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Thompson Township Board of Trustees to improve Dewey

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Road (TR 54) from Burrows Road (TR 60) to Rock Creek Road (SR 166) and Ledge Road (TR 56) from Rock Creek Road (SR 166) to Thompson Road (CH 7) in Thompson Township.

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

SECTION I – The public interest demands the improvement of Dewey Road and Ledge Road, situated in the Township of Thompson, County of Geauga and State of Ohio.

SECTION II – The Geauga County Engineer is authorized to reimburse Thompson Township for costs not to exceed \$100,000.00 related to work performed and accepted during a project to improve Dewey Road and Ledge Road under Contract #THO-54C56A-11.

SECTION III – The funds for the reimbursement shall come from funds available to the County Engineer to improve roads and bridges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Geauga County Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit three original copies of this resolution to the Thompson Township Board of Trustees for acceptance.

<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>

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – LETTER REQUESTING EXTENSION – U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – COUNTY HOME PROPERTY

Natural Resources Technician Colleen Sharp explained that back in 2005 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came out to look at the property at the County Home, this property is what is being proposed for the mitigation. The Corps of Engineers came out to look at the wetlands and streams to determine how much acreage there was in wetlands linear feet and streams. The Corps of Engineers came up with approximately thirty-two (32) acres of wetlands and 5700 feet of streams, that determination is called a Jurisdictional Determination and is only good for five (5) years. This week it was discovered that April 27 will be the five year date. Ms. Sharp explained that the expiration dates are given because of development that could cause an impact. Ms. Sharp stated that there really hasn't been anything that has occurred around the County Home and is requesting an extension of the Jurisdictional Determination. Ms. Sharp explained that if the county gets to the point that they want to add the County Home as a mitigation bank and the Jurisdictional Determination is expired we would have to pay for consultants to come back out do it all over again. This extension is to try and eliminate the need for additional money being paid out that isn't necessary. Ms. Sharp explained that along with the letter would be an acceptance of wetlands delineation as well as the Jurisdictional Determination that was done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Sharp stated that she didn't see any reason why they wouldn't extend it.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting an extension of the current Jurisdictional Determination for the County Home property.

<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 – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – C.I.R. INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF HEMLOCK POINT ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #155-1.12) RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

County Engineer R.L. Phillips explained that this bridge falls in the section of road the county does intend to take over, that is currently maintained through an agreement with Russell Township. Mr. Phillips stated that the bridge has some deterioration and is narrow, and by making the changes and widening it now allows them in a few years to go back and work on the shoulder and road and have bridge taken care of and fit. Discussion was had regarding the plan of a county roads system and roads being traded with townships for maintenance. Mr. Phillips

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explained that the county would not take on any roads that were not paved as the county doesn't have the equipment to handle them. Further discussion was had on the percentage of roads that are not currently paved. Mr. Phillips explained that sometimes it was better to help the Townships by giving money out of Public Works on a project match. Mr. Phillips explained that the cooperative resolution with Thompson is for the county to pay the match on the Public Works project. Mr. Phillips stated that the estimated cost on this project was over \$200,000.00 and so far all bids that have come in for other jobs have been ten to twenty percent under the estimate. The estimates for the project are based on the numbers used in 2008.

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with C.I.R. Incorporated for the Replacement of the Hemlock Point Road Bridge (Structure #155-1.12) in Russell Township in the amount of \$185,950.50.

<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>

LIQUOR LICENSE – WAL MART STORES EAST LP (D.B.A. WALMART SUPERCENTER 3250) BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Wal Mart Stores East LP (d.b.a. WalMart Supercenter 3250) located at 7235 Market Place Drive, Aurora (C TREX 9351001-32505).

<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 – GRANDVIEW BUSINESS OPERATIONS LLC (D.B.A. GRANDVIEW GOLD AND COUNTRY CLUB) CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with Claridon Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Grandview Business Operations LLC (d.b.a. Grandview Golf and Country Club) located at 13404 Old State Road, Middlefield (C TRFO 3325804).

<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>

Discussion was held on the current ownership of the property and it being a consortium of people that came together and purchased it.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Tourism Council, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.692 in the amount of \$31,250.00. This amount includes an unpaid one-time payment of \$11,250.00 initially approved by the Geauga County Commissioners on March 11, 2010.

<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 – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Historical Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.23 for the Year 2011 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

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Commissioner Jemison Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2011 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING AGGIE SOJKA-SPERRY – 2011 GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution # 11-061 honoring Aggie Sojka-Sperry as the 2011 Geauga County Maple Hall of Fame Inductee.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-061
Date: April 21, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AGGIE SOJKA-SPERRY AS THE
2011 GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

WHEREAS, Aggie Sojka-Sperry grew up in Chesterland and graduated from West Geauga High School where even then she was surrounded by maple by being able to walk to five sugarhouses; and

WHEREAS, Aggie Sojka-Sperry married her late husband Mark Sperry and moved into Hambden Township, where together they promoted maple in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Aggie Sojka-Sperry has served on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Maple Producers Association for nine years, currently serving as secretary, participates on the Geauga OSU Extension Forestry / Maple Advisory Board and began the Taste of Maple program for the Maple Institute bringing maple beyond the breakfast table; and

WHEREAS, Aggie Sojka-Sperry still operates a sugar house with the Gingerich Brothers in Parkman allowing her to continue her use of knowledge and experience as a syrup maker but also allowing her to enjoy making her prize winning maple candy to which she has won at the Geauga County Maple Festival, Great Geauga County Fair, the Ohio State Fair and recognized at international competitions;

WHEREAS, Aggie Sojka-Sperry still has goals to achieve, although she has taken international and many syrup awards across Ohio, there is one she has not yet achieved, the Number One spot at the Geauga County Maple Festival, but Aggie says “the syrup entered each year is so good, that if you are in the top seven, you really are number one”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor Aggie Sojka-Sperry as the 2011 Geauga County Hall of Fame Inductee.

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>

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

Thu., 4/21 The Commissioners' will attend the 28th Annual Maple Syrup Hall of Fame Luncheon, 12:00 at Mary Yoder's in Middlefield

Mon., 4/25 Board of Revision meeting

Tues., 4/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Tues., 4/26 The Commissioners' will hold a Public Hearing to vacate a portion of Wisner Road (TR-84) in Chardon Township at 10:10 a.m.

Tues., 4/26 The Commissioners' will hold a Public Hearing to vacate the portions of un-built roadways in Kiwanis Lake Subdivision #2, Newbury Township at 10:20 a.m.

Thu., 4/28 The Commissioners' will hold regular session.

Thu., 4/28 Some of the Commissioners' will attend the CIC 41st Annual Salute to Commerce and Industry event at 7:00 p.m., St. Denis Party Center

Sat., 4/30 Some of the Commissioners' will attend the Bass Lake Preserve Lodge Dedication, 10:00 a.m. Munson Township

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

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