

Commissioners' Journal
June 9, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 9, 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 June 7, 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>

COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – MAY 2011

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

<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 accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of May, 2011 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.

<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 – AWARD BID – AERO-MARK, INCORPORATED – POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to award the bid to AERO-MARK, Incorporated for the Polyester Pavement Markings for Various Roads for the Year 2011, in the amount of \$241,000.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid. The bid bond submitted shall be held to serve as the performance bond for this project.

<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 – AGREEMENT – CHARDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – USE OF PARKING LOTS

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chardon Chamber of Commerce for the use of the county parking lots located at 100 Short Court Street and 208 East Park Street during the Chardon Chamber of Commerce Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on July 10, 2011, (Rain Date of July 17, 2011) for the time period 9:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

<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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING – GEAUGA COUNTY 2012 TAX BUDGET

County Administrator David Lair stated that this was the first step in the 2012 budget process. The Board has to adopt a tax budget and submit it to the County Auditor by the 15th. Budget Administrator Heidi Delaney is wrapping up the prep work on the budget and is asking to hold the hearing on June 30th.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Geauga County 2012 Tax Budget to be held on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. Notice of this public hearing will be advertised on June 16, 2011 and the county website.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE – EMPRESS COURT, INCORPORATED (D.B.A. EMPRESS COURT) – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to concur with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by Empress Court, Incorporated (d.b.a. Empress Court) located at 8307 Washington Street, Bainbridge Township (C N 2509106).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING NATHAN RAMOS ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #11-091 honoring Nathan Ramos on Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-091
Date: June 9, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING NATHAN RAMOS FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must prove to his adult leaders the basics of outdoor survival including nature study, first aid, life saving and other activities that provide leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is an accomplishment that only four percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Ramos is a member of Boy Scout Troop 190, Chardon Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Ramos provided leadership at meetings and on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Ramos's Eagle Scout project consisted of creating an addition to the library garden of an outdoor classroom and reading area at his church's elementary school allowing the students to learn in an outdoor environment; and.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Nathan Ramos for service to his community and the Scouts of America;

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE– RESOLUTION HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL DANIEL DOBAY

Commissioner Jemison stated that Mr. Dobay's mother and sister were in attendance. Mr. Jemison explained that he had met Mr. Dobay at the Burton Memorial Day services, stating that Mr. Dobay was a brave young man in all that he had gone through. In March, Mr. Dobay had been hit by shrapnel in Afghanistan. Mr. Dobay was in attendance that day and Mr. Jemison had a conversation with him and felt that he had a bright future, that he was very positive, that he spoke about going to college and pursuing something in a music career. Mr. Jemison explained that it was heartwarming the way that the Burton American Legion members and he had bonded together that morning.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-092 honoring U.S. Marine Corporal Daniel Dobay for his dedication, sacrifice and service to the United States of America.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-092
Date: June 9, 2011

A RESOLUTION HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL DANIEL DOBAY FOR HIS DEDICATION, SACRIFICE AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, Daniel Dobay was born on June 6, 1985 and grew up in Burton, Ohio where he graduated in 2004 from Berkshire High School; and

WHEREAS, after graduation Daniel Dobay joined the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd PSB, where he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Dobay served as part of the 2nd Marine Division, Truck Company Alpha, and then served with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines during his first tour in Afghanistan in 2009, where he was deployed for seven months; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Dobay went on to serve as part of the 2nd Marine, PSD (Personal Security Detachment) which is the General's Personal Security unit in Helmand Province in Marjah Afghanistan beginning in February 2011; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2011 Daniel Dobay was injured by an improvised explosive device (IED) when it struck the armored MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle he was in; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor U.S. Marine Corporal Daniel Dobay for his dedication, sacrifice and service to the United States of America; and

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>

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Mr. Jemison stated that it was his understanding the Mr. Dobay was back in Virginia to finish his rehabilitation. Mr. Dobay's mother stated that he was at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia. Mr. Dobay's sister explained that Daniel had an indefinite EAS until he is completely done with his physical therapy.

Commissioner Samide stated that it is such a sacrifice, and that she could imagine being the mother and thinking about that little baby.

Mr. Jemison stated that it really touches home, Afghanistan is so far away, and then you see someone like Daniel or hear of the loss of the young man from West Geauga and it all becomes very local.

The Commissioners then presented Daniel's mother and sister with the Resolution honoring him for his dedication, sacrifice and service to the United States.

Mr. Jemison stated that Daniel had a positive outlook, with a strong family, and those are both very good things.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION

Director Doug Bowen explained that this was a service contract as part of the requirements from the EPA. Mr. Bowen stated that during the last inspection they changed regulations to now require a fence for protection around the perimeters of the tower.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Auburn Fence Corporation to install a six foot (6') high chain link fence and gate at the Service Center Tower 1, located at 12513 Merritt Road in an amount not to exceed \$7,880.00.

<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>

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri. 6/10 NOACA Summit, Cleveland at 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Tues., 6/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Tues., 6/14 Flag Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., Chardon Square

Tues., 6/14 The Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street

Thu., 6/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session

Thu., 6/16 St. Lucy's Dedication Ceremony, 1:00 p.m. Middlefield

OTHER – NOPEC EVENT

Commissioner Bill Young and David Lair had recently attended a NOPEC meeting. Mr. Young explained that it was a formal meeting for the "Powering Our Communities" grant participants, noting that Chardon had received a special award for the Heritage House building, and Claridon Township had received recognition for their solar panels. Mr. Young noted that the discounted electric rates through NOPEC would continue to be seven percent (7%) for the next two years for residents and five percent (5%) for businesses, noting that the savings have been incredible. Mr. Lair stated that the minimum amount awarded was \$50,000.00 per community and larger townships, villages and cities received a higher amount. Mr. Young stated that there were 132 participants from Townships, Villages and Cities in 9 Counties that received grants.

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Mr. Lair noted that not all the townships in Geauga County participated in this program, as of last a couple of townships had not joined the NOPEC program.

OTHER – OBSERVATORY PARK

Mr. Jemison stated that he had recently attended a Rotary event that had been hosted at the new Observatory Park, noting that he was very impressed with the building, and what all they were putting together at the park. Mr. Jemison spoke about the Oberle Telescope that was donated to the park by the family and that the Astronomy Club along with Park District took it apart, cleaned it and have put it back together to be used in the building. Mr. Jemison noted that a television screen would show what was being seen through the telescope or that you could look through it yourself. Mr. Jemison also noted that this park was being built through donations and that the Park Board is setting up endowments to maintain it. A volunteer from the Astronomy Club stated that there is no place like this anywhere else on the planet. Mr. Jemison stated that it was another great asset in Geauga County.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REHIRING OF RETIRANT JUDITH OBERSTAR

Commissioner Jemison opened the public hearing at 10:31 a.m.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to waive the reading of the legal notice.

<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>

Mr. Jemison asked Judith Oberstar when she would be retiring. Ms. Oberstar stated that she had already retired and hoped to return on June 15th. Director Dale Wedge explained that he had spoken with the staff and Judy and if the Board approves, she will reduce her hours from 80 to 48 during each two week pay period. This allows for her to be there when needed during drills, or exercises that often take place. Mr. Wedge stated that with the reduction of hours and health benefits that there should be additional cost savings. Mr. Wedge stated that during Budget Hearings last year that the department had saved \$26,000.00; though not a lot, they could see additional savings with utilities, and their EMPG Grant. Mr. Wedge also noted that the office would be covered. Ms. Samide asked if Ms. Oberstar would be working two to three days a week or a little everyday. Mr. Wedge stated that Ms. Oberstar would probably be working Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays due to billing and payroll. Mr. Jemison stated to Ms. Oberstar that this gives her a little more time off and gives the department a reduction in the budget. Mr. Lair noted that this gives flexibility during the times of drills or in the event of an actual emergency. Ms. Samide inquired about the time when Ms. Oberstar would be off, if the office would be covered. Mr. Wedge stated that the office would be covered that he wanted to make sure the phones were answered, and that it fills the needs of the public. After no further comments or questions, Mr. Jemison closed the public hearing at 10:34 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REHIRE RETIRANT JUDITH A. OBERSTAR – PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the rehiring of Judith A. Oberstar for the position of Part-time Administrative Secretary (#1709-1) in the Department of Emergency Services as a rehired retirant to work 48 hours during a pay period, to be effective June 15, 2011 at the rate of \$17.25 per hour. After the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period the rate will not increase.

<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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to move into executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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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>

The Board returned from executive session at 11:27 a.m. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.

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 May 2011, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*
- b) The Plan Review for First Energy 138 kV Electric Transmission Line, Submittal #1, filed by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- c) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 1, 2011 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:27 A.M.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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