

Commissioners' Journal
August 18, 2011

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 18, 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 10:00 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 August 16, 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 – RESOLUTION HONORING HAZEL BLANCHE PORZ AS 2011 GEAUGA COUNTY OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Director Sally Bell explained that the process of picking one outstanding senior citizen in Geauga County is difficult when you have so many. This year the committee chose someone that you might not even know about, unless she happened to bring in baked goods that day and then everyone knows who she is. Ms. Bell explained that for about the last eighteen years this person has been coming in weekly and helping type up bills, getting things in order, making sure all vendors are taken care of, that when staff members have questions on their checks that they get answers and helps to make sure vouchers go through session to make sure a check is ready for an event. This person has always backed up our fiscal officer and we want to recognize those that go about their lives quietly but help us live better in Geauga County and so this year we have chosen Hazel Blanche Porz. Along with helping out in the office Hazel and her husband have delivered home delivered meals and delivered books to the Amish schools for the Geauga Library.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-123 Honoring Hazel Blanche Porz as the 2011 Geauga County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the year.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-123
Date: August 18, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING HAZEL BLANCHE PORZ
AS THE 2011 OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to declare Hazel Blanche Porz as Geauga County's Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2011 and presents her with this tribute to her accomplishments in Recognition and Admiration for her many years of service to our community. By the decision of her peers, Hazel Blanche Porz has been chosen to be honored at the Geauga County Department on Aging's Annual meeting and by Resolution from this Board; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Blanche Porz has been involved as a volunteer at the Department on Aging for more than eighteen years in the accounting office, working behind the scenes and even volunteered to make sure all vendors received their payments when her supervisor was on vacation; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Blanche Porz has also volunteered by driving books to the Amish Schools for the Geauga Library and has delivered home delivered meals for both Care Corp and the Department on Aging; and

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WHEREAS, Hazel Blanche Porz, at the age of 79, noted that her life's greatest accomplishments were "raising her three sons and learning to play the bells" shocking the staff at the Department on Aging who claim Hazel is the best baker and cook in the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga Board of County Commissioners declares that Hazel Blanche Porz has earned, through her dedication and service to this county, the right to be named Geauga County Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2011 and 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA RAKES AS RECIPIENT OF GEAUGA COUNTY 2011 ANNUAL ROSE MOTLEY SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ms. Bell explained that for years they have recognized the outstanding senior, but for many years now they have also been recognizing people who really advocate on behalf of seniors, either through the nature of their job or through personal commitment to aging and have tried to make the lives of senior citizens better. Barbara Rakes through her job as a Supervisor of Adult Protective Services really is a true asset to Geauga County, making sure that we really look at what the law says but also what the community says about taking care of elderly people. As the staff person responsible for adult protective services Barbara wrote guidelines and provided trainings to her staff and others, but also formed a panel of professionals' in the county for the most difficult cases to look and see what could be done to help them. Ms. Bell stated that Geauga County has a treasure in Barbara Rakes and they wanted to recognize her for helping our elderly.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-124 Honoring Barbara Rakes as the recipient of the Geauga County 2011 Annual Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year Award.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-124
Date: August 18, 2011

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA RAKES
AS THE 2011 ANNUAL ROSE MOTLEY SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Named for Rose Motley, the Senior Advocate of the Year award is given to the person who most shares the first recipient's invaluable contributions, lifetime commitment and advocacy for older persons. The Geauga County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to declare Barbara Rakes as Geauga County's 2011 Annual Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year for her accomplishments whose guidance, work and volunteer efforts have helped support positive aging, maintained dignity and respect for all senior citizens and has served as a guardian of the rights of older Americans. Barbara Rakes has been chosen to be honored at the Department on Aging Annual meeting and by Resolution from this Board; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Rakes is a Clinical Social Worker whose caring and concern for others has been shown through her long term commitment to Geauga County's at risk seniors; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Rakes has an ability to look at the entire situation and provide sincere educated supervision and assist seniors in crisis with time to reflect and encouragement regarding the adjustments and changes happening in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Rakes even upon her retirement will continue her dedication by working for the good of the residents, including seniors in Geauga County; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Geauga Board of County Commissioners declares that Barbara Rakes has earned, through her dedication and service to

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this county, the right to be named Geauga County's 2011 Annual Rose Motley Senior Advocate of the Year and 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>

*DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GEAUGA COUNTY
OUTSTANDING 2011 SENIOR SUPPORTERS OF THE YEAR*

Ms. Bell explained that Senior Supporters are people you may never hear about or have heard of, but many of our programs would not happen without them. The Home Delivered Meals Drivers are people who have chosen to feed Geauga's hungry for the last five or ten years. Ms. Bell stated that some of them are moms that take their children with them as they deliver meals and feels that this is a great way to teach young people about the needs of others. Ms. Bell noted that the needs of homebound seniors are really not known by anyone, and that those that are now homebound helped to make Geauga County what it is, but are no longer able to get out and be a part of it. Ms. Bell stated that it's great to have volunteers who are willing to check on them and see to their needs.

Ms. Bell stated that Carolyn Hoffart is a ceramics teacher at the Middlefield Senior Center and comes in and shares a skill with other seniors and that is truly a gift.

Ms. Bell stated that Pat Kraninger has not only worked on behalf of the seniors but on behalf of the youth and families to make the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center a solid base in the community.

Ms. Bell stated that Dr. Michael Miller is a family practitioner who is aware of the programs and resources that are available in the community and shares that information with his patients.

Ms. Bell stated that Beth Williams is a supervisor for the courts who works with youth and brings them out to learn work skills and has them do projects at the senior centers and often at seniors' homes.

Ms. Bell stated that Jan Dyer is a retired architect that volunteers in the chore and home maintenance program. Mr. Dyer goes out and checks projects and offers suggestions to make the project safer and often more cost effective.

Commissioner Jemison inquired on how long the home delivered meals program had been taking place. Ms. Bell noted that they have been doing the program since taking it over for the last fourteen years. Ms. Bell stated that next year they will have volunteers that will have been delivering for fifteen years. Mr. Jemison asked how many volunteers drive meals on a daily basis. Ms. Bell stated that it is more than twenty a day. Ms. Bell noted that they had over 1600 volunteers last year.

Discussion took place regarding the needs of seniors who want to stay in their homes and the services and programs that are now available to help them do that. Ms. Bell also noted that these awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting on September 21st and not at the fair. This year's meeting theme is "American as Apple Pie and Football". This year's program at the fair will be "A day in the life of a Senior Center" and will focus the different senior groups.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-125 Recognizing the following Geauga County Outstanding 2011 Senior Supporters of the year.

Home Delivered Meals Drivers –Five Years

*Bob and Esther Bavis
Maryanne Culek
Wendy Kakou and her children
Mark Liderbach
Frances Pitrone
Bob Rand
Rebecca Bennett and her children*

Home Delivered Meals Drivers –Ten Years

*Lois Danku
Bill O'Donnell
Bob Lampman
Bruce and Pat Brigham*

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Senior Supporters

Carolyn Hoffart
Pat Kraninger
Jan Dyer

Dr. Michael Miller
Beth Williams

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FY2010 CDBG AMENDMENT FORM

Director Anita Stocker stated that this is a change to the agreement in order to alter the grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant Amendment Form for the replacement of activity Housing / Information /Counseling for the Chagrin Falls Park parking improvements.

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – FINDING OF VIOLATION – GREGORY NEUROHR – 11240 HIDDEN SPRINGS DRIVE

Urban Technician Bob Griesmer stated that they have a situation with a citizen in Munson who built a house a few years ago and has yet to put in his lawn and are asking to get that put in and permanently stabilized.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to issue a “Finding of Violation” against Gregory Neurohr (11240 Hidden Springs Drive) located in Munson Township for failure to comply with Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations as outlined in the attached “Site Inspection Report” (Section 7.03 and 7.15) and to forward the “Finding of Violation” to the Geauga County Prosecutor for further actions as necessary to secure required compliance.

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

Mr. Griesmer also noted that they had been contacted by Fairmount Minerals and the storm water basin will be taken care of.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT'S BIRTHDAY AND THE DEDICATION OF OBSERVATORY PARK

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution #11-126 in Honor of Geauga Park District's 50th Birthday and the Dedication of Observatory Park.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 11-126
Date: August 18, 2011

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT'S 50TH BIRTHDAY AND THE DEDICATION OF OBSERVATORY PARK

WHEREAS, Geauga Park District is celebrating their 50th Birthday with a blast off into the future with the dedication of Observatory Park; and

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WHEREAS, Observatory Park is 1,100 acres in Montville Township that has been designated as a provisionally certified Silver-Tier International Dark Sky Park and is one of only five Dark Sky Parks in the United States and eight in the world; and

WHEREAS, Observatory Park will continue to protect the headwaters of the Cuyahoga River, host a variety of habitats for rare and endangered species of plants and animals, and educate those that will come for a visit to gaze upon the stars or on a field trip to learn about the galaxies beyond; and

WHEREAS, Observatory Park will feature green roofs on the buildings, wind turbine and solar panels for energy, waterless restrooms and dark sky friendly lighting to protect and preserve the dark sky and reduce the impact of light pollution; and

WHEREAS, Observatory Park will continue raising capital for the Stewardship Endowment for Education, Land Stewardship, and Facility Maintenance to sustain the park for years to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor Geauga Park District on their 50th Birthday and on the dedication of their newest park, Observatory Park to take place on August 20, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the press release and announce the Patriot Day Remembrance Observance marking the ten (10) year anniversary, to be held September 11, 2011 on the lawn of the Geauga County Court House beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Chardon Square. The public is invited to join in the Patriot Day Remembrance Observance and ask them to fly their flags at half-staff and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADDENDUMS TO COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

Archives and Records Center Director Linda Burhenne explained that the Request for Proposals had been re-issued due to a lack of response the first time and has been done on a constricted time line, including making the walk thru mandatory. Ms. Burhenne stated that because that walk thru was mandatory, Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle recommended typing notes and issuing them as an addendum to the Request for Proposal and send them to the two vendors that were in attendance. A question came up during the walk thru regarding the county's microwave capacity and if the ability to use that would be available in place of installing new equipment. Ms. LaChapelle and Eric Bartholomew created addendum #2 in regards to the possible use of that microwave. Another question that was raised was regarding the county's business. Ms. Burhenne noted that it was stated that if the service was comparable that could be an option, but that it would have to bid out as the cost is over \$25,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Samide, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve Addendum #1 and Addendum #2 to the Competitive Sealed Proposals for Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISP) to solicit service to the underserved area of Geauga County.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending July 2011.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 8/18 Some of the Commissioners will attend the Annual Fair Board Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., 8/20 Observatory Park Dedication and 50th Anniversary Geauga Park District, 4:00 p.m.

Tues., 8/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

Thu., 8/25 The Big 6-OH! Birthday Party at Orchard Hills Park, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., 8/29 Board of Revision

Tues., 8/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session.

*Thu., 9/1 **The Commissioners will hold regular session to be held at the Geauga County Fairground Junior Fair stage, NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION***

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SAMIDE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:29 A.M.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Tracy A. Jemison

William S. Young

Mary E. Samide

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk