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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

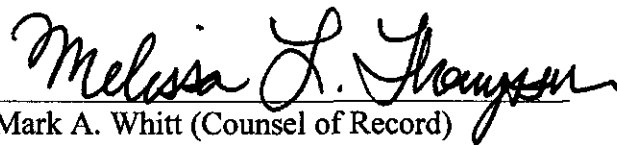
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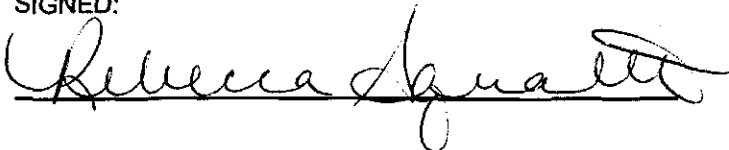
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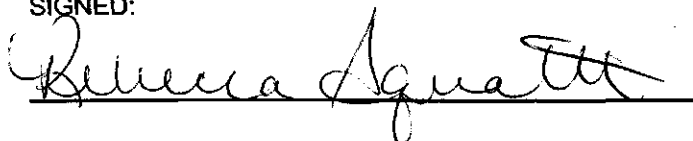
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# JEDD moving closer to reality in Ashtabula Township

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The creation of a joint economic development district (JEDD) in the north State road area of Ashtabula Township is moving toward reality.

City, township and county leaders officials met Thursday evening to discuss terms of the agreement. The development of such was put on hold by a change in city administration.

Ashtabula County Prosecutor Thomas Sertini and City Clerk Michael Franklin said Friday that the meeting went well and they have reached a tentative agreement.

"We're 95 percent of the way there in terms of the agreement and needs to be finalized between the city and the township in order for there to be a JEDD," Franklin said Friday morning. "I feel we had a very productive meeting."

JEDDs are economic development tools that allow a municipality and township to

work together for the common good. The proposed JEDD is governed by a new sewer line between the Ashtabula Port Authority Industrial Park and

de maximis landfill in Ashtabula Township. Developed material from the old Brook Superfund site in Ashtabula - River Remediation Project is stored

at the site. Water seeping from a landfill must be collected and treated for decades to come. de maximis has been

working to transport this water. The city's wastewater treatment plant. de maximis worked with the

Authority to construct a 30-inch sewer line across the

Authority's Industrial Park and into the township. A

sewer line from the de maximis

site to the new line is under construction. In addition

relieving de maximis of the cost of transporting the

landfill, the line opens State Road to economic development. A large amount of land, vacated by chemical industries that left the township years ago, could potentially become part of the JEDD, which will be served by the sewer line to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

"You bring public sewers to that area and you suddenly have created an opportunity for economic development of that area, that didn't exist before," Franklin said. "It creates all kinds of possibilities that don't exist right now."

Franklin said the presence of sewers could boost property values in the area and draw investment that would result in jobs for both the township and city.

The agreement between the city, county and township, however, requires a JEDD be formed before any entity other than de maximis taps into the line. At least four or five property owners signed preliminary statements of interest, Franklin said.

Once a JEDD is established, payroll and corporate taxes paid by the district will be subject to income tax. The rate will be determined by the JEDD agreement, but Franklin said at this point they are waiting for the city's income tax rate. The city and township will split the income, but Franklin emphasized the effort is more about future growth than creating an immediate income grab.

Ashtabula Township Trustees Chairman Stephen McClure said residents need to know that the income tax will not affect residential rates — only those who work in the JEDD will be affected.

Sertini said the terms of the agreement will include provisions for setting aside a percentage of the tax revenue for administration and accounting, as well as repairs to the treatment plant. The city is under an Ohio Environmental

Protection Agency mandate to make millions of dollars of upgrades to the plant, which opens under capacity.

The scope of the JEDD will be determined by the number of businesses and property owners who want to participate. Sertini said the statute requires a majority of the affected business and property owners sign petitions to participate. Accordingly, once an agreement is finalized, the next step will be to collect petitions from those willing to participate.

Franklin said no estimate of the JEDD's size or existing economic potential have been made, but by law, the JEDD cannot be larger than 2,000 acres and cannot include residential property. He said the city and township must hold public hearings before the paperwork goes to the county for final approval.

While a timeline has not been established for the negotiating steps, Franklin said "we're talking weeks rather than months."

The JEDD agreement developed with the registered sewer pact that the county and city signed earlier this year after years of negotiations. The agreement protects the township from annexation for the next 25 years while providing for the formation of JEDDs to encourage economic development in the region.

"In the long run, it will be a true vision for the whole area," McClure said of the agreement.

Sertini said the only major stumbling block for the JEDD process could encounter

notice in agreement is reached would be strong public disapproval at the hearings or a split vote by township trustees, which would run the vote to residents. McClure, who attended the meeting Thursday, said the other trustees have not had a formal presentation of the agreement.

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Photo by JAN PERALA

**SOPHOMORE MARY** Wessell will represent Geneva High School at the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference (HOBY) this spring on the campus of the University of Mount Union in Alliance. Wessell (2nd from left) is pictured with GHS HOBY alumni Kayleena Brashnar and Matthew Horgan (2010 delegates), Claire Carlisle (2011 delegate) and Principal Douglas Wetherholt.

## Mary Wessell to represent Geneva High School at leadership conference

By JAN PERALA  
For Geneva Area City Schools

GENEVA — Sophomore Mary Wessell has been tapped as Geneva High School's 2012 delegate to the Ohio North High O'Brian Leadership Conference (HOBY) to be held at the University of Mount Union in June. HOBY Leadership seminars, held on more than 70 college campuses throughout the United States, are recognized as among the foremost student leadership development programs in the world. During the week-long HOBY conference, delegates work together to develop organizational skills and enhance their communication, innovative thinking and problem solving abilities and interact with community leaders from the sectors of education, government, business and the media as well as leaders of non-profit organizations.

"This is a great opportunity for Mary," said 2011 delegate Claire Carlisle. "Leadership opportunities like HOBY help us realize the potential they have to make a positive impact on any matter they are passionate about. I gained confidence and learned lessons about the importance of listening and working together from HOBY. These tools will be of value to me for the rest of my life."

The HOBY Leadership Conferences were conceptualized by actor Hugh O'Brian, and his grassroots seminar for young leaders has flourished since its inception nearly sixty years ago. Nearly 9,000 high school sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, attend HOBY Leadership Seminars each year, and more than 375,000 students have benefited from the program. HOBY alumni have used skills gleaned at the conference to ascend the ladders of the corporate ladder, to win election to high government

tal offices and to become innovators in the fields of medicine, law and education.

Twenty-six Geneva High School students have been delegates to the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference since 1986, and the list of GHS alumni includes educators, attorneys, physicians, authors, software designers and sports and entertainment promoters. "I was very fortunate to be able to attend the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference," said 1997 GHS delegate Rebecca Stoltz Dornbeck. "These conferences allow you to meet so many amazing individuals, from motivational speakers to your fellow attendees. Being from a small town, these types of events definitely force you to step out of your comfort zone and encourage you to think outside the box. I learned a lot about myself through these opportunities, and ended up in many leadership positions within the community as a result."

Dornbeck, an Arizona State University graduate, is immersed in a successful career in sports management beginning at IMG Worldwide and in her current position at SPIRE Institute. "While at IMG, I was a Client Services Associate, where I worked with professional tennis athletes including Roger Federer, Monica Seles, Lindsay Davenport, Tommy Haas, and Venus Williams," explained Dornbeck. "I was responsible for handling the day-to-day business for these individuals, including marketing, public relations, scheduling of events and tournaments, and travel. I also traveled to quite a few tournaments each year, including the US Open, Wimbledon, Sony Ericsson Open, Bank of the West Classic," and "Mubadala Tennis Championships in Abu Dhabi." At SPIRE Institute, I am the Business Development Manager. I am working to create and

develop SPIRE's marketing plan from the ground up. I am working with the Sports Directors as well as the various businesses we have on site (SPIRE Post, Fit, and Michael Johnson Performance) to promote our programming to the local, regional, and national market."

The selection process for prospective HOBY delegates at GHS focuses on students who exhibit leadership qualities and who demonstrate excellent communication skills and innovative ideas expressed in an original essay. A committee comprised of administrators and teachers evaluates the essays each year. "Mary Wessell is an outstanding representative for Geneva High School," said Principal Douglas Wetherholt. "She has a great understanding of GHS through her performance at State Science Day and is highly respected by teachers and peers." Wessell has been a class officer, a student council officer, and has been a member of the school's award-winning state science team for three consecutive years. At State Science Day last year, on the strength of her research project, judges awarded Wessell a \$60,000 academic scholarship to attend Ohio Wesleyan University. She returned to Ashland County Junior High, Royal Charter Princess and has garnered top awards in 4-H. She is a member of Ashland County Young Marines, Junior Fair Board, plays softball for the Eagles and has starred in GHS in drama department productions. A top student at GHS, Wessell was voted as Geneva Rotary's Breakfast of Champions last spring for achieving a grade point average ranking her among Top 25 Students in the Class of 2014. She is the daughter of Kenay and Judy Wessell of Trumbull Township.

Perala writes for Geneva Area City Schools.

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## Trial is delayed until April for Conneaut man

By MARK TODD  
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JEFFERSON — A jury trial for a Conneaut man accused of possessing sexual material featuring children has been delayed until April, according to Ashland County Common Pleas Court records.

Charles T. Green, 61, is scheduled to go to trial April 10 in the courtroom of Judge Ronald Vettel's courtroom, according to the court's website. The date change was approved Thursday. The trial had been expected to start next week, according to records.

Green has been charged with three counts of pandering sexually-oriented material involving a minor, and one count of illegal use of a minor in sexually-oriented material, according to records.

Conneaut police, while serving a search warrant at Green's home in early September, discovered a manila envelope that contained photos of nude juveniles estimated to be between 4 and 16 years of age. The search came in response to a request for help from Ashland police, who were investigating a complaint involving Green made by an Ashland woman one month earlier.

Investigators also removed computers, hard drives, external hard drives and DVDs from Green's home, according to an affidavit police filed with Conneaut Municipal Court.

Green was bound over to the grand jury and indicted without a preliminary hearing in Ashland Municipal Court where at least one of the charges originated. The direct indictment was meant to spare one young, alleged victim from testifying in open court, prosecutors said at the time. Green is represented by attorney David Perdue, according to court records.

Layoffs strike sheriff again as Lake County debates sales tax hike

by KATHY SAK for the Star Beacon

The Lake County Sheriff's Office announced Thursday it is eliminating five deputy and patrol positions from its budget and four deputies have been notified that they will be out of a job as of Jan. 26. The fifth deputy position was saved with the retirement announcement of Capt. Dennis Sparkman. Chief Deputy Frank Leonbruno said in a written statement.

Leonbruno said these current job eliminations being the total number of full-time employees laid off or not rehired to 55 since 2009. He said 29 percent of the Sheriff's Office staff has been laid off or not replaced since 2009, and most patrol deputies have decreased to 17 from 36.

Leonbruno announced the layoffs Thursday, just hours before the commissioners sold a public meeting to discuss their plan to raise the county sales tax to 6.75 percent.

Lake County has been collecting 6.25 percent on sales and many services. Of that amount, 5.5 percent goes to the state, .5 percent goes to the Lake County general fund and .25 percent goes to LakeTrain the county bus service.

The commissioners said they plan to implement the increase as of April 1. Commissioner Robert Audittich said according to their statistics, out-of-county shoppers pay about half of all sales taxes collected in Lake County. He also noted the commissioners intend on lowering the inside millage they collect on property taxes to 1.6 mill, down from the current 2.1 mill.

According to the Auditor's Office, residents owning a home valued at \$100,000 currently pay about \$64 to the county general fund when 2.1 mills is collected. This amount would be reduced to about \$30 if the county decreases its rate to 1 mill. This reduction can only be done by an act of the commissioners.

Commissioner Daniel Troy explained inside millage as a tax amount that is not voted on by the people. He noted that county voters do get to decide on outside millage. In response to a resident's comment concerning property taxes he said,

"Anything over 10 mills has to go to a vote of the people and I understand your concern about the level of taxes but you know, those have been approved by a majority of the voters over the years and that's what the law says."

According to the Lake County Auditor's website, taxes approved by voters and payable for 2011 total 13.6 mills. These taxes, in the form of levies, are:

Lake Metropolitan 2.2 mills  
Lakeland Community College 3.2 mills  
Board of Developmental Disabilities (Deerwood) 4.9 mills  
Board of Alcohol, Drug Addition, and Mental Health Services, 1.8 mills  
Narcotics Agency, 3 mills  
Child Welfare, 3 mills  
Senior Citizens, 4 mills  
Regional Forensic Crime Lab, 3 mills

A sales tax increase could qualify to go before the voters to decide. However, since the sales tax increase has been placed with a property tax decrease, creating a package deal, voters cannot decide the issue. It will take a referendum vote by the commissioners. At the public meeting Thursday night, the commissioners said they all agreed increasing the sales tax was the right thing for the county to do to maintain its level of services. The commissioners noted at different times during the public meeting that their proposal shifts the tax burden from property ownership to consumption.

The sales tax in Ashtabula County is currently 6.5 percent and in Cuyahoga County it is 7.75 percent.

The next public meeting to be held by the commissioners, to debate the sales tax increase is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Sak is a freelance writer.

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A copy of the application is available for inspection at the office of Ohio American Water Company at 365 East Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302, and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3753. Additionally, you may view the application online by visiting the Commission's Web site at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, selecting OUC, opening 11-4161-WS-GR in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed. Ohio American also posted the application on its Web site. To access the application, visit <http://www.ohioamericanwater.com>, select the "Customer Service" menu, and then "Rate Information."