

Auglaize County's restructured and revamped Web site launched for public view on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. In April of 2008, the Auglaize County Board of Commissioners and Auglaize County Engineer Doug Reinhart met with Midnet Media, located in Minster, Ohio, to discuss the options the county had in revamping its Web site. On June 26, 2008, the BOCC passed resolution #08-251 authorizing Midnet Media to provide a one-time extensive overhaul to the site. The cost for the project was paid out of the GIS(Geographical Information System) line item in the general fund.

[www.auglaizecounty.org](http://www.auglaizecounty.org) now provides easy and convenient navigation throughout the numerous departments and corresponding pages as well as provides online tools to aid in finding information quickly. The viewer will immediately see to the right of the Web site graphic buttons that identify the key areas that most people look for when visiting the website. Those include the following:

- GIS Mapping
- Contact List
- Clerk of Courts
- Sheriff
- Property Info
- County Recorder

Also in this section, the viewer can access the county's economic development page, organizational chart and online auction of surplus inventory. Underneath the banner, there are "How Do I?" and "Online Resources" that augment the search process for county information. Additionally, there is a search function that enables the viewer to type in information that one is trying to acquire.

The idea for the revamped website came after the launch of the county's GIS system last year. Auglaize County's GIS website is extremely user and graphic-friendly that is second to none throughout the state, however, it was located on an outdated and difficult to use website. County Engineer Doug Reinhart, who also serves as the GIS director, and the BOCC then made the decision to have GIS and the county website compliment each other; thus the need for revamping and restructuring the website. "Before, the site was bland, it didn't intrigue anybody to come back," Commissioner Doug Spencer said. "I've looked at as many county Web sites in the state as I could and this is one of the best. It's easy on the eyes, easy to navigate and gives a great first impression."

Any viewer that has any questions or concerns about the website needs to click on the contact links and a response will be provided as quickly as possible. Each page provides the user the ability to rate the usefulness of this page, and it would be beneficial to all users to take the time to critique the page in order that Auglaize County can make this website as user-friendly and informative as possible. Thank you for visiting us at [www.auglaizecounty.org](http://www.auglaizecounty.org).