

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 23, 2013**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 23, 2013 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 Vice President of the Board, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Jemison was absent from today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 16, 2013.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent*</i>

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 18, 2013.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY, INCORPORATED (CORSA) INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL**

*CORSA Marketing Manager Ginny Shrimplin, Gary Wirtz, local agent from Pease Kerr and Human Resources Administrator Colleen Lockhart explained the CORSA Insurance Program Renewal and the changes that are occurring in the program this year. Ms. Shrimplin explained that CORSA self-insures the first million dollars of any loss by being a member of the pool, and this is funded through loss funds. Ms. Shrimplin stated there are primary and secondary loss funds for the claims of Geauga County that are up to one million dollars. The primary loss fund pays for claims over the deductible of \$2,500.00 up to \$200,000.00. How much Geauga County contributes to that fund is based on the loss history for the last five years and exposures. Ms. Shrimplin stated that exposures include building and contents, vehicles, total payroll, number of deputies and the daily number of detainees in the safety center. This year's contribution is \$206,267.00. The secondary loss fund pays for claims over \$200,000.00 and up to one million dollars; the loss history does not affect the loss fund, only exposures are looked at. Ms. Shrimplin stated that the majority of claims are paid out of the primary loss fund and that is why loss history contributes. The secondary loss fund contribution is \$72,472.00, for a total loss fund contribution of \$278,739.00. Geauga County also has Excess liability insurance coverage of five million dollars; with the initial one million, it gives a total of six million dollars in liability coverage. Administrative costs for CORSA to handle the claims and provide a local agent amount to \$135,941.00. Also included is coverage for uninsured and under insured Motorists of \$250,000.00; this only includes someone riding in a county vehicle that is hit by an uninsured motorist, if it is an employee in the car, they are covered under workers compensation. Ms. Shrimplin stated that the total program cost is \$414,680.00. Ms. Shrimplin explained that for the last six years CORSA has been returning part of the loss fund member equity back to our members, adding that because CORSA is a self-insured pool and owned by the members (counties), whenever there is excess money in the loss fund it goes back to the members. This year we are returning \$1.6 million dollars in total to our members, with Geauga County's portion being a credit of \$28,960.00, bringing the net program total to \$385,720.00. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the criteria for the credit. Ms. Shrimplin explained that it is based on the number of years that the county has been a member and the total amount contributed to the loss fund. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about a larger county that would have a higher level of liability, like Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties, their cost would be more, are there incentives. Ms. Shrimplin explained that there is not for the loss fund member equity, and*

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*that Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties are not members of CORSA, adding that large counties are typically self-insured, noting that there are currently 65 of the 88 counties in the pool. Ms. Shrimplin explained that Geauga County is also receiving an additional credit for participating in the Loss Control Incentive Program. This program was started about 3 or 4 years ago, adding that the Risk Control Staff looked at where the majority of losses occurred and set up a special program for members to participate in. You have to meet certain guidelines in order to receive this credit. Colleen Lockhart works on this every year and this year Geauga County is receiving a credit of \$8,252.00 which was the maximum amount available, 100%. Ms. Shrimplin added that Ms. Lockhart does a great job for Geauga County, in following these guidelines, she has eliminated and prevented a lot of losses, and has saved the county money, adding that not every county gets 100%, and this year they had the fewest number of counties reach 100%. These guidelines make the counties work for it, they must follow the guidelines and participate in the risk control program. Commissioner Samide inquired about how this year's number compared to last year. Ms. Shrimplin explained that the net due this year is \$377,468.00, and that is an increase over last year, which was \$362,834.00, or a \$14,634.00 difference, and a 3.88 % increase. Ms. Shrimplin stated the reason is driven by one thing, and that is the increase in exposure with detainees. The number doubled because of the daily number of detainees with the ICE program, adding that this is the highest exposure that CORSA has and is what is driving the increase completely. Ms. Shrimplin stated that we are starting to see an increase in prices in the insurance market place and it is being driven a lot by property, noting that they are seeing a 10 to 20% increase in rates, in what is being charged. Mr. Wirtz stated that due to all the catastrophic events that have happened over the last year is filtering back down to the insurance industry. CORSA buys re-insurance for the catastrophic losses and that coverage is significantly going up right now. Ms. Shrimplin added that even with a 3.88% increase is still really good, noting that pool wide they saw 3% increases. County Administrator David Lair stated that he had asked Mr. Wirtz to give us an estimate of what the insurance cost would be of equivalent coverage in the open market, and that estimate was \$450,000.00 to \$475,000.00. Mr. Wirtz added that the bigger part that is not seen are the services that CORSA provides its members, which includes a certified industrial appraisal done last year that cost \$25,000.00, which was absorbed by the pool, loss control services, training seminars that are provided are all invaluable.*

*Ms. Shrimplin moved on to the Stewardship Report that CORSA prepares for each county, that gives you an overview of all the benefits that are received by being a member. It was noted that Motor Vehicle Reports and Defensive Driving are very important, because you want to know about the person you're putting behind the wheel of a county vehicle. This is good protection, and the defensive driving training is important as it makes people stop and think about the things that are often taken for granted. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about who does the training. Ms. Shrimplin noted that they have three people that are TSA National Safety Council Instructors. Ms. Lockhart noted that the next training is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spidalieri asked what the training entailed, and if it was hands on. Ms. Shrimplin noted that it was classroom only, but that they do some specialized training for the County Engineer's employees. Mr. Spidalieri asked if CORSA would be interested in a program that he was recently approached by the Sheriff's Office instructors about, for wheel spin out / skid control, stating that it's a piece of equipment that a car goes into, that will put the car into a skid and shifts the weight as if in a spin out. The cost is about \$65,000.00 to \$100,000.00 dollars, but could be something that could be offered to other departments and counties. Mr. Spidalieri noted that there are only two systems in the state of Ohio, one at OPATA and one at the State Highway Patrol. Ms. Shrimplin stated that might be a good thing to be added to the program, but she was unsure if there is room in the program. Mr. Wirtz stated that the Board at CORSA which is made up of Commissioners from member counties would have to consider adding it. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if a presentation could be made to them with those from the State Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Shrimplin stated that they do offer for deputies to take that at OPATA in the fall, adding that Mr. Spidalieri should contact John Brownlee at CCAO, that he has wanted to do that, but just haven't been able to get it approved by the Board. Brief discussion took place about the surrounding counties that are also part of the CORSA pool. Ms. Shrimplin briefly went over some of the services that are covered, noting some of the classes that are offered to the Sheriff's office. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the exposure for the detainees at the safety center, if there was a rate per detainee and if the cost exceeds the benefit of the revenue. Ms. Shrimplin noted that she didn't have the formula, adding that there is a cost formula that is used. Ms. Shrimplin discussed new coverage enhancements that include Attorney Disciplinary Action, Employee Dishonesty / Faithful Performance Coverage Deductible, and Claims Expense Coverage.*

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*Ms. Shrimplin stated that she wanted to note the Local Agency Policy Statement, adding that this has been in place but just never had anything in writing. The CORSA Board voted to adopt this policy statement and going forward this will be included in the participation agreement. Ms. Lockhart thanked Ms. Shrimplin and Mr. Wirtz for coming, adding that it was appreciated.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve the County Risk Sharing Authority, Incorporated (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal for the period May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 and to further authorize the payment of \$377,468.00.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*Local resident Diane Jones inquired about insurance for local townships that are covered up to three million dollars for each instance is it possible to take this amount and times it by three for that coverage or is insurance rates on a different factor. Mr. Wirtz responded by stating that the \$377,468.00 is for property, vehicle, payroll, police, crime and elected officials coverage for the total program, excess liability to get to the higher limits is a small part to get the higher figure, the county has six million dollars of coverage for each. Mr. Lair added that Townships are in something called OTARMA which is similar to CORSA.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Administrator Heidi Delaney explained the financials for today as including Revenue Certifications for the Board of Mental Health for additional state funding and the Law Library fund for grant funding received; Appropriation transfers from the Contingency account for adjustments to General Fund Workers Compensation accounts and increased appropriations for the CEBCO 2013 wellness grant; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SFY2013 commitment for Family First Council; a purchase order for CORSA program costs for property, auto and general liability insurance in the amount of \$377,468.00; and Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, the Department of Job and Family Services, Juvenile Court, the Treasurer's Office, and the Department of Water Resources.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve and execute Resolution #13-079 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 23, 2013.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DANIEL JANSKY – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)**

*Director Doug Bowen explained that he was asking to accept the resignation of Mr. Jansky, noting that he had started at Christmas, just about four months ago, but had been working part time as a seasonal person in Bedford and recently a full-time position opened there. Mr. Bowen stated that this position is closer to where he lives. Mr. Bowen asked the Board to then increase the current maintenance worker position posting from one to two to cover this vacancy.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept the resignation of Daniel Jansky, Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective April 26, 2013.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to increase the current posting for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) from one position to two positions. These positions will remain posted until filled.*

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<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – HIRE CLINTON ROSE – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)**

*Mr. Bowen explained that Mr. Rose has experience in a variety of areas and does already have a CDL license. A brief discussion took place about whether he had grown up local in the county.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to approve hiring Clinton Rose to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective April 29, 2013 at a rate of \$15.11 per hour with a 120 day probationary period.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**TREASURER AND AUDITOR - MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – MARCH, 2013**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of March, 2013 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Samide to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of March, 2013 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Samide</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jemison</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Thu., 4/25 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

*Mon., 4/29 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tues., 4/30 The Commissioners' will hold regular session*

*Tues., 4/30 The Commissioners' will have a hearing with Catherine M. Cooper and Bruce Seifert at 10:15 a.m. regarding a Fence Obstruction in the Right-of-way, O.R.C. 5547.03 and 5547.04*

*Tues., 4/30 Dam Safety Meeting for Geauga County, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at West Woods Nature Center*

*There was a brief discussion about the hearing for the Fence Obstruction.*

**OTHER**

*Local resident Walter "Skip" Claypool raised the question again regarding a bike trail project in Chardon that had been approved through NOACA, adding that he had held a meeting with City Manager Randy Sharpe regarding the \$651,500.00 for this 1.3 mile stretch of bike trail. Mr. Claypool added that this money comes from the Road and Bridge money and is taking away from fixing our roads and bridges and is not currently required by NOACA to involve the County Engineer. Mr. Claypool questioned if this was fiscally responsible, that they are "using our nickel". A brief discussion continued about the Park District being involved and whether the Chardon City Council had to vote on the application or on this improvement for the funds. Mr.*

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*Claypool continued by bringing up the NEOSCC not sharing the information that they are collecting, that he had requested the information and was denied and expressed concern that what they are doing is going to impact us and Geauga County. Mr. Claypool expressed that he would like to provide a presentation to NOACA as a way to make the others there aware of what they are doing, adding that he is sure the citizens are not aware of the agenda driven program that is taking place. Mr. Claypool then inquired about prevailing wage rates being required on grant funded projects after speaking with the Department of Commerce.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M.***

*Gauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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