

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 28, 2009**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 28, 2009 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, William S. Young 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 Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 23, 2009.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Fiscal Specialist Diane Arp explained the financials as including appropriation transfers to various Sheriff line items for pay-ins made into the General Fund and a readjustment of appropriations so the County CORSA Insurance payments can be made; cash transfers include insurance reimbursements made into the General Fund for Department on Aging and Water Resources; there are three travel requests for various departments and one Then and Now.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 09-071 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 28, 2009.*

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

**ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES – BOUGHNER PARCEL – BASS LAKE (SECTION A) PROJECT – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*Planning Engineer Mike Stone commented that this easement is for the inside of a curve that is a dangle point that was not done at the last improvement. This road will be resurfaced next week.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Easement for Highway Purposes for Steven B. Boughner and Theresa L. Boughner (parcel #23-303100) for the Bass Lake (Section A) Project in Newbury Township, in the amount of \$1.00.*

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

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - NOTICE OF VIOLATION – CRAFT BUILDERS – HAMB DEN TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge the first and second Notice of Violations issued against Craft Builders, owners of property located at 9065 Knotty Pine Lane (Parcel #15-102554) in Hambden Township for failure to comply with Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations as outlined in the attached "Notice of Violation" (section 7.03, 7.09,7.11) "Inspection Reports", and to forward the "Notice of Violation" and "Inspection Reports" to the Geauga County Prosecutor to enforce compliance with the Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations by seeking an injunction or other further relief to secure the required compliance.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE MONTHLY LUNCH MEETINGS (LUNCH AND LEARN)**

*Director Anita Stocker stated that there are a lot of little topics that could be handled at a Lunch and Learn format for people who are thinking about starting a business or anyone who owns a business now. These will not be all day meetings.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to grant permission to advertise and hold monthly lunch meetings (Lunch and Learn) to focus on opportunities for local businesses and entrepreneurs on a variety of topics in conjunction with the Geauga Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), to be held on the second Friday of each month beginning June 12, 2009 through November 13, 2009. This notice will be published on May 14, May 21, June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 3, 2009 in the Maple Leaf.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #1 – DEBORD PLUMBING AND HEATING COMPANY INCORPORATED – ANNUAL TESTING – HOLBROOK/SOUTH FRANKLIN LOCATION**

*Assistant Sanitary Engineer Gerry Morgan reported testing was done under the service contract with DeBord Plumbing whom found it to be leaking. This change order is to cover the replacement or repair to this backflow device.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the contract with DeBord Plumbing and Heating Company Incorporated (d.b.a. Benjamin Franklin Plumbing) for annual testing of the backflow prevention devices at the Holbrook/South Franklin location, in the amount of \$14,788.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – DESIGN OF THOMPSON SEWER PROJECT**

*Mr. Morgan reported this is for the beginning of the Thompson sewer engineering design to get the project to the point to review where service connections and service lines would be as well as the best placement for a future treatment plant. This will allow for a more accurate preliminary cost estimate to go back to the public and township to verify if there will be an assessment.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and URS Corporation - Ohio for the design of the Thompson Sewer Project, in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00.*

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ABLE SECURITY AND AUTOMATION CORPORATION – UPGRADE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS CONTRACT**

*Director Glen Vernick reported that the restrooms are not in compliance as they do not have audio or signal in them and not enough smoke detectors or pull stations per square foot. Mr. Vernick is reviewing other buildings as well.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute a Contract Agreement with Able Security and Automation Corporation to*

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*upgrade fire protection systems to state Regulations at 470 Center Street, Buildings 4, 5 and 7, in an amount not to exceed \$10,180.00*

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT - CERTIFICATE OF FISCAL OFFICER – NATURAL GAS PURCHASE PROGRAM**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Fiscal Officer for the CCAO Service Corporation Natural Gas Purchase Program.*

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – PARTICIPATION IN NATURAL GAS PURCHASE PROGRAM OF THE CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION – JOINT PURCHASING**

*Mr. Vernick reported that this is an extension of a previous contract since about 2001. There is a lot of savings per month such as at the courthouse \$1200.00 and \$1,400.00 for building #8.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute Resolution 09-072 Authorizing Geauga County to Participate in the Natural Gas Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation Pursuant to O.R.C. 9.48.*

*This resolution further authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Participation Agreement Regarding the Natural Gas Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation between the Geauga County, CCAO Service Corporation and CCAOSC Energy Solutions (CCAOSCES) for participation in a natural gas joint purchasing program for the period of April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 09-072*  
*Date: April 28, 2009*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GEAUGA COUNTY  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATURAL GAS PURCHASE PROGRAM OF  
THE CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. § 9.48**

*The Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio met on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, in regular session with the following members present:*

*Commissioner Jemison*      *Commissioner Young*

*WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 9.48 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (the “Commissioners”) to participate in a joint purchasing program operated by or through a national or state association of political subdivisions in which the purchasing political subdivision is eligible for membership.*

*WHEREAS, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) established CCAOSC Energy Solutions (CCAOSCES) a natural gas program established in 2000 designed to save counties money through pre-payment and aggregation.*

*WHEREAS, all county and county related facilities, offices and departments are eligible to participate in the CCAOSCES Program.*

*WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to participate in the Natural Gas Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation for the Program Term of April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2014, in order to secure competitively priced firm natural gas supplies through a natural gas purchase program.*

*WHEREAS, in order to enroll as a Participant in the Program, the Commissioners must enter into a Participation Agreement Regarding the Natural Gas Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation with the CCAO Service Corporation and CCAOSC Energy Solutions.*

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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners shall forthwith execute and thereby enter into the Participation Agreement Regarding the Natural Gas Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation for the Program Term set forth herein.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioners shall also execute Exhibit A to the Participation Agreement which is a limited Power of Attorney and Agreement Only For the CCAOSC Natural Gas Purchasing Program. The limited Power of Attorney may be rescinded at any time by the Commissioners, and the Commissioners are free to withdraw from the CCAOSC Natural Gas Purchasing Program in any given year as long as notice is provided by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) 2009 PARTICIPATION**

*Local CORSA Agent Gary Wirtz and Risk Manager Colleen Lockhart were present for this discussion. Mr. Wirtz reported that the renewal rates were flat this year but there were some changes in exposure and coverage. Property coverage was up by 2% and vehicle fleet is up by about 5%, payroll had about a 2% increase. The safety center is now fully manned and is being rated on 67 deputies and the average detainee's is now about 120 which means an increase in liability coverage. This year CORSA recommended an increase to liability limits. Last year there were two claims within CORSA that exceeded the CORSA liability limits which is what brought the limited current coverage to light. This is incorporated in the premium increase. The total for this year is up about 3% versus last year at this time. Responding to Commissioner Jemison's question, Mr. Wirtz stated that vehicles are rated by type of vehicle, such as a Sheriff's vehicle is costlier than a pick up truck. Also, it relates to the value of the individual vehicle. As long as CORSA is advised that a vehicle is transferred to another department he can downgrade the value of the vehicle at that time. Vehicle changes are summarized once a year and at renewal time adjustments are made at one time. Commissioner Young added that of 88 counties in Ohio 70% belong to the CORSA insurance program to pool and collaborate resources and assets.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) 2009 Participation Agreement for the period May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2012.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) INSURANCE RENEWAL**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) insurance program renewal for the period May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 and to further authorize the payment of \$317,523.00.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 208 EAST PARK STREET – PARKING LOT USE FOR FUND RAISER – CHARDON ROTARY**

*Motion: by Commissioner Jemison, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve and execute an agreement with the Chardon Rotary to allow the Chardon Rotary to use the county parking lot located at 208 East Park Street in Chardon for the purposes of a parking lot fund raiser during the annual Geauga County Maple Festival on May 1 (after 5:00 p.m.) through May 3, 2009.*

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 15, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 22, 2009 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) *The 2009 First Quarter Report "Economic State of Geauga" filed by the County Auditor.*

MEETINGS

*Thu., 4/30     **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>   Gauga County Maple Festival*

*May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>   Public Employee Recognition Week*

*Tue., 5/5       The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue. 5/5       Public Hearing for the Petition on the Ditch Improvement proposed for Culvert # 299-0.20 located under Kenston Lake Drive in Bainbridge Township May 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Thu., 5/7       The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Fri., 5/8       NOACA Governing Board meeting*

*Tue., 5/12      The Commissioners will hold regular session.*

*Tue., 5/12      Planning Commission meeting*

*Thu., 5/14      **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Sat., 5/16      Sunnybrook Reserve dedication*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER YOUNG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:43 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

*ABSENT*  
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*Mary E. Samide*

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*William S. Young*

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*Claudine Kozenko, Commissioners' Clerk*