

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 30, 2012**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage, Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton, 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, Mary E. Samide opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Samide introduced the Board, County Administrator and Clerk to those in attendance for today's meeting.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 28, 2012.*

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

*Commissioner Claypool noted for those in attendance that the Board receives the minutes the previous day for review. Mr. Claypool stated that prior to taking this position he often wondered how the Board was able to make the decisions so quickly if they were not reviewing the information in the meeting. Ms. Samide added that the Board receives information well in advance to review, study and ask questions in order to make decisions.*

**COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JUNE 2012**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the months of June, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the months of June, 2012 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF AWARD – EXCAVATION WORKS, INCORPORATED – SEPTIC SYSTEM**

*Director Anita Stocker explained that this notice of award was for the installation of a septic system for Ingrid Nelson on Watt Road. This system is part of the EPA Water Pollution grant. Mr. Claypool explained that he had been looking into EPA grants, which are for houses that have systems that failed inspection with owners that qualify as low income. Mr. Claypool noted the debt clock clicking on his I-pad, adding that every grant taken contributes to the national debt, noting his sensitivity due to his grandkids (showed picture), and when grants are approved it contributes to their future – or lack of a future. Mr. Claypool stated that he would be approving this item today because this grant has already been previously accepted, but in the future he would likely vote against this type of grant. Mr. Claypool expressed his opinion about a homeowner that takes on the responsibility of owning a home and then expecting fellow taxpayers to take on his burden should there be an issue or problem with the home. Mr. Claypool questioned why we should expect taxpayers to pay to fix his septic system. Mr. Claypool offered what he termed a different or better approach by placing the burden on the homeowner's tax bill; this way when the house is sold, that burden would then be taken care of.*

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*Mr. Claypool stated that this type of grant is not our money coming back to us, that this is purely a corrupt system being used to infuse the debt of our kids and grandkids. Mr. Claypool added that we need to seriously question what we are doing and why and look for other approaches.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Notice of Award to Excavation Works, Incorporated for installation of a septic system at 14481 Watt Road, Novelty, owned by Ingrid Nelson, under the EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Household Sewage Treatment System Program in the amount of \$22,380.00 as they represented the lowest and beset proposal.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING #2 – AMEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

*Ms. Stocker explained that they were asking to advertise to hold public hearing #2 regarding the proposed amendment to the B-F-11-1AZ-1 Formula grant, adding that one project had come in under budget, another project had been cancelled and this would then be to re-apportion those funds into getting permanent generators for the Maple Leaf Community Residences. Ms. Stocker added that this was to advertise on September 6<sup>th</sup> and hold the Public Hearing on September 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Mr. Claypool explained that the same rule applied to this, that he will vote for this because it is a public hearing which gives the public a right to have a say. Mr. Claypool noted that he will be present and expressing his opinion on grants, adding that he does not feel the Board should be contributing to these residences as this private foundation that is funding these projects has sources of money, and that they do not need to indebt our kids' and grandkids' futures.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #2 on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. for the second amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-11-1AZ-1 to eliminate the Chardon Log Cabin Demolition (\$14,300.00), Decrease the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Project (\$10,000.00), and Increase the Maple Leaf Community Residences (\$24,300.00). Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on September 6, 2012.*

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

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LETTER TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING GRANT AMENDMENT**

*Ms. Stocker explained that this was requesting the President to execute a letter regarding the proposed amendment to start the process.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to Mike Hiler, Office Chief at the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development requesting a grant amendment to #B-F-11-1AZ-1 to eliminate the Chardon Log Cabin Demolition (\$14,300.00), Decrease the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Parking Lot Project (\$10,000.00), and Increase the Maple Leaf Community Residences (\$24,300.00).*

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

*Ms. Samide explained that many years ago people purchased homes in Geauga County for around \$30 - \$40,000.00 and now years later find themselves in the same home being worth in*

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*some cases almost \$300,000.00, noting that the taxes are now far more than ever anticipated. Ms. Samide added that most are able to still work and keep maintenance on their homes including their septic systems, however some people are on a limited income and don't have the extra cash to do repairs. The EPA is an organization that has no oversight, they just do, these grants are aimed at helping clean up our systems and keep people safe, as septic systems are a health issue we are not letting up on.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell explained that this bridge was built in the 1930's under the WPA Era. Mr. Cattell stated that they are looking to replace the bridge and fix the alignment at Swine Creek Road. Mr. Cattell noted that this would also be to correct some safety concerns, and that convenience and necessity allows this to move forward with the design. Commissioner Jemison inquired about the estimated cost for the project. Mr. Cattell stated that they haven't yet designed the replacement but that a preliminary estimate would be around \$600,000.00, adding that they would be looking at several different structures and go with the most feasible. Mr. Jemison inquired about the funding for the project. Mr. Cattell added that this project would include federal Local Bridge Replacement and credit bridge funding, noting that the local funds would only be about five percent which would come from gas tax and registrations. Ms. Samide added that Geauga County gives 8 million in gas tax money and only gets about 3 million back, stating that they like to see it come back.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-153 to Reconstruct the Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #38-3.08) in Parkman Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: August 30, 2012  
Resolution: 12-153*

**RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT THE BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE #38-3.08 IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Swine Creek on Bundysburg Road, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Bundysburg Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County has secured federal aid funding to help fund a project for the replacement of this structure; and*

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer wishes to administer this project locally in order to ensure proper compliance with local construction standards and methods acceptable to Geauga County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County that public convenience and welfare require the replacement and reconstruction of the Bundysburg Road Bridge, Structure #38-3.08 over Swine Creek in the Township of Parkman, County of Geauga and State of Ohio by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure at mile marker 3.08 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Bundysburg Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer may enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to administer this project locally under the Local Project Administration policy as adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as are required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this board at the time such plans are completed.*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be apportioned as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from federal sources utilizing the balance amount of the federal county bridge credit. If the county bridge credit balance will not cover the entire construction cost or any portion of the construction cost is deemed ineligible for federal funding, the remaining construction cost will be paid from local roadway improvement funds.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs for the project show the project cannot be built within the current right of way of Bundysburg Road, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to cause to be published in a newspaper with a general circulation throughout the county, once a week for two consecutive weeks, a notice that a resolution has been adopted providing for said improvement, and that copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement are on file in the office of the board for the inspection of persons interested therein. The notice shall further state the time and place for hearing objections to the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Parkman Township Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINTING PRESIDENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – PROPOSED BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Cattell expressed that he didn't want anyone to be confused, that this was a second bridge on Bundsyburg Road, near Pioneer Road that is a wooden box structure. Mr. Cattell stated that the estimated cost is about \$100,000.00 with an OPWC grant of \$75,000.00 and would take less than 30 days to complete. Mr. Cattell stated that they are requesting to appoint the President, Ms. Samide as the Chief Executive Officer for the project. Mr. Cattell added that a Commissioner has to be appointed as CEO to execute the paperwork, noting the Board owns the roads, the Engineer's office is responsible to maintain them.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-154 appointing the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #311-6.60) project in Huntsburg Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the application form.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: August 30, 2012*  
*Resolution: 12-154*

*Move to authorize the President of the Board, Mary E. Samide to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled the Bundysburg Road Bridge Replacement Project. This project is located in Huntsburg Township, Geauga County, Ohio.*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINT PRESIDENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – PROPOSED MESSENGER ROAD – AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Cattell stated that they were requesting to appoint the President, Ms. Samide as the Chief Executive Officer for the proposed resurfacing of Messenger Road. This is the section from Stafford Road to Ravenna Road. Mr. Cattell stated that this was just over two miles with an estimate of \$300,000.00 which includes an OPWC grant of \$150,000.00. Mr. Claypool inquired about the \$150,000.00 from OPWC but where the rest would come from. Mr. Cattell added that it would be from local roadway funds. Mr. Jemison added that this project was approved last year by OPWC.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-155 appointing the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Messenger Road (Sections B & C) project in Auburn Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the application form.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 30, 2012  
Resolution: 12-155

Move to authorize the President of the Board, Mary E. Samide to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled the Messenger Road Sections B&C Resurfacing Project. This project is located in Auburn Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINTING PRESIDENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – PROPOSED NEWCOMB ROAD BRIDGE**

Mr. Cattell stated that they were requesting to appoint the President, Ms. Samide as the Chief Executive Officer for the Newcomb Road Bridge. Mr. Cattell explained that they would not be replacing, but reconstructing it. This bridge is located just north of Georgia Road. Mr. Cattell briefly explained that this bridge is located on a 900 foot section of township road, and because they will be widening the road, removing guardrail and making it safer for buggy traffic, they adjust the profile of the bridge 500 feet in each direction; this stretch of township road will be repaired in the process. The estimated cost is \$150,000.00 and includes a \$120,000.00 OPWC grant. Mr. Claypool expressed concern regarding the availability of the grants, the township funding the road repair and county money. Mr. Cattell noted that they would not be spending county money, that they would be applying for the funding that is available to the Township to use to repair the road.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-156 appointing the President of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Newcomb Road Bridge (Section E) project in Middlefield Township, and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the application form.

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*Move to authorize the President of the Board, Mary E. Samide to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding to help finance the proposed project entitled the Newcomb Road Section E Reconstruction and Bridge Rehabilitation Project. This project is located in Middlefield Township, Geauga County, Ohio.*

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

**OTHER – RECOGNIZE R.L. PHILLIPS, COUNTY ENGINEER**

*Ms. Samide expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board to Mr. R. L. Phillips for the wonderful work he has done on the roads and bridges in Geauga County. Ms. Samide noted that they had just about cleaned every road up, noting that the county roads are beautiful to drive on. Ms. Samide added that it was tough driving for a while with the closure of Auburn Road but that in seventeen years she had never seen a better job done than on the replacement and alignment that was done at Sherman. Ms. Samide commended Mr. Phillips for all that he has done, often times under duress, but doing what needed done, thank you. Mr. Jemison added that Auburn Road looks as if it had been that way forever, noting that he has done a great job, that in the twenty years they have worked together that it had always been good. Mr. Claypool expressed that he didn't have the decades of experience like the other board members, but that Mr. Phillips was one of the first people he had met with since becoming a Commissioner and how impressed he was with the Engineer's Office, adding that Mr. Cattell will be an outstanding replacement. Mr. Claypool noted the complexity of what they do, with funding sources like OPWC, NOACA, with projection and following rules and regulations, that they do a great job. Ms. Samide mentioned back in 1995 when she became a Munson Township Trustee that Mr. Phillips told her the number one job as a Trustee was to get the roads done; they did it, not always without hassle, but got it done under his leadership. Mr. Phillips added that fifteen years ago he didn't think he would ever see Auburn Road and Sherman Roads come together, but now that it is done, it's hard to imagine it the other way.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL INCREASE – OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

*Mr. Cattell explained that this change order includes an increase for Caves Road, that was not a county road at the time of the specifications. It was determined that it was important for that to be completed and cost about \$3,000.00. Mr. Cattell noted that due to some changes with Parkside Road at Market Place that saved about \$2,000.00 we saw an increase of \$1,100.00; for striping half of the roads this year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final Increasing the contract with Oglesby Construction, Incorporated for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County for the Year 2012 in the amount of \$1,148.12.*

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

**PRESENTATIONS – FAIR BOARD**

*Auditor of State David Yost's Office representative Michelle Stys presented Fair Board President Bob Rogish with a proclamation in appreciation of the commitment to the communities within Geauga County, and for providing a platform for agricultural and educational programming for youth. Ms. Stys noted that this year was the 190<sup>th</sup> year of the Geauga County Fair. Ms. Stys also noted that on behalf of the audit staff, they were pleased with the commitment of being accountable with tax dollars and serving as trust worthy stewards.*

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*Secretary of State's Office, Regional 3 Liaison Brian Daley presented Bob Rogish with an accommodation for the Geauga County Fair. Mr. Daley stated that it was a small token of gratitude for the work of the agricultural society for providing fun and entertainment since 1823 and being the oldest fair in the state of Ohio.*

*State Treasurer's Office Liaison Nick Ciofani explained that his office administers the Ag link program that helps farmers in Geauga County, and then presented Mr. Rogish with a proclamation and congratulated them on another great year for the Geauga County Fair.*

*Mr. Rogish expressed thanks on behalf of the fair board, noting that it's a long year from when the fair ends until it starts again, and that many volunteers come together and work to put on one of the greatest fairs in the State. Mr. Rogish stated that 190 years is a long time, with a lot of board members and volunteers serving over the years, adding that he is thankful for the support of the elected officials.*

**OTHER – ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Ms. Samide noted that the following elected officials were in attendance, Auditor Frank Gliha, Sheriff Dan McClelland, Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand, County Engineer R. L. Phillips, Chief Deputy Engineer Joe Cattell, Recorder Sharon Gingerich, Judge Terri Stupica and Director of Job and Family Services Tim Taylor. Ms. Samide noted that it's not one person, it's a consolidated effort of the elected officials and department directors that come together and make Geauga the great county it is.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF RENO "JAY" REDA, JR.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-157 Honoring the Life of Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. and his many contributions to Geauga County.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-157*

*Date: August 30, 2012*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF RENO "JAY" REDA JR.**

*WHEREAS, Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. was born April 3, 1959 to Reno A. and Betty L. Reda Sr. in Youngstown where he grew up with his sister and brother, he attended school at Youngstown State University, Hocking College and Ohio University before graduating from the Officers academy in 1983 and moving to Geauga County where he served for twenty-seven years as a State Wildlife Officer for the Ohio Division of Natural Resources; and*

*WHEREAS, Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. was a self-defense, firearms, archery and fishing instructor, a certified Wildlife Enforcement K-9 handler, worked as an undercover narcotics officer with the Federal Task Force, was a media liaison for the Division of Wildlife, a part-time officer for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, a guest host on Wild Ohio TV, WKYC Outdoors TV, and the host of "Inside the Great Outdoors" talk radio show; and*

*WHEREAS, Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. will be most remembered in Geauga County for being instrumental in creating the Outdoor Natural Resources Area at the Geauga County Fairgrounds by leading a fundraising campaign that raised over \$350,000.00 and helped with building this area where many organizations share their interest in the natural resources are able to showcase this dedication and passion for the outdoors with others; and*

*WHEREAS, Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. has been honored with many awards throughout the years, but his generosity, dedication, and contributions to Geauga County are what inspire others to follow in his footsteps and continue to teach people to enjoy and share the Great Outdoors; and*

*WHEREAS, Reno "Jay" Reda Jr. enjoyed spending time with his wife, Michelle, his golden retrievers Grizzly Bear, Bruin, and Munchie, he loved to cook, go fishing, hunting and share these passions with others; and*

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and remember Reno "Jay" Reda, Jr. for his passion for the Great Outdoors, his service and dedication to Geauga County, its families and its communities.*

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

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

*Mr. Jemison explained that before the natural resources area was there it was just a pond, noting that the story was that no one knew how to incorporate that into the fair, Jay had that vision. Mr. Jemison stated that Mr. Reda had a vision to bring children to learn how to fish, who might not have that opportunity, and he shared that vision and created an area that has become one of the most popular areas at the fair. It is magnificent down there and if you haven't seen it, please go and check it out. Mr. Jemison stated that he was pleased to honor Mr. Jay Reda's memory today.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THE 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB**

*A 4-H Hare Raiser Club member explained that this was the 8<sup>th</sup> annual year for their club to organize the Geauga County 4-H Food-a-thon for the Geauga Hunger Task Force, adding that twenty clubs participated with bake sales, food drives and collected 1,891 food items and raised \$3,076.90.*

*The Geauga Hunger Task Force President stated that they operate seven (7) pantries and that the Hare Raisers have been feeding the hungry in Geauga for several years now. He noted that they get four (4) meals for every \$1.00, so the \$3,076.90 they raised is 12,000 in meals for the hungry people in Geauga County.*

*Mr. Jemison stated that the club does a great job every year, noting that this year was the most they had ever raised. Mr. Jemison expressed gratitude for everything they have to do for their club, and then to take this on every year should be commended. Mr. Jemison added that the Geauga Hunger Task Force does a great job to make sure everyone in Geauga has a meal.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Jemison to approve and execute Resolution #12-158 Honoring the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 12-158*  
*Date: August 30, 2012*

**RESOLUTION HONORING 4-H HARE RAISERS RABBIT CLUB**

*WHEREAS, 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club organized and sponsored the Annual 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition, a community service project under the direction of their 4-H Advisor Marcia Reilly; and*

*WHEREAS, this is the eighth year for the Annual 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club 4-H Food-A-Thon Benefit Competition; and*

*WHEREAS, the competition is open to all 4-H club members from the age of five through eighteen and is based on a point system for the number of non-perishable food items or cash donations collected by each club, with bonus points given to clubs who registered for the competition by the deadline; and*

*WHEREAS, the 4-H Clubs collecting in various areas and by various means throughout the county include: Granny's Kids, Golden Thimbles & Options, Swingin' Hams, Geauga Caprine Kids, Greener Fields, Feathers and Fleece, PlantMasters, All Cooped Up, Geauga Prime Time, Geauga Jr. Genealogists, Bunny Bunch, Riders Express, Jr. Leadership Club,*

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*Auburn Swine, Miniature Menagerie, Crops n Spurs, Geauga Dairymen, Geauga Beef and Swine, Geauga County Clothing Clubs, and the Hare Raisers; and*

*WHEREAS, the final collection of non-perishable items took place at the Geauga County Fairground Rabbit Barn which they loaded into cardboard boxes and delivered in a truck provided through United Way to the Geauga Hunger Task Force for disbursement within Geauga County. This year they collected 1,891 items. The monetary donations total of \$3,076.90 will be presented to the Geauga Hunger Task Force during the Geauga County Board of Commissioners Session at the Great Geauga County Fair on August 30, 2012; and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the 4-H Hare Raisers Rabbit Club for their outstanding dedication and service to Geauga County, Geauga Hunger Task Force, 4-H and for organizing this cooperative and beneficial community service project; and*

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

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 22, 2012 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 9/3     **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Labor Day holiday.***

*Tues., 9/4     **The Regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting is cancelled.***

*Tues., 9/4     *The Commissioners will attend a Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m. District office in Warren, Ohio**

*Thu., 9/6     *The Commissioners will hold regular session.**

*Thu., 9/6     *Annual CASA Appreciation Evening, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Welshfield Inn**

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.***

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Mary E. Samide*

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*Tracy A. Jemison*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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