

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas R. Bahr and Stephen D. Hambley present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Prayer.

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the March 25 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed 4 resolutions authorizing the advertisement for bids for centerline striping and pavement marking of various roads, lifting the weight limit reduction on improved county and township roads, authorizing the Soil & Water Conservation District to manage the issuance of storm water permits and conduct site inspections for major subdivision construction project in the unincorporated areas of the county, and closing a section of Kennard Road on Monday through Friday. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Mr. Bahr noted that Dave Miller, County Engineer, achieved a high honor last week and asked Dave to tell about the achievement

Dave stated that he was sworn in as President of the National Association of County Engineer's.

Commissioners congratulated Dave.

Roger Harris, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel changes resolution. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for 3 pickup trucks and 1 mid-size automobile for their Water Division. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the bids. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the investment of the retainer of Fechko Excavating for the Remsen, Huffman & Hamlin waterlines in an escrow account. The project is complete but needs to be reviewed for acceptance. Mr. Bahr moved to authorize investing the retainer. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for the recycling facility. Bids were taken last week for new scales, increasing the transfer floor and add a new building for refuse derived fuel pellets. The estimate for the project was \$2.8 million. Bids are being awarded for a total of \$2.3 million to Sykes, Thompson Electric and Siegferth. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the bids. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 6 resolutions involving creation of a General Drainage Improvement fund, approving an increase in the threshold amount on fixed asset reporting, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center and the Highway Maintenance Garage from Ports Petroleum, approving agreements with the Adult Basic & Literacy Education Program, the Cornerstone Wellness Center, the Hands Across Medina County Foundation and the Salvation Army for office space in Medina County Buildings, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$543,776.73. The General Drainage Improvement Fund is for new ditch maintenance funds for subdivision. They are running out of fund numbers to use and will be consolidating the funds. The fixed asset reporting amount is being increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for the

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individual comprehensive inventory. The County Auditor has requested this increase based on the recommendation of the State Auditor and Government Finance Officers Association. The annual inventory maintained in the Commissioners' Office will remain at \$100 for reporting and this increase will only affect the Auditor's fixed assets inventory. The agreements with various agencies for office space in the Medina and Brunswick Human Service Centers are renewal for 2002. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 6 Finance resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Joyce Farnsworth, County Home Administrator, stated that they have the same 48 residents and have received many inquiries. The flu was taken care of very well. Through questioning, she stated that the staff is doing okay and plans to stay on at the Home.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution authorizing the Transportation Services Director to enter a "WIN" agreement with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Mr. Hambley stated that this agreement focuses on primarily on planning services, coordination, and other joint activities. This is being signed in addition to other WIN agreements and will be presented at the annual Transportation Summit in June.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the WIN agreement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for FY2002 specialized transportation program capital assistance. The application is for \$29,490 with a local match of \$7,741.

Mr. Bahr noted that the Society for Handicapped Citizens is applying for this funding.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the grant application. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution setting a hearing on the petition for annexation of 4.00 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The hearing is set for May 28 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to approve setting the hearing. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Bahr moved to allow the expenses. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Jim Dudek, Sharon Township Trustee, thanked Commissioners for their action recently on the 131 acre annexation petition from Sharon Township to the City of Wadsworth.

Jim stated that he received the Commissioners' fact sheet about the County Home and asked what generated the document.

Mrs. Geissman stated that several letters and calls as well as people attending the meetings wanting answers to their questions and concerns. Approximately 10 years ago an issue was on the ballot regarding the jail and a similar document was sent out. She noted that the 3 Commissioners approved the information.

Jo Becks, Commissioners' appointee to the Medina County Advisory Council, stated that they are working hard on the needs priorities for seniors in the county. She recently participated with a group in Cleveland that is doing the same thing, and she believes the issue is statewide. Almost every where the 3 same issues come up and those are prescriptions, housing and general activities involved through an Office for Older Adults. The local group is working on this and trying to get some answers. She noted that Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, is doing a very good job trying to find ways to be helpful to seniors. It has been noted that there is not a lot of participation every day. In this county if the seniors are physically able they are

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active and doing other things. Debra is trying to find ways to bring more programs to the Center so they will have more participation.

Mrs. Geissman stated that there has been a huge increase with the senior participation as the seniors are younger and more active. She noted that 10 years ago many felt that the Office for Older Adults was only for the needy seniors and more are starting to see that it is for all seniors. A needs assessment is being done and she believes prescriptions, housing and medical costs will be the main overall concerns. Commissioners are pursuing the assessment to make sure that the funds that are available are prioritized accordingly.

There were no further comments.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 9:52 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley stated that a memo was received from Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, regarding the Commissioners' representative to the Joint Economic Planning Committee.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she is liaison to Economic Development and is willing to represent the Board on the committee.

All Commissioners agreed to have Mrs. Geissman be the representative.

Mr. Bahr noted that the Recorder is hosting the Northeast District Recorders' meeting on May 1 and he feels it would be good for the Commissioners to support this by being in attendance at the start of the program at 9 am as well for lunch and the start of the training session at the Career Center. All Commissioners agreed it is a good idea and plan to attend.

Mrs. Geissman noted that CORSA had wanted to hold a seminar in Medina County, but through a misunderstanding by Roger Harris, a seminar will not be held here this year.

Mrs. Geissman stated that a letter was received from Joe Deter, State Treasurer, regarding free workshops called "Women & Money" that he has been holding around the state. He asked if Commissioners would consider a payroll insert to advise our employees of the workshops. All Commissioners agreed to allow the payroll inserts.

Mrs. Geissman noted that Pat Larsen, Payroll Specialist, had sent a memo regarding training for completion of workers' compensation forms. The last training was 5 years ago. After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed that training should be done about the forms and their instruction.

There was a discussion regarding an employee of the Wadsworth Fire Department that is retiring after 28 years and whether a commendation is needed. It was noted that the Board adopted a policy involving commendations and by passing one for this fireman would set a precedent on passing one for all fireman, emergency personnel, etc. This is a concern because of the time they take to prepare and the cost involved. Commissioners agreed a letter signed by all Commissioners would appropriate.

Ken Hotz stated that relative to the Spieth Road pump station Lorain County's pump station is now operating and ours went into operation last week. The City of Medina station is about a month to 6 weeks away from operating. During last week's ice storm the Crocker Road pump station lost power and they were able to manually run the Spieth Road station in its place. Once everything is in operation, this will automatically be done if there is a power outage. The City should have water by the summer.

Mike Salay, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the county constructed Gateway Drive and the extension south at Route 18 to connect with Montville Drive last summer, which is basically complete. The property owner who owned the land and dedicated a right-of-way through a dedication plat to the Board is now requesting Commissioners to sign a tax form so he can use the right-of-way donation as a deduction. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, did some

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research and Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, is present if there are any legal questions. He understands from Bill that since the County was going to do the project anyway, this is an appropriate way to handle this. Often a developer that initiates a project, dedicates the right-of-way and builds the project, and then takes their deduction as an expense if they paid for everything up front. In this case, the project was done as a partial assessment, with the County paying part and the developer and property owners paying a part. This is the first time he has seen anyone approach the County for this type of thing, but Bill feels there is no risk involved with the County signing the form as accepting the right-of-way as a charitable contribution. It is up to the person submitting the form to the IRS to stand behind the appraisal numbers, etc.

Mr. Bahr asked if all Commissioners need to sign the form.

Mike and Trina stated only one needs to sign.

Trina stated that it is up to the person donating the land and the IRS to determine the actual amount. The amount may be the appraisal amount or the purchase amount. They will also review what the donator received in consideration to determine the amount of the donation. There is nothing against Commissioners and this is an acceptable way to handle this.

Mr. Hambley asked if this will set a precedent in terms of dealing with other subdivisions.

Mike stated that it will not set a precedent because this is a project the county had taken steps to build and we were going to have to buy the right-of-way. In this case the land was given to us. It's different than the typical subdivision.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve signing the tax form for the contribution. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman, as President of the Board, signed the form.

Commissioners reviewed 9 resolutions supporting easement purchase agreements, which were prepared by Bill Thorne. These have been discussed previously. It was noted that the county is not putting any money towards this. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 9 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

There was no further business before the Board of discussion.

At 10:06 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session to discussion personnel/compensation and acquisition of land. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 10:40 a.m. Mr. Hambley had to leave for another commitment.

At 10:47 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the Clerk and Ken Hotz received a bid for whole waste tire disposal from Central Ohio Contractors. The bid was turned over to Ken for review and recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0241 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0242 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (GREKCO/CHATHAM TOWNSHIP)

02-0243 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (HUMMEL/HOMER TOWNSHIP)

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- 02-0244 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (RISING/LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0245 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (RISING/LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0246 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (RISLEY/SPENCER TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0247 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (MENNEL/SPENCER TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0248 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (MENNEL/CHATHAM TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0249 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (MIHALOEW/CHATHAM TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0250 OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION (BIHN/YORK TOWNSHIP)
- 02-0251 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CENTERLINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKING OF VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAYS
- 02-0252 RESOLUTION LIFTING THE WEIGHT LIMIT REDUCTION ON IMPROVED COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS
- 02-0253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO MANAGE THE ISSUANCE OF STORM WATER PERMITS AND CONDUCT ON SITE INSPECTIONS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MEDINA COUNTY
- 02-0254 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE KENNARD ROAD (C.H. 78) BETWEEN AVON LAKE ROAD (S.R. 83) AND VANDEMARK ROAD (C.H. 31)
- 02-0255 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 02-0256 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR THREE (3) 2002 PICKUP TRUCKS AND ONE (1) 2002 MID-SIZE AUTOMOBILE TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
- 02-0257 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINR OF FECHKO EXCAVATING INC. FOR THE REMSEN, HUFFMAN & HAMLIN WATERLINES IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE#500/00-7.1.19.1
- 02-0258 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY 2001 IMPROVEMENTS MCSE #700/00-28.3
- 02-0260 APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR FIXED ASSET REPORTING
- 02-0261 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

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02-0262 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 1,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE AND 6,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL FOR THE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

02-0263 RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH THE ADULT BASIC & LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE CORNERSTONE WELLNESS CENTER, THE HANDS ACROSS MEDINA COUNTY FOUNDATION AND THE SALVATION ARMY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN MEDINA COUNTY BUILDINGS

02-0264 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR TO ENTER A "WIN" AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)

02-0265 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2002 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

02-0266 RESOLUTION SETTING A HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 4.00 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF TRACT 1, LOT 11 AND ALSO BEING SUBLOT 1 IN THE OLD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0267 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley