

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2004

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman 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 April 5 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list from the County Engineer's Office.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations by transferring and increasing appropriations, various transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, an expense adjustment for Transit, revenue adjustments, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$652,221.62. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 11 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the personnel changes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for public warning sirens for the Village of Lodi. The award is to Federal Signal Corporation for the base bid of \$29,992 with alternate #1 for \$2,621 and alternate #3 for \$1,500. Alternate #1 allows the Sheriff or the Village to activate the sirens. Alternate #3 is for the removal of the Civil Defense sirens. The total cost is over the CDBG funding that is available so Lodi will pay for the alternates. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept and award the bid; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for Transit. This re-designates the Radio Dispatcher from full time to part time and changes the reporting requirements of the Radio Dispatchers and the Statistics Clerk. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Sanitary Engineering Department. This reclassifies a Survey Tech 1 position to a Survey Tech Supervisor. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented resolutions accepting & awarding the bid for 1 replacement pickup and 2 replacement cars, obtaining easements for a sewer and water project, and extending a restricted waterline for 17 property owners for an additional 10-year period. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 3 resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim noted that letters are sent annually to the local entities for waiving the solid waste transportation fees for their clean up days. There was a brief discussion on whether it is the transportation fees or the tipping fees that are waived and Jim stated that he would check to see which fee is waived. Mr. Hambley moved to approve reducing the cost for the local entities' clean up days; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Don Hartman, Office for Older Adults, stated that the programs for April include a presentation by the Auditor about Homestead Exemption, re-doing last month's trip to Legacy Village that was cancelled due to poor weather, a presentation by Legal Aid, a Lifeline program,

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bingo, the movie “Second Hand Lions”, a roaring 20’s party, and a stress management seminar. They are finalizing their plans for 30th anniversary of Senior Day in May. Transit will be providing transportation to the Senior Day events for free. They are handling 227 home-delivered meals and there is no waiting list.

John Jones, Transportation Services Director, presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for 5 replacement vehicles for a total of \$301,765.00. The low bidder is American Buses Accessories. The new buses have a GM chassis with a Champion body. Delivery will be in October. They were able to get wider wheelchair ramps for a heavier capacity, electric doors, and a modified suspension system with these vehicles. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept and award the bid; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John reported that later today he will be previewing a new unit that shows some promise for the future. The model is manufactured by Mercedes Benz and they offer a better body and better mileage. He will see if they are affordable for the 2006 replacement vehicles.

Ms. Ray read a resolution proclaiming April 18-24 as “National Library Week”. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The proclamation was presented to Tina Sabol of the Medina County District Library.

Ms. Sabol stated that they will be holding groundbreaking this week for the new library branches in Buckeye and Lodi. They had bookmarks prepared by kids that will be handed out as well as various other programs going on throughout the week.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Joshua C. Arena on earning the Eagle Scout Award. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Martin C. McPherson on earning the Eagle Scout Award. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution of support for the reconstruction and widening of U.S. Route 42. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution of support; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution appointing Ray Jarrett as a Township alternate to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the appointment; 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. Mrs. Geissman 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 and there was no one present wishing to comment.

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

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the discussion session.

Bob Arnold presented and reviewed drawings of the proposed landscaping for the University Technology Park. The proposal is for a 200 foot setback of landscaping at Route 162 (Wedgewood Road) and landscaping around the perimeter of the site. The area around 2 creeks on the west side of the property will be re-forested and the northern and northeastern portion of

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the property will be undisturbed for a tree buffer. The Lake Road entrance will have ornamental landscaping and there will be a tree buffer by the oil/gas well. Due to the uniqueness of a technology park in the area, the proposal is for 3 upright arches on either side of the entrances with one on each side being made of brick, one of concrete and one of steel. There would be a low serpentine wall possibly of polymer or stainless steel with soft lights next to the arches. The Lake Road entrance would be the same, except that the University of Akron's signage would be incorporated into the area. The design for the road circle where the 2 public roads intersect has not been started at this time.

Mrs. Geissman asked about the height of the arches, the type of maintenance required and the cost for erecting the arches.

Bob stated that the height of the arches would be 25' to 40'. They tried to stay with the earth-tone colors at the entrances while using materials in the arches that show changes in technology. Due to our climate, some maintenance will be required over time; however, they are designed to be as maintenance-free as possible. The arches are a proposed design and the costs for building them are not known at this time.

Mr. Hambley noted that the entrance is compatible with the University's architecture. This design still has to go through Lafayette Township and the Port Authority will be overseeing the costs.

Ms. Ray felt the soft lighting and design will work with the neighborhood and will not overly stand out in the area.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she is unsure of the use of the arches at the entrances and the look would have to grow on her. At first sight they look like fork tongs sticking up out of the ground. The deep landscaping was very nice.

There was no further discussion relative to the proposed landscaping and entrances.

Mrs. Geissman presented copies of a letter from Sheriff Neil Hassinger regarding possible cost increases at the jail for review. She noted that no comment was needed at this time.

John Stricker presented copies of a letter from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing & Community Partnerships, which states that Medina County was chosen for the 2004 Fair Housing Month Award for the work that has been done for equal housing opportunities. The award will be presented in Columbus on April 29 and there should be a representative there to accept the award. He noted that he would try to be sure Dianne Ranftl was able to attend.

There was a brief discussion relative to a Commissioner attending. Mrs. Geissman stated that she would check to see if she would be in Columbus at that time, and if she is not, Ms. Ray stated she would try to arrange to be present. Commissioners congratulated Dianne for her work in this area.

It was noted that there is a meeting this Thursday for an update on concealed weapons. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that they are still working on the work to allow for weapons at the Community Center (due to the gun shows). Chris Jakab added that he has received some suggestions from CORSA and will review those with Bill.

Mr. Hambley stated that the Housing Network elected their officers at their last meeting. He was elected as President with Skip Sipos as Vice President and Julie King as Secretary.

Mr. Hambley stated that there was a meeting last week with the Planning Commission regarding establishing goals for the comprehensive planning grant program. He reviewed the 6 goals approved by the Planning Commission to help score the proposals that come in. The

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Commissioners can also adopt these goals. The application and instructions are still being developed. He noted that it is important to involve the public in this process.

There was a brief discussion with Bill relative to his obtaining information that had been requested earlier.

Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussion litigation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reconvened at 2:11 p.m. for the public hearing on proposed Ryan Road improvements.

Andy Conrad, Engineer's Office, and Brian Knapp of Cunningham & Associates were present.

Andy stated that as part of the Dover Highland Subdivision sight distance issue the plan is to lower the road 11 inches for about 300 feet. This will take about 1 week and it will affect one driveway. At this time they will also be putting in the waterline tap for the subdivision across the road. Through questioning he noted that the construction drawings for the other subdivision have not been completed at this. He noted that he has talked with the 3 residents in the area, noting that 1 was concerned because she thought some of their property was being taken. There will be no property taken for this project. Relative to increased traffic from the developments, he believes in 2005 there may be an Issue 2 major rehab of Ryan Road. The existing pavement is being widened from 18 feet to 20 feet with this project, but all of the work is being done within the right-of-way.

There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. Hambley moved to close the public hearing; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 2:15 p.m. Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

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| 04-0281 | RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOSHUA C. ARENA ON EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD |
| 04-0282 | RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARTIN C. MCPHERSON ON EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD |
| 04-0283 | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS |
| 04-0284 | RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 18-24, 2004 AS "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" |
| 04-0285 | RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS |

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- 04-0286 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

- 04-0287 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 04-0288 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IV-B) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

- 04-0289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUNDS (0050) FOR THE BOARD AND CARE OF COUNTY WARDS

- 04-0290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0050) FOR THE RESPITE OF FOSTER PARENTS

- 04-0291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE FIRST STOP FUND

- 04-0292 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES

- 04-0293 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

- 04-0294 EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- 04-0295 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND

- 04-0296 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 04-0297 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI PUBLIC WARNING SIRENS

- 04-0298 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

- 04-0299 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS - DESIGN ENGINEERING

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- 04-0300 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BIDS FOR ONE (1) 2004 PICK-UP TRUCK-8600 GVW AND TWO (2) 2004 MID-SIZE AUTOMOBILES 4-DOOR
- 04-0301 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER AND WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 04-0302 RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RESTRICTED WATERLINE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 92-231 FOR THE WATERLINE INSTALLED BY SEVENTEEN PROPERTY OWNERS ON NEFF ROAD
- 04-0303 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) REPLACEMENT TRANSIT VEHICLES
- 04-0304 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF US 42
- 04-0305 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE FOR THE TOWNSHIPS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
- 04-0306 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley