

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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 minutes of April 8 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 a resolution approving use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in the amount of \$2100 for Vineyard Subdivision Phase 1 in Brunswick Hills Township and a resolution to close a section of Friendsville Road this week. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 2 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 8 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, revenue adjustment for the Workforce Development Fund, resolution amending Section 2 of Resolution No. 02-0178 to provide for the issuance and sale of road improvement bonds, Series 2002, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$675,820.98. The road improvement bonds were for the Gateway Drive area and the amendment allows for the sale of term bonds to reduce the interest rate. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 8 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger Harris, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel changes resolution. Mr. Bahr 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 the Medina County FSA (Farm Service Agency) Building to Ridgetop Builders. There were 12 bidders and a letter of recommendation from the architect is attached. The cost of the project is \$557,524. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the bid. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John stated that the FSA Building will house 12 USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service employees, 4 USDA Farm Service Agency employees, and 7 Ohio Department of Natural Resource, Division of Soil & Water Conservation employees. The building will be located in front of the new Highway Garage next to the County Home. There will be a conduit connecting the building to the Highway Garage so they can connect to our computer system.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement for the construction, maintenance and operation of solid waste facilities with the Ohio Water Development Authority. This is for OWDA funding. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for Columbia Road/Buckeye Schools sanitary sewer extension to Fabrizi. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the bid. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Dennis and Laura Kalita stated that they have a drawing from the Sanitary Engineer that shows their drain goes out 64 feet. Beginning at 79 feet through 89 feet there is a problem with the drain. The bell is broken off the main sewer line and they would like the county to take care of this drainage problem this has caused. The problem is in the tree-lawn and right at the main sewer line.

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

Jim stated that they have had a problem with a slow drain for a long time and they have called the office. They rented a snake and believe it reached to the main line. Typically the owner is responsible for the line to the sewer main. There is no proof that the problem is at the sewer main. If Roto-Rooter is called, the owner is responsible all the way to the sewer main and if it's the county's problem, the county will pay for it. A camera was run through and they ran into standing water and couldn't tell where the problem was.

Mr. Kalita stated that the standing water started at 79 feet, but they couldn't get any further and feel the problem is that the bell has broken off the sewer and the water backup could be as far back as 79 feet.

Jim stated that there is still an issue of where the problem is. He and the department's Maintenance Supervisor will meet with them this afternoon. If there is still a question, they will do excavation to determine the location of the problem, and the costs will be taken care of accordingly.

John Jones, Transportation Service Director, reviewed the operation statistics for March and the end of the first quarter. In March they had 8,701 riders system-wide, which brings the quarter ridership to 27,037. Each month the ridership on the "L" is increasing and if it continues the quarterly ridership of 4,016 indicates they will set a new record. They traveled 48,689 vehicle miles in March for a quarterly total of 148,838. The fleet miles per gallon were \$7.89 for March and \$8.24 for the quarter. The denial rate was 1.09% for the quarter. There were no vehicle or passenger accidents, and there were 4 customer complaints in the quarter. The billing accuracy was 99.78% in March and 99.45% for the quarter. The cost per mile was \$1.33. The on-time performance rate was 95.87%. The cost per passenger for all services was \$7.93. Through questioning by Mr. Bahr, John stated that the gas mileage is down slightly possibly because they are not running 1 of the 5 diesel vehicles. They should have the 3 new diesel vehicles by the end of this month or early next month. They had a 20% increase for all services over last years first quarter with a 25% increase on the "L" alone. He is gathering census information to prepare a routing survey. They are looking at creating more routes by deviating off the main lines, such as the Southwest Circulator, to serve more people in those areas without having the office handle scheduling.

John presented a resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of a bid for the Brunswick Transit Alternative (BTA) operations. The BTA has been a contracted operation for years and their current contract is up. He would like to see if they can operate the system in the coming years. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, noted that under HB 180 the termination process of cases involving children reaching the age of 18 and graduating is no longer going through the courts. His office is gearing up now for the termination process that will be handled by his office. The court has approved the process and everything was worked out with the Prosecutor's Office. This is the first year for this new process. Under HB 170, the bill to repay welfare recipients, they have been inputting information into the system and are waiting for the check writing to be done. The test counties will receive checks the first part of May and by the end of May or early June the remainder of the checks will be out. There were approximately 600 cases reviewed in Medina County and there are about 10 that will get back an average of \$200. As far as he can tell we didn't have anyone that qualified for emergency assistance because this money was erroneously taken from them.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, stated that there were 66 single family home permits issued in March versus 100 issued last March. Although this is lower than last March, it is higher than January or February of this year. He feels they are still seeing some impact of more permits being taken out at the end of the year by some contractors. Commercial is down 30% from last March, which kept the total to-date number of permits issued down. In residential they are seeing a significant increase in remodeling and additions to homes. He noted that although some projects are about ready to proceed, such as the Buckeye Elementary Schools, Highland High School and Wadsworth Wal-Mart, the permits have not been pulled yet. Through questioning by Mr. Bahr, Art stated that plans of this size take 12-20 hours to review. The review fee schedule is based on an average commercial project, and not projects such as the aforementioned 3 commercial projects. Housing prices are going up again with larger houses

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

being built. He believes the larger homes run in cycles and he believes they are still on track for the average.

Kathy Yuzwa, MCDAC Director, presented resolutions appointing Joseph Lewandowski as the Township Association's alternate to MCDAC with his term expiring December 31, 2004 and appointing Ralph Copley as the City of Wadsworth's representative to MCDAC to fill a vacant term. Mr. Copley's term expires December 31, 2003. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy stated that grant applications are due in April 22. They had 27 requests for application packets. Next Tuesday is the "Parents Who Host The Most Lose the Most" workshop.

Mark Schindewolf, Workforce Development Director, presented a resolution authorizing an extension to the agreement for Workforce Development marketing services with Wirtz Integrated Marketing. This extends the contract from March 30 to June 30 so they can wrap up their marketing campaign. There are only a few items left for them to complete. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the extension. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution appointing Don Simpson to a vacancy on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) Board of Trustees with his term expiring December 31, 2003. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented resolutions approving payment of animal claims in Liverpool Township and Brunswick City. The one in Liverpool Township is for 1 lamb for \$63.00 and the one in Brunswick City is for 2 sheep for \$90.00. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the animal claims. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Bahr stated that he is going to talk with John Shultz, Dog Warden, about making sure there are better checks on some of the information. There is a mention of the type of dog on one of the claims, but not on the other.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the animal claims showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution appointing the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Board to set the date, time and place for annexation hearings and to provide associated notices to the agent for the petitioners. It was noted that any petitions being filed after this time would fall under the new law. Those petitions currently on file fall under the old law. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the resolution. 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.

Dave Myers, 30 year resident and member of the "Medina County Cares Committee" asked where the current County Home residents will be placed if the Home closes.

Mrs. Geissman stated that several assisted living and nursing homes responded to a letter. There are 7 interested in assisting and she has visited one of them with Debra Beckstett, Alternative Paths Director, and Mike Jenks, ADAMH Board Director. There are 2 facilities willing to take the mental health residents, and one facility is willing to take the entire group from the Home.

Mr. Myers asked about the cost per month and who will pay the balance.

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

Mrs. Geissman stated that it will be \$1500 a month. There is a certain amount of money that comes from the clients/residents and the County would pay the balance as they are currently doing.

Mr. Myers asked who authorized the Commissioners' "fact sheet" to be included in the employee paychecks at Lodi Hospital, and for what reason.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she believes it was the CEO of the hospital and that he wanted the employees to have the information.

Mr. Myers asked if there will be any administrative changes at the Home if the levy passes on May 7, or if there are any specific plans for the property if it doesn't pass.

Mrs. Geissman stated that administrative changes haven't been discussed at this time. Comments have been made about possible respite care or daycare for agencies that would have funding to do that. The County has no plans at this time. The Home was offered to the Mental Health, but they face the same costly renovations and don't have the funds to do that.

Jim Dudek asked if the nursing home/assisted living facilities are located within Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman stated that they are.

Commissioners recessed into the conference room for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley presented a draft of the history video for the Commissioners to review. The credits are not listed. The video is close to completion. The video is approximately 1-1/2 hours long.

Mr. Hambley noted that a memo was received from the Sheriff regarding the crowded private property weapons/evidence room.

Mrs. Geissman and John Stricker stated that they have gone out and reviewed the area. The Sheriff has been asked to store items for the Probation Department now. She found out from John that there is a solution.

John stated that there is some space the Probation Department could expand into. He has been working with Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor. Our stuff is being moved out of an area that is directly attached to the Probation Department. Currently the Prosecutor is using that area for secured records. He and Bill stated that in about 3-4 weeks everything should be done. John also noted that there were some alternatives that the Sheriff could use. Now is not the time to put additional space on buildings for storage.

Mrs. Geissman stated that we could see where things could be rearranged to give the Sheriff more space. She hasn't talked with him to see if he has implemented any of the suggestions. She believes what prompted the letter was that he was asked for storage space by the Probation Department.

Mr. Hambley stated that programming is needed for "Your Medina County". He talked with Jeff Neidert, B52, and they are still in transition between their 2 studios. He would prefer a program they could do on the road or on location until they get their new studio fixed up.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the Central Processing Facility (CPF) is going to be done in May for the June show. She noted that a schedule is being prepared for the videotaping that Commissioners can see what is needed. The plan is to have it posted in the conference room.

John suggested covering the Transit Department and having them ride one of the buses, either on the Medina "L" or on the Homerville route.

Mr. Hambley stated that he will talk with John Jones, Transportation Services Director, about scheduling this.

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

All Commissioners agreed to have Transit covered for the May show.

Mr. Bahr noted that a fax was received regarding changing the way the Chippewa Creek Watershed will be funded. There has been an annual charge to the people that benefit from the dam that controls the watershed. They are changing the funding method because they need more money. There will be hearing held on May 30 at 9 am in Wayne County and at 2 pm in Medina. Anyone interested in this should attend. According to the correspondence it will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$10.00 per year or a \$150,000 home will cost \$15.00 per year.

Mr. Bahr reported that he and Ron Rowe, Workforce Policy Board President, met with the Director in Columbus because of the uncertainties and misinformation that has been received. To a certain extent the meeting was of value. He believes he will be coming before the Board with a recommendation to get out of the Ohio Option and get back into the old WIA program now that our Workforce Development is in place and due to the amount of daily work that has to be done by our Finance Department. Under this Director are 3 different programs: Job & Family Services, Workforce and the Ag Program. This Director takes the accounting system of the largest agency, which is Job & Family Service and is a cash basis accounting system. Workforce won't accept that system because they're on an accrual system. So we're running out of 2 different systems and it's making more work for Finance. If we get out of the Ohio Option some of that will be eliminated and the Policy Board will be larger. Through questioning, he stated that Medina County can still be a stand-alone county under WIA. He is still reviewing the documentation on this and will report back on this.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the Battered Women's Shelter lease expires soon and Chris Jakab needs direction on renewing the lease, which they have the option to do as long as they have met certain requirements. She suggests that as long as they have met the requirements that the lease be renewed.

Mr. Bahr noted that they have started working on the parking lot now.

Mrs. Geissman noted that they are still parking on the other side across from the cemetery.

John stated that he believes the problem with the parking lot was that they hit an old septic tank and that created a problem and delay.

Mr. Hambley asked if they filed an annual report showing their statistics. One of the problems in the past is identifying those clients from Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman believes that is part of the requirements.

John noted that a quarterly inspection has been done of the building and they listen when he files a report with them.

Mr. Hambley stated that one of the concerns in the past has been the lack of the presence of their director. I've seen her at 2 meetings recently in the county. He'd like to continue the encouragement for them to be involved in the community.

Chris will check the requirements, etc. and provide copies to each Commissioner for review.

John stated that last week he was asked to contact Dave Brooks of CORSA to find out what he had based his recommendation on to remove Fred Wolk, Drug Task Force Director, from the county's vehicle insurance.

Mrs. Geissman noted that it should be clear that this discussion is about a non-public employee and that is why it must be discussed publicly. Criticism was received for discussing this in public last week, but it must be because he is not a county employee.

John noted that prior to last week's meeting Mrs. Geissman asked him about holding an Executive Session for personnel/discipline concerning Fred's driving record. It was his opinion that it was not covered under the Sunshine Law and an Executive Session couldn't be held on

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

this. After last week's meeting he checked with Mr. Brooks to find out why he recommended the 12-month suspension of driving a county vehicle. Mr. Brooks said all he had was the driving record, which included a list of the accidents, amounts paid out and whether Fred was cited for the accidents. John then faxed Lt. John Detchon's letter about the action taken by the Drug Force Operating Board and asked Mr. Brooks to review the information to see if his recommendation would change. When he talked to him later, Mr. Brooks stated that did not feel the recommendation should change.

Mr. Hambley noted that information was received from Chris regarding some of the details on this because the Commissioners own or lease the vehicles.

Chris stated that the Drug Task Force paid for the vehicles, but they are titled to the Commissioners for insurance purposes. It would be easy to revert the titles back to the Drug Task Force to get their own insurance. There are 3 vehicles owned and 2 leased vehicles that are used by Fred. There was a discussion about only titling one back to the Task Force, but for practicality, Fred needs the flexibility to drive the various vehicles. One older vehicle is maintained by the Prosecutor's Office and has been utilized by the Task Force. A decision is needed on whether that can continue as well. If they get their own insurance we cannot allow the use of the Prosecutor's vehicle either.

Mr. Hambley noted that the Task Force's Operating Board should look at the various options that they have. We'd talked last week that there are choices that need to be made.

Mrs. Geissman stated that it would probably be cheaper for the Task Force to have a group of cars rather than just one. There is also the point made that having more than one vehicle gives flexibility in use.

Chris stated that it will take 30 days to get quotes on insurance.

Mr. Bahr suggested that a letter be sent to the Operating Board from John to get quotes on insurance. He also suggested a 45 day deadline instead of 30 days to ensure mail delivery, etc.

Mr. Hambley added that this is with the intent to remove them from the CORSA coverage. He asked if it would also be the intent to re-evaluate this in a year and if there are no similar circumstances that they possibly could be brought back into CORSA.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she is willing to following the guidelines of CORSA and that is what they indicated.

Mr. Bahr agreed.

Chris clarified that this is strictly relates to vehicle insurance and no other liability insurance.

Mr. Hambley asked about the work being done by the Clerk and Finance Director on the fee schedule for annexation petitions.

The Clerk stated that instruction sheets have been prepared for each type of annexation. She is reviewing each step to determine the amount of time and supplies needed and will obtain information from Tax Maps about their time involved, whether the Prosecutor will have time involved, and the cost for a court reporter and subpoenas. Once this is done, she will turn the information over to Chris.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the new law will mean more work for the Clerk and the Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley asked if there will be any notification about the new law being used.

The Clerk stated that she is meeting with Bill Thorne to review the instructions and once completed they will be sent to the Bar Association, and city and village clerks.

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002**

Mr. Hambley suggested sending the information to the Department of Planning Services.

Mr. Bahr added the Homebuilder's Association should receive the information.

Mrs. Geissman noted that only one resolution has been passed in connection with using the new law and that 2 other resolutions are needed. She asked if any petition filed now would be under the new law.

Bill stated that at this point the new law is effective unless someone files against it in court between now and the first hearing Commissioners would hold. At this time nothing has been filed.

Mrs. Geissman asked if a new petition would fall under the old law if someone filed before the first hearing was held.

Bill stated that if someone filed, the court could put another stay on the law and the petition would have to be heard under the old law. It was anticipated that there would be a filing, but nothing has been filed at this time. Therefore, everything is moving under the new law.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

02-0283 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN PAYMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0284 RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-178 ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD ON MARCH 11, 2002, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2002

02-0285 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN THE VINEYARD SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0286 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FRIENDSVILLE ROAD (C.H. 35) BETWEEN GARMAN ROAD (C.H. 91) AND WHITE ROAD (T.H. 92)

02-0287 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-0288 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

02-0289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE JUVENILE COURT IV-D FUND

02-0290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR COUNTY MANDATED SHARE

02-0291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCWS FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES

02-0292 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002**

02-0293 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0294 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BIDS FOR MEDINA COUNTY FSA BUILDING

02-0295 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SOLID WASTE FACILITIES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MEDINA AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

02-0296 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BID FOR COLUMBIA ROAD/BUCKEYE SCHOOLS SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION MCSE#S-500/00-188.1

02-0297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR AND THE COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THE BRUNSWICK TRANSIT ALTERNATIVE

02-0298 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0299 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0300 AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MARKETING SERVICES

02-0301 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CLERK OR ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SET THE DATE, TIME & PLACE FOR ANNEXATION HEARINGS AND TO PROVIDE ASSOCIATED NOTICES TO THE AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS

02-0302 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

02-0303 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF ANIMAL CLAIM IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0304 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF ANIMAL CLAIM IN BRUNSWICK CITY, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0305 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