

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray and Patricia G. Geissman present.

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

At the beginning of the meeting, the oral reading of the April 10 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the five resolutions. The first one was finding that public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Ryan Road (C.H. 40) in Lafayette Township between Wedgewood Road (S.R. 162) and the Medina City limits. The next three were to close River Styx Road (C.H. 49) between Poe Road (T.H. 71) and Sharon Copley Road for culvert repairs on April 17, April 18, and April 20. The last resolution was to close River Styx Road between Fixler Road (C.H. 75) and Poe Road (T.H. 71) on April 19 and 20, also for culvert repair. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the five resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations, (2) authorizing a cash transfer from the County Home Levy Fund to the County's General Fund to offset the operational costs of the County Home during the period of May 2005 through October 2005, (3) cash transfers for various funds related to local match requirements for the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006, (4) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund billing corresponding to the Ohio Department of Health, (5) revenue adjustment to credit the General Fund for real property transfer tax revenue proceeds during the period of December 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 that had been posted to the General Bond Retirement Fund, (6) revenue adjustment for Job & Family Services and the General Bond Retirement Fund, (7) authorizing the purchase of bulk fuel at the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum at the bid price of \$2.165, which is a 17% increase from the previous two-week purchase, (8) on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) approval of the acquisition of property at 596 Twilight Trail in the Village of Gloria Glens for \$67,000 that they have in their account relating to flood plain remediation work, (9) authorizing the transfer of funds from the County's General Fund to the Children Services Fund for Job & Family Services Respite Care of Foster Parents, (10) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Job & Family Services – Protect Ohio Fund to the Children Services Fund relating to the Protect Ohio match proceeds for CY 2005, and (11) and authorizing the transfer of JFS funds from the Children Services IV-B Fund to the Public Assistance Fund corresponding to Title IV-E administrative expenditures for the period of October 2005 through March 2006. Mr. Jakab also presented the weekly bills in the amount of \$720,363.25. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the 11 finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion.

Mr. Hambley pointed out an error in resolution 8 on page six of the contract for the acquisition of property in Gloria Glens. Mr. Jakab said the management company forwarded the contract to his office and one of his account clerks brought that to his attention. The contract would be changed before they sign it. Mr. Hambley pointed out that, contrary to what people might have read, the county does not ignore their villages. This is one of several purchases that they have made. They have assisted and worked with EMA to help relieve flooding problems and the damage done in Gloria Glens. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray

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moved to approve the personnel changes; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution approving the salary increases of approximately 3% for the non-bargaining employees under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the raises. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The last resolution Mr. Berkowitz presented was approving a memorandum of understanding between the Medina County Transit and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees resulting in retroactive wage payments. They are granting eight Transit employees timely wage increases that they were precluded from getting when the original contract was granted due to the contract language. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution extending the contract between Medina County and Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, LLC, for the collection and disposal of whole waste tires. Ms. Ray moved to approve the contract extension; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice Theken, Director of the Department of Planning Services, reported that they are offering a Zoning Inspector workshop on Thursday, April 20. Speakers will be Art Verdoorn - Chief Building Inspector, Bill Thorne- Assistant County Prosecutor, Colene Conley - York Township Trustee, and a gentleman from the Barberton Health Department. There is a work session scheduled with the County Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. and they will be reviewing some changes to the Subdivision Regulations. The deadline to submit the Medina County Comprehensive Grant applications is May 15. They have awarded funds to ten communities over the past couple of years with grant funds that the Commissioners have provided. Four communities have completed Comprehensive Plans - Brunswick City, Brunswick Hills Township, Village of Seville, and Liverpool Township. Three communities are in the planning process - Montville Township, Medina City, and Litchfield Township. Lafayette Township will be under way soon with their planning process.

Art Verdoorn, Chief Building Inspector, gave the Building Department report for the month of March 2006. He said it was an active month for permits. There were 76 new residential permits this March compared to 60 in March of last year. Although there are 181 permits this year to date compared to 169 last year at this time, he expects slightly less than last year. Revenues for fees exceed last year, which is an indication of a healthy climate in Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman said she has some concerns with the economy. She read that there were 637 foreclosures in 2005, and if the first three months were an indicator, they will have over 700 foreclosures on homes in Medina County this year. Also, some builders are not able to sell all their spec homes, which could result in foreclosures. Mr. Verdoorn said there are a lot of factors that make it difficult to judge the local economy and nationwide. He read that lending institutions got very creative with their loan applications and approved some loans too easily; some homeowners then encountered financial problems and had no equity in their home. Lenders are going back to more traditional financing and qualifications. That might affect the foreclosures, but hinder home sales. In another matter, he said the State is requiring that counties adopt the statewide residential building code by May 27, 2006, but they received word last week that the State made changes and will be lucky to have the first printing by May 15. The statewide commercial building code will be changed next year.

Mr. Hambley asked Mr. Verdoorn about Sunday's incident at a project site where they had to issue a stop work order and then the building collapsed. Mr. Verdoorn said both he and inspector Tim Howard received phone calls from a local contractor alerting them about the dangerous situation at the new Goddard School on Route 18 by McDonalds. The roof fell in

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about five minutes after they got there. Normally, building inspectors do not issue stop work orders in construction due to the method of construction. They were supposed to have had two interior braced walls on the 80-foot wide trusses and they did not have any bracing. It was amazing to him that construction had not been stopped before that. Fifteen minutes before it collapsed, people had been working underneath it so Mr. Howard made the correct call to stop the job or someone would have gotten hurt. Although the vast majority of Medina County contractors are good, this points out that there are certain gaps where some County and out-of-county contractors ought to be more knowledgeable. Mr. Hambley said he wanted to be sure to publicly recognize them for sound judgment on the tough decision of closing down the job.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution appointing Emily Muscatello to the Medina County Advisory Board on Aging with her term ending December 31, 2008. Ms. Ray moved to approve the appointment and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution approving the appointment of Ron Jones to the Tax Incentive Review Council for the City of Wadsworth's Community Reinvestment Area. This fills a vacancy left by Bill Crumley who resigned. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the appointment and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley asked that they table the resolution authorizing the Prosecutor's Office to represent the Town & Country Joint Fire District as their legal advisor until it is reviewed and discussed. The other Commissioners agreed to table the resolution.

Mr. Hambley read the certificate of recognition awarded Don Yezerki on achieving the high honor and rank of Eagle Scout.

The Clerk read the regular resolution to allow expenses of County officials. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment and there was none.

Mr. Hambley noted that there would be a discussion session and then a public hearing at 10:30 to discuss the Thoroughfare Plan.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said they have had a problem getting someone to fill a vacancy on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) Board of Trustees, probably because the meetings are held in Cleveland. They have another 30 days to find someone so she asked the other two Commissioners to also look for candidates.

Mrs. Geissman announced that the Commissioners were invited to be Grand Marshalls at the Chippewa Lake Fourth of July parade. She suggested they find one vehicle that all three Commissioners can fit in, and the others agreed.

The group discussed the resolution that was tabled regarding the Prosecutor's Office representing the Town & Country Joint (Medina County and Wayne County) Fire District as their legal advisor. It was decided that Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, would talk to Wayne County first because Medina County would be taking on all of the responsibility and burden for both counties at no charge and the majority of the services are performed in Wayne County. He will report back next week.

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Mr. Hambley asked the other Commissioners if they wanted to keep the public hearing that has been scheduled and advertised for Tuesday, April 25 on that date or move it back to the same day of the Commissioners meeting, Monday, April 24. The Commissioners meeting was moved to Tuesday because of County Government Day, but then County Government Day was changed so the Commissioners meeting was put back to the regularly-scheduled Monday. A public hearing needs at least two Commissioners present. Mrs. Geissman and Ms. Ray said they would also be available on Tuesday so they could leave it as scheduled.

Mr. Hambley said Peggy Folk, Assistant Clerk, approached him about attending a seminar and payment of travel expenses June 23 through 25 in the amount of \$270. She is very active in the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Ms. Ray and Mrs. Geissman approved the travel expense and the one paid training date on June 23.

Mr. Jakab said he met with the Auditor's and Treasurer's Offices last week about the software request for proposals (RFP) process. He will be incorporating the changes from those meetings and bring it to the Commissioners soon to take action on the bid process. He, Nancy Abbott, Joan Heller, and Annette Ehrlich met with the three Data Center relocation consultants to interview the three firms. They will try to meet this week to determine which firm to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners within two weeks. Thursday morning, he met with some members of the Port Authority, Economic Development, Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, and Seasongood & Mayer to discuss the fiber optics project. It was a good meeting, but there are still some details that the Port Authority needs to concentrate on so they will be meeting with their business plan consultant on April 27. They will try to work through some details on a phone conference and he will meet with them again in about three weeks. Last Thursday, he met with the Jail consultant, took a tour of the facility, and met with Sheriff Hassinger, Chief Miller, and Sergeant Lesik. The consultant will get back with them by next week. There seems to be sufficient room for the expansion in the areas proposed. The new Account Clerk in the Finance Department, Laura Labak, started today and Chris said he would bring her down to introduce her to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Geissman said Tony Brooks from the Jail approached her about adding John Stricker's (former County Administrator) name to the plaque on the front of the Jail. He estimated the cost to be about \$500. The Commissioners agreed. She said they each got an email suggesting that the County Administration Building be renamed the "John Stricker Building" and that will be taken into consideration.

Ms. Ray asked if the Commissioners wanted to schedule a discussion session to review the proposed job change recommendations that the former Clerk gave them regarding Commissioners' employees. The other Commissioners agreed to the discussion and Ms. Ray said she would coordinate it with Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director. Ms. Ray said there was some confusion with what the Board of Elections was looking for in the salary survey, whether it was for acting clerks or directors. After a short discussion, the Commissioners decided to revisit the issue when they receive more information from Human Resources.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioners recessed the meeting.

Public Hearing

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. for the public hearing to review the Thoroughfare Plan. Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, explained they were reviewing the plan to determine whether or not the Commissioners want to make to amendments to the current plan. The first plan was adopted by the Commissioners on December 30, 2002. It encompasses proposed improvements that were recommended by the Medina Area Transportation Task Force in 2001 and a number of recommendations from the final report in the City of Medina, Montville, York, Lafayette, and Medina Townships. The first item to be reviewed was a proposed revision outside of those particular areas and is located in Granger Township. It was a proposed connection to I-71 from I-271 on a piece of property south of Wilbur Road, west of I-71, and north of I-271. The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Medina County Engineers Office, by way of the Transportation

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Improvement District (TID), sent letters indicating support and a resolution, and the County Planning Commission supported the amendment as well.

Ms. Theken stated that the second revision involved a proposed extension from the temporary stub street known as Technology Lane located at the north property line of the University Technology Park in Lafayette Township, north to undeveloped land. The County Planning Commission is requesting they consider adding to the Thoroughfare Plan a proposed connector between the Tech Park and Industrial Park in the City of Medina.

Mr. Hambley said this connection is important because at the meetings between the Port Authority and the adjoining property owners to the north said, they had been approached to subdivide their land. It is important for the public sector to indicate clearly to the property owners the intention of a roadway especially for commercial traffic regardless of future subdivision.

On a motion by Mrs. Geissman and a second by Ms. Ray, at 10:45 the public hearing was adjourned.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 4/17/06:

06-0274 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

06-0275 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE IMPROVEMENT OF RYAN ROAD (C.H. 40) IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

06-0276 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H. 49) BETWEEN POE ROAD (T.H. 71) AND SHARON COPLEY ROAD (S.R. 162)

06-0277 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H. 49) BETWEEN POE ROAD (S.R. 162)

06-0278 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H. 49) BETWEEN POE ROAD (T.H. 71) AND SHARON COPLEY ROAD (S.R. 162)

06-0279 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H. 49) BETWEEN FIXLER ROAD (C.H. 75) AND POE ROAD (T.H. 71)

06-0280 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

06-0281 AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER FOR THE COUNTY HOME LEVY FUND

06-0282 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

06-0283 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HELATH FUND
GENERAL FUND

06-0285 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

06-0286 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 8,300 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

06-0287 APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF GLORIA GLENS

06-0288 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

06-0289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE JFS-PROTECT OHIO FUND (0055) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0050) FOR THE CY 2005-PROTECT OHIO MATCH

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06-0290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-8 FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

06-0291 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

06-0292 RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

06-0293 RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT AND THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RESULTING IN RETROACTIVE ACTIVE WAGE PAYMENTS

06-0294 RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WHOLE WASTE TIRES BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY AND LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES OF OHIO, LLC

06-0295 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WADSWORTH COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA

06-0296 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

06-0297 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

RECESSED UNTIL NEXT MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

Pamela Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman