

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 24, 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 17 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 six resolutions. The first one was authorizing the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of various county roads with Item 402 County specifications. The next resolution was approving annual assessments on the improvements and establishing a public watercourse on 10.1197 acres in Brunswick Hills Township known as Bramblewood Farm Subdivision Phase II. The next four were road closings - closing River Styx Road (C.H. 49) in Montville Township between Poe Road (T.H. 71) and Sharon Copley Road for culvert replacement on April 26 and 27, and closing Friendsville Road (C.H. 35) in Lafayette Township between Kennard Road (T.H. 78) and Chippewa Road (C.H. 50) on April 24 through 26 for culvert replacement. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the six 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/County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriations resolution, (2) expenditure adjustments for various funds, (3) transfer of County General Funds to the Diversion Program for April operating expenses, (4) amending an agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc. for inmate food services at the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center for the period of June 14, 2006 through June 13, 2007 with no increase in costs, (5) authorizing the execution of a participation agreement between Medina County and the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) to continue participation in the pool for a three-year period beginning May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2009, (6) approving an agreement with various organizations for office space usage in Medina County buildings, and (7) approving a renewal agreement with Countryview Auto Recycling for disposal of salvage vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Jakab also presented the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,367,087.85. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the seven finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no 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 moved to approve the personnel changes; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job and Family Services, presented three resolutions: (1) authorizing rolling over the contract with Goodwill Industries for rehabilitative services, (2) authorizing contracts for substitute care of children in custody and, (3) allowing travel expenses of educational interns. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the three resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Waddell, Tobacco Coordinator and Medina County Drug Abuse Commission representative, stated that this is the third year that Medina County has had an active grant program for trying to help county youth avoid tobacco and to help pregnant women to stop using tobacco. Three years ago the Commissioners took on the role of grantee, which is the only situation like that in the State. It is usually a non-profit agency or a health department. This provided strong fiscal management to the grant monies that they receive from the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation (TUPCF). They just passed their State audit and he

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thanked Chris Jakab, Finance Director, for his contributions. They have programs in all seven of the school districts, Medina General Hospital and Oaks Family Care Center. The data they have gathered suggests they are doing a good job. He said they were very happy about the recent Plain Dealer article about smoking bans. There are now 17 states and 461 towns and municipalities with smoking bans. This helps non-smokers avoid the risks of lung cancer. Medina County has been selected as the grantee of the month by the TUPCF. They were interviewed and it will be publicized all over the State of Ohio. He presented the Board of Commissioners with a certificate of appreciation from the TUPCF and thanked them for their continued support. Dr. Waddell said he is pleased to be affiliated with the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission and he was working closely with Karl Cetina. The County should be proud to have had the services of MCDAC since 1987 fighting all types of drug abuse, not just tobacco.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, presented a resolution proclaiming May 8 through 12, 2006 as National Goodwill Industries Week. He said the Commissioners and all were invited to a Celebration of Champions on May 5 at the Medina Community Recreation Center presented by Goodwill. Workforce Development has been busy providing services and opportunities for those trying to improve their employment situation. The foot traffic at the One Stop is up 25% over last year. They have already exceeded the goals for last year with a quarter of their fiscal year still remaining. They continue to work with the University Center Curriculum Committee and the Westfield Learning Council. HVAC is a new course initiative at the Career Center and there is a great need for HVAC skilled workers.

Ms. Ray moved to approve the Goodwill Week Proclamation. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Hartman, Soil and Water Conservation District Director, was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution authorizing the adoption of amendments to the Medina County Thoroughfare Plan that had been adopted by Resolution 02-1148 on December 30, 2002. The amendments to the Plan are as follows:

1. A northbound connection from I-271 to I-71 in Granger Township involving property bordered on the west by I-71, on the north by Wilbur Road and on the south by I-271.
2. A connection between Technology Lane that currently terminates in a temporary cul-de-sac at the north property line of the University Technology Park in Lafayette Township to Industrial Parkway in the City of Medina.

Mr. Hambley said this does not provide funding for the roads. It clearly indicates that it is in the public's interest to have those roadways if the property should be developed in those locations. It enables the County Engineer and the Department of Planning Services to work with the developers of those properties to make sure that there is an adequate roadway. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the regular resolution to allow expenses of county officials and a resolution to allow expenses for the County Engineer's Office. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

For the record, Mr. Hambley read a notice that an annexation petition had been filed on April 18, 2006. It is a regular annexation for 7.8465 acres from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2006 at 10:15 a.m. This is a resubmission of an annexation that had previously been filed and was withdrawn.

Mr. Hambley welcomed and introduced Scott Uhas, the new Transit Director.

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Mr. Hambley displayed an oversized check made out to the Medina County Engineer in the amount of \$75,000 from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). It represented an award for a \$75,000 grant application that the County Engineer had made on behalf of the Medina County, Brunswick Hills Township, and the City of Brunswick. The grant will pay for planning services for a “no-build alternative” for the Boston Road Interchange off I-71. Strongsville and the Cuyahoga County Engineer made a similar application and they received matching \$75,000 to do the same thing. After two years of discussions, it was determined to be cost prohibitive to put an interchange at Boston Road since it is such a populated area. There are still a lot of traffic problems so traffic studies will take place in the next year through NOACA to take a look at what upgrades can be done with the local road system to address the traffic issues. Mr. Hambley commended the Highway Engineers for foresight in their communities.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

John Metter, Litchfield Township, stated that three years ago they had a couple of people in Litchfield that wanted to develop 40 acres of land, but the Planning Commission turned them down. He sees no reason that should have happened. Taxpayers are paying for the Medina County Planning Commission. It is his opinion that they should plan their own community. Last year the Commissioners awarded Litchfield a grant that they had to match with \$16,000 for another group to come in and plan their community, and he feels that was a waste of money. He also said he saw Mrs. Geissman’s article in the Republican Review about Mr. Blackwell and his program. He said he supports Mr. Blackwell 110% because there is no one in Columbus that is tightening up on spending. He has had enough of taxing and spending.

Mr. Hambley said that the Republican Review has nothing to do with the Medina County Planning Commission. Regarding Litchfield Township, the Planning Commission only makes recommendations to townships in an advisory capacity. Litchfield Township’s Zoning Commission and Trustees made the decision concerning the zoning of that parcel. The County Planning Commission and the Commissioners are involved with helping provide funds to the townships, not to the Planning Commission, and encourage communities to do comprehensive planning.

Mr. Metter said that the Commissioners need to cut the funds to the Planning Commission because it is a “rat hole”.

Mrs. Geissman said Mr. Blackwell’s proposal Tax Expenditure Limitation (TEL) Amendment to the Ohio Constitution) referred to in the Republic Review article might look appealing to someone who is concerned with their taxes. But, what it actually does is put handcuffs on elected officials and political subdivisions to not have an increase of more than 3-1/2% the next year. Many times that might cause government to spend all of their appropriations in order to spend 3-1/2% more than that if they have something planned for a future year. She used an example of Litchfield needing a new fire truck. Having put money aside for several years for one, they decide to buy a new one with the money they had saved. They cannot do that because it would be 3-1/2% more than the last year’s expenditures. They would have to go to the ballot to get approval from a majority of those qualified to vote, according to the TEL Amendment proposal. It would be impossible to get approval to purchase that new fire truck because they do not generally have a majority of qualified voters voting. That is why almost every association in the State of Ohio is against it. It would put handcuffs on government and the services they have today.

Mr. Metter said he understands, but it is time to “screw down the pork barrel”.

Mrs. Geissman said she thinks they do very well in Medina County in keeping track of their funds, not spending unnecessarily, and saving for things they need.

Mr. Metter asked if the Commissioners were working on a bypass and planning for the future like they do in other places like East Liverpool with mile after mile of new roads.

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Mr. Hambley said the Highway Engineers were working on the southwest parkway, but it would never be the bypass that he envisioned years ago. Former County Engineer, Dave Miller, worked with the townships and the City of Medina for an alternative. They prepared a document that identified all of the various road projects, expansions for increased turning lanes, future roads, etc., that would address many of those problems without having to identify one major project. Development made that cost prohibitive, especially with Federal funds, to relocate households.

Glenn Sheller, Guilford Township Trustee, said Route 30 is all farmland and new roads can be built down there. A Medina County bypass would have had to have been done 30 years ago.

There were no other public comments.

Mr. Hambley requested an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel/appointment to follow the discussion session and Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Ms. Ray moved to hold Executive Sessions to discussion personnel/appointment and pending litigation after the discussion session and Mrs. Geissman seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 10:02 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session at 10:05 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Mr. Hambley had given Mrs. Geissman and Ms. Ray copies of the Community Impact Grant to review and asked them if there was consensus to move forward with the grant that they had applied for with United Way and Faith in Action, the lead agency. Medina County Transit would provide public transit services in mini-vans for medical appointments in Summit and Cuyahoga Counties. They only received half of what they applied for last year so it was a very scaled-down program. They are modifying it this year to ask for additional hours for the coordinator and fare reimbursement because they are not getting enough donations from riders. They are also asking for a rollover of dollars from the past year's grant due to a change in ODOT's funding cycle. The purchase of a second van would allow more coverage. The other Commissioners approved moving forward with the Community Impact Grant.

Mr. Jakab said the committee for the Data Center relocation project made a recommendation to proceed to negotiate a fee with the firm that was the top choice of the group – Domokur Robinson Architects in Fairlawn. He called and asked them to submit a fee for two phases. The first one would be a feasibility study to determine whether the move and the location are feasible and the second one is for the actual relocation of the center equipment, wiring, etc. He hopes to have the proposal by the end of the week. He thanked Joan Heller, Annette Ehrlich and Nancy Abbott. He sent the Auditor and Treasurer a second draft of the bid specifications for the tax software system replacement project this morning. Hopefully, they will have the final version to the Commissioners next week for permission to proceed with the bid process. The telephone conference is set for this week for the fiber optic project. He will meet with Jim Doust and his associates to review the cost proposal. Upon questioning, Mr. Jakab said he sent the Senior Center lease to Bob Zienkowski, Brunswick City Manager, last week.

Mr. Thorne said he reviewed the City of Medina Historical District's proposed new legislation information. About three-quarters of it are changes to the existing legislation about historical areas and about a quarter of it deals with property owners that let their property deteriorate beyond the ability to rehabilitate it and increasing fees for rehabilitation efforts. They are also considering expanding it to include an area of historical significance. It would affect areas that include many County buildings. He asked the Board if they wanted him to stay on top of the City's proposed preservation efforts up for discussion in May. Ms. Ray said

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Medina is having an explanation of the plan on May 8 and Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, and she plan to attend it.

Mr. Hambley reminded the group that there is a public hearing tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. with the Highway Engineer's Office for the replacement on Wolff Road and a joint meeting with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners on Thursday, regarding the Boston Road project.

Mr. Berkowitz reported that three of the four Sheriff's Office contracts have been ratified and will be submitted for signatures after they are reviewed.

James Bennett, Assistant Prosecutor, updated the Commissioners regarding the cleanup of the house at 10230 Red Rose Drive in Wadsworth Township that burned down recently. It had a marijuana-growing facility in the basement. He said after they visited the site, Commissioner Ray talked to the Building Department and he talked to the Health Department. They issued reports saying the house was structurally defective and unsafe after the fire, which allows the township to tear down a house. He spoke to the mortgage company and they appear to be willing to work with them informally to get it torn down within the next couple of weeks after they get the insurance company to inspect it. If not, the township will move forward with the statutory procedures. It is normally a 60-to 90-day procedure, but he thinks they could act more quickly, 30 to 45 days or sooner, by declaring it an emergency situation since it is so unsafe.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioners recessed the meeting to go into the Executive Session that was voted on before. Commissioners recessed the Executive Session and resumed public session at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Bennett presented a resolution to employ legal counsel to represent the Medina County Auditor, Commissioners, and Veterans' Service Commission regarding a pending claim before the Industrial Commission of Ohio. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 10:33 a.m., the Commissioners recessed the meeting to resume the Executive Session. They recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Steve Trzcinski, Pavement Control Analyst, Highway Engineers Office, and Pam Vereb, Clerk received bids for 2006 liquid asphalt at 10:30 a.m. for the County Engineer's Office from Asphalt Materials, Inc. and Unique Paving Materials Corporation. The bids were turned over to the Engineer's Office for review and recommendation.

### Public Hearing

Commissioner Steve Hambley and Commissioner Pat Geissman reconvened the meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. for the public hearing to review and receive comments on the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 25 on Wolff Road (T.H. 94) in York Township. (A sign up sheet is attached).

Bill Viovide, Operations Engineer, Highway Engineers Office, said that they are planning a bridge replacement on Wolff Road near the intersection of Abbeyville Road. The bridge that is there now was built in 1923 and it is approximately a 15-foot span and about 26 feet wide. The rise on the box culvert bridge is about 6 feet from the creek level up to the top of the opening. The new bridge they are planning to put in is a four-sided box culvert that has a bottom to it, as well as the walls and the top. The measurements would be 10 feet wide, 7 feet tall, and approximately 63 feet long. By going longer, they can make improvements to the intersection with Abbeyville Road to help trucks turn easier with the wider roadway. They should be starting construction sometime in July. They anticipate it will take approximately six weeks to do the construction. The estimated cost is \$161,000. He said property owners could review the plan and ask questions at this time.

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Janice Calume, 5521 Wolff Road, asked Mr. Viovide to explain how they were going to widen the road.

Dan Becker, Civil Engineer, Highway Engineers Office, said the pavement where the bridge is would be about 36 feet wide and open up wider as it approaches Abbeyville Road where there is an opening of about 100 feet wide. There was a major problem with semi trucks coming out of Wolff Brothers Supply so they widened the radius significantly so they can make the turn without having to go into the northbound lane.

Mrs. Calume asked if they would be widening the creek. Mr. Viovide said if they did, it would just be right in the area where the box culvert goes in.

Mr. Hambley asked what stream goes through the area and Mr. Viovide said it is a branch of the Rocky River. Mrs. Calume had some concerns with erosion on her property and Mr. Viovide said he would look at her property.

On a motion by Mrs. Geissman and a second by Mr. Hambley, at 10:40 the public hearing was adjourned.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED 4/23/06:

- 06-0298      RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 8-12, 2006 AS "NATIONAL GOODWILL INDUSTRIES WEEK"
  
- 06-0298a     RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR, COMMISSIONERS, AND VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION
  
- 06-0299     RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
  
- 06-0300     RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS WITH ITEM 402 COUNTY SPECIFICATIONS
  
- 06-0301     RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON 10.1197 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOT 11 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS BRAMBLEWOOD FARM SUBDIVISION PHASE II ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
  
- 06-0302     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)
  
- 06-0303     RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FRIENDSVILLE ROAD (C.H.35) BETWEEN KENNARD ROAD (T.H. 78) AND CHIPPEWA ROAD (C.H. 50)
  
- 06-0304     RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FIRENDSVILLE ROAD (C.H. 35) BETWEEN KENNARD ROAD (T.H. 78) AND CHIPPEWA ROAD (C.H. 50)
  
- 06-0305     RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FRIENDSVILLE ROAD (C.H. 35) BETWEEN KENNARD ROAD (T.H. 78) AND CHIPPEWA ROAD (C.H. 50)
  
- 06-0306     RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
  
- 06-0307     EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
  
- 06-0308     TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION

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PROGRAM

- 06-0309 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INC., FOR INMATE FOOD SERVICE AT THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL AND THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
- 06-0310 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY AND THE COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY, INC. (CORSA)
- 06-0311 RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH THE ADULT BASIC AND LITERARY EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE CORNERSTONE WELLNESS CENTER, AND THE SALVATION ARMY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN MEDINA COUNTY BUILDINGS
- 06-0312 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTRYVIEW AUTO RECYCLING FOR DISPOSAL OF SALVAGE VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- 06-0313 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0314 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0315 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR SUBSTITUTE CARE OF CHILDREN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOAB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0316 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRAVEL EXPENSES OF INTERNS WHO ARE APPROVED TO COMPLETE AN EDUCATIONAL INTERNSHIP WITH MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0317 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDINACOUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 02-1148 ON DECEMBER 30, 2002
- 06-0318 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 06-0319 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

RECESSED UNTIL NEXT MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Ray

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Pamela Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia G. Geissman