

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the April 11 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions accepting and awarding the bid for their guardrail safety improvement, a federal aid project, to Lake Erie Construction Company, approving the final plat for Secluded Highlands Subdivision Phase II in Hinckley Township, and to close sections of Bear Swamp Road and Vandemark Road. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 4 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented resolutions amending the 2005 appropriations, various fund transfers, approving submission of a grant application in the amount of \$28,823 to continue the Office for Older Adults Alzheimer's Respite Program starting July 1, approving submission of a grant application for the Family First Council in the amount of \$92,746 in federal funds and \$69,682 in state funds to continue their Help Me Grow program starting July 1, approving an agreement with Tom Reynolds for Project Manager Services for the University Technology Park project at \$50/hour with a maximum of \$10,000 for a period starting June 1 through November 31, revising the residency rate at the County Home to \$1,580/month for all residents beginning July 1, purchasing fuel for the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,052,955.57. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 9 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Gary noted that negotiations with the Transit employees will begin later today.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving a change order for Smith Paving for the Chatham sidewalk project. The change is an addition of \$1,560.30. The Trustees requested a 334.5 square foot extension of the sidewalks. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the change order; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for trucks with 2 being awarded to Gallucci Chevrolet and 4 being awarded to Laria Chevrolet. Mr. Hambley moved to accept and award the truck bids; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for the recycling of paint products and household hazardous waste. There was one bidder. Mr. Hambley moved to accept and award the bid; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution obtaining easements for various sanitary sewer and water improvement projects. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, presented and reviewed data regarding Medicaid. Medicaid is the largest single health and long-term care program with projected spending in 2005 at \$329 billion, or 17% of all U.S. health care spending, and they provide coverage for 53 million Americans. More than 75% of those on Medicaid are not receiving assistance under welfare and 42% of Medicaid expenditures are for people who are also on Medicare. Medicaid payments account for 46% of all nursing home revenues nationally with 2/3 of all persons residing in nursing homes. Seniors and persons with disabilities account for over 70% of Medicaid spending although they represent less than 30% of the enrollees. Medicaid paid 19% of the entire prescription drug market in 2003 and pays over ½ of all publicly funded mental health care in the U.S. Over the next decade Medicaid spending is expected to grow because of a drop in employer sponsored coverage, increase in the senior population, medical inflation, and Medicaid assumes a disproportionate share of costs for people already covered under Medicare. In Medina County there are 38 Medicaid programs administered for 11,364 Medicaid clients. There are a total of 100 people that are welfare clients.

Mead presented a resolution advertising for proposals for Teen Age Pregnancy Prevention services, noting that they are targeting the Lodi area. Another resolution presented was advertising for proposals for Data Programming. A third resolution declares their building as a tobacco free area. There is already no smoking allowed in the building, and this resolution bans smoking in the doorways as well. A fourth resolution allows for the use of funds for Adoption Month activities for 2005. The fifth resolution approves development of a tutorial program for foster, adoptive and kinship youth. They worked with Will Koran of the County Board of Education on a program that will give each child in care at least 2 ½ hours of tutorial service each week to help them in school. The sixth resolution approves advertising for proposals for the work-school program. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 6 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Mr. Hambley noted that the tutoring program was brought up at the last School Superintendent's meeting and they were very excited to see a program that will be beneficial to foster kids.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 6 JFS resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, stated that Friday was the deadline for grant proposals and they received 16 applications for existing programs and 3 applications for new programs that target treatment groups and youth mentoring. The MCDAC Board will start the review process next week and hopes to have their recommendations ready for submission by the end of May or early June. He will be attending a conference in Chicago next week for tobacco prevention. Our program, which started a little over a year ago, has brought awareness of smoking during pregnancy and youth prevention & cessation. Statistics show that 54,000 die annually from second-hand smoke on top of the problems smokers have.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she knows a woman that has worked in a smoking environment and has started having problems from that.

Karl stated that more and more youth are becoming aware of the hazards of smoking and there are several hundred youth advocates now.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented an article from the Ohio Planning Conference newsletter about the University Technology Park. She credited Jim Doult for his help on this article. She reviewed their quarterly report which is comparable to last year's figures. She presented a copy of the *American Planning Association Policy Guide on Security*. They have worked with Emergency Management Agency in different ways, such as Project Impact for building in a crisis resistant manner and a mitigation plan. They are now working with one community on their comprehensive plan and encouraging security work by

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evaluating for natural and man-made disasters. They had 8 communities attend their informational meeting for comprehensive planning grants. The purpose of the grant program is for local communities to apply for funding for planning the future of their communities. They had a grant writing agency help with the discussion. May 13 is the deadline for the applications and they will have their recommendations by the end of June. May 4 is the next Planning Commission meeting and May 10 is the next zoning workshop on comprehensive plans. There will be a speaker from the Columbus OSU Extension Service at the workshop.

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

Mrs. Geissman stated that the annexation review was cancelled and read from a letter from the Agent for the Petitioners in which they state one of the petitioners conveyed title for one of the parcels within the property to be annexed just prior to filing the petition and consequently the petition does not meet the requirements of Section 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The meeting was opened for public comment and there was no one present wishing to comment.

Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, requested an Executive Session on pending litigation.

It was noted that there is an Executive Session already scheduled following the discussion session and the pending litigation would be added. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session following the discussion session to discuss personnel/employment and pending litigation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened the meeting for the discussion session at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Hambley presented a written narrative and outline on expending transportation options for county residents. The Transportation Consortium and Faith In Action have been working on a proposal to submit to United Way for expanding transportation services. The proposal is to synchronize the public and non-profit transportation resources for coordinated volunteer escort services for out-of-county needs for doctor appointments, etc. The Office for Older Adults had to discontinue their escort service due to a lack of funds and Faith In Action has been trying to take in those clients through their existing program. Synchronizing the services would make it possible for people to make one call for escort transportation services. Another aspect of the proposal is to expand the demand response service hours for evenings and Saturdays. Marketing and public education are also part of the proposal to let people know what is being done and what will be available. They are still working on the final costs figures and the application for funding through United Way is due the 29th. It is anticipated that these changes will help all of the organizations using Transit. Neither program would be available 24/7, but it will increase the hours for Transit and help those that need service outside of the county.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the State Representative from Franklin County (Larry Flowers) was at the CCAO meeting regarding Local Government Funds (LGF). This is a proposal by the House and it is before the Senate now. The proposal is for \$50 million for LGF with \$35 million going back to the counties as long as they fill in and file the proper forms. There will be \$10 million for townships and \$5 million for groups of subdivisions to apply for up to \$100,000 for studies, preferably by universities and colleges. They will pay 100% to townships that apply together for the studies. The required forms are to show what we are doing with the LGF and the County Auditor is to file the forms. They prefer new programs but will continue to send the funding for viable existing programs. It was noted that the forms are not going to be rated, in fact, they will probably not even be looked at. Within the proposal they have not done anything

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with libraries, cities and park districts. She feels it did make a difference with the counties joining together to fight the proposed cuts.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she has been working with John Stricker on 911 for cell phones. Under the new law that goes into affect May 1, the county has to develop a wireless 911 plan.

Mrs. Geissman noted that an email had been received objecting to the Prayer at the beginning of the meeting. She plans to continue with the Prayer, adding that she had started this at CCAO meetings and several other counties have also started using the Prayer. There was a brief discussion about this and the right to free speech, and it was agreed that the Prayer would continue at the opening of the meeting.

Ms. Ray presented a letter from Sheriff Neil Hassinger regarding receipt of a grant for another life scan print.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, presented a resolution amending a resolution passed last week to employ legal counsel to represent the ADAMH Board in civil commitment hearings. A paragraph was added to allow arrangements for substitute counsel at no additional cost in case the attorney is unavailable. This was allowed during the past contract, but Bill felt it should be approved within the resolution. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment resolution; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

There was no further business before the Board for the discussion session and the Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m., which had been voted on earlier.

At 10:42 a.m. Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

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| 05-0342 | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS |
| 05-0343 | AMENDED RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IN CIVIL COMMITMENT HEARINGS |
| 05-0344 | RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE BID FOR THE GUARDRAIL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER |
| 05-0345 | RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE SECLUDED HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN LOT 31 OF HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO |
| 05-0346 | RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE BEAR SWAMP ROAD (C.H. 52) BETWEEN FIXLER ROAD (C.H. 75) AND VALLEY SIDE AVENUE (T.H. 280) |
| 05-0347 | RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE VANDEMARK ROAD (C.H. 31) BETWEEN BRANCH ROAD (T.H. 33) AND SHANK ROAD (T.H. 108) |

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- 05-0348 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2005 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 05-0349 CASH TRANSFER FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
- 05-0350 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 05-0351 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 05-0352 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR ALZHEIMER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS FOR FY 2006
- 05-0353 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FAMILY FIRST HELP ME GROW FY06 PROGRAM
- 05-0354 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT MANAGER SERVICES FOR THE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT
- 05-0355 ESTABLISHING A REVISED RATE STRUCTURE FOR RESIDENCY AT THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME
- 05-0356 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 05-0357 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 05-0358 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR SMITH PAVING FOR CHATHAM TOWNSHIP SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT
- 05-0359 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR (2) 2005 PICKUP TRUCKS 8600 GVW, (2) 2005 PICKUP TRUCKS 9200 GVW, (1) 2005 HVY DUTY 2-WHEEL DRIVE CHASSIS CAB W/ UTILITY BED & (1) 2005 PICKUP TRUCK W/ 4-WHEEL DRIVE/SNOW PLOW & SALT SPREADER...SANITARY ENGINEER
- 05-0360 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED THE PROPOSAL FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, RECYCLING AND/OR DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED/UNUSABLE PAINT PRODUCTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
- 05-0361 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER AND WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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- 05-0362 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-0363 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR DATA PROGRAMMING SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-0364 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO BE DECLARED A TOBACCO FREE AREA
- 05-0365 FUNDING FOR ADOPTION MONTH ACTIVITIES FOR 2005
- 05-0366 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TUTORIAL PROGRAM WITH COMPUTER SUPPORT FOR FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP YOUTH
- 05-0367 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO TANF AND/OR FSET SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-0368 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Hambley

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Sharon A. Ray