

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray and Patricia G. Geissman present.

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the April 21 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. A correction was made to the starting time of the meeting. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes as amended. 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 a resolution determining the necessity to close a section of Hamilton Road on Tuesday for culvert repairs. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the road closing. 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 and reviewed 9 resolutions involving expenditure adjustments, revenue adjustment for Workforce Development Fund, various fund transfers, purchase of fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, approving a vehicle lease agreement with the Society for Handicapped Citizens for the Transportation Department, approving a lease with Hallock Properties for office space for the Workforce Development Center, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$472,433.25. The vehicle lease involves a vehicle owned by the Society for Handicapped Citizens that is leased for \$1/year to Transit to meet the transportation needs of their clients. The Workforce Development Center lease starts May 1 and runs through June 30, 2005, with an optional renewal clause. The rent will be \$6844/month which breaks down to \$11.50/square foot. OBES has pulled out of the leased space, which Workforce was using for free. This is a new program cost for Workforce. There is a 60-day out clause in the lease. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 8 resolutions and payment of the bills. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented and reviewed 2 resolutions amending the Tables of Organization for the County Home, Maintenance and Building Department. With the retirement of Frank Poland, Maintenance Repair Worker 3 at the County Home, the position is being moved from the County Home to the Maintenance Department to make sure that there is proper training. The Building Department is removing a full time Building Official position, which was replaced with an inspector position. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendments. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution creating a restricted water main in Hamilton Road for the Apple Group. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve creating the restricted main. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution to obtain an easement on Carsten Road for a water improvement project. This easement is to miss a tree on one property. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept the easement. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, reported that the 03-04 grant applications were due last week and they had 100% compliance with meeting the deadline. They have 15 applications for ongoing or enhancing existing programs and 3 new applications that are targeting gaps in service. All grantees responded well to the new guidelines. Next Monday the MCDAC Board will review all of the applications and are planning for the allocation to be the same with modest increases. He has been working with Finance on a grant application to the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Program. He should hear about the funding by the end of June, noting that Medina County was selected as one of the target areas for this grant. This will involve a coalition for

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tobacco prevention and control. Through discussion, he noted he participated in Family-A-Fair over the weekend and there was a tremendous turnout.

Mr. Hambley presented and read a resolution requesting the Ohio House and Senate to restore transportation funding levels. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution proclaiming May 3, 2003 as “Special Olympics Day”. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution commending Donald Galdun for 10 years of service at Medina County Transit. During his tenure Mr. Galdun transported over 40,000 passengers. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution commending Frank D. Poland Sr. for his years of service with the Medina County Home. Mr. Poland started with the County Home in 1978. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation. Seconded by Ms. Ray. 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 Ms. Ray. 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.

Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:36 p.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley noted there is a request for full distribution under Deferred Compensation that apparently meets the criteria for distribution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the request. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray stated that the Medina Area Chamber is holding a mini-golf tournament on May 2. She is trying to get a team of 4 put together for this.

Ms. Ray presented 2 applications with recommendations for appointment to the Workforce Development Policy Committee. The information was given to the Clerk for processing.

Ms. Ray presented copies of a letter from Ron Pfaff complimenting the Building Department.

Ms. Ray noted that a carpeting cleaning schedule was being incorporate into the Maintenance budget this year. She will have Tom Maupin, Superintendent, come to next week’s discussion to review this. Through questioning about a letter about cleaning at the Courthouses, she stated that she is handling this with Tom.

Mr. Hambley stated that he received notification from John Hoseck, NOACA, relative to a Transportation Summit on May 14th. One panel set up for the day will be to look at regional problems. He suggested the economic development issue and that possibly Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, could speak during that. Everyone agreed, and Mr. Hambley stated that he will talk to Jim about this.

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John Stricker presented a request from the SPCA to place gumball machines in county buildings. Proceeds from the machines would go to the SPCA. He noted that in the past the county has tried to stay away from allowing these.

There was a brief discussion about allowing them in lunchrooms of various buildings and how many the SPCA wants to put in. Mrs. Geissman felt the county should stay away from allowing these. Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray had no strong feelings either way. Commissioners agreed to not allow the gumball machines in the buildings.

Chris Jakab reported that proposals were received last Wednesday for the Adult and Dislocated Workers Services. He presented information about the proposals received, noting that there is a 65% increase from the current contract. There are costs that will have to be absorbed by Workforce Development from OBES. He will get the final figures together and get back with the Board.

Chris also reported that proposals were received for the fiber optic business plan last Friday. Commissioners appropriated \$25,000 for this program and the bids came in from \$51,665 to \$125,000. He has turned all of the information over to Jim Doult for review. There were 8 companies that presented proposals. It was noted that the plan is negotiable because it falls under professional services.

Chris reported that he and Ms. Ray met with Judge Kovack last week regarding her request during budget hearings for a visitation program. The YMCA has been contacted about contracting this service out and Tim Shema is working on a grant for this. Judge Kovack feels the local match will be met by an additional cost to parents to attend. The YMCA doesn't have space at their facility and he had suggested the site at the Old Achievement Center. There will be another meeting this Wednesday. Hopefully there will be no cost to the general fund, and possibly JFS money can be accessed for those cases that will fall under their jurisdiction.

Dave Miller, County Engineer, stated that he has been working on an access management plan. This will have an affect on the thoroughfare plan and the Subdivision Regulations, which will need amended relative to intersection spacing, etc. It is time consuming, but it should be ready this year. A committee will have to be appointed by Commissioners. It was noted that the townships can do access management, but not if the county does it. When the county gained this authority the issue was discussed with the townships relative to having one access management plan.

There was a discussion with Carol Shockley, Assistant Prosecutor, regarding the lease with Hallock Properties that was approved this morning. She felt the original language that she talked with Chris about was in the county's favor more regarding subrogation and insurance issues. She read the subrogation section of the lease which was provided as suggested language by our insurer.

Chris feels the final version that was adopted is more in favor of the county and is comfortable with the language adopted.

Through questioning, Carol stated that it wouldn't be bad to have a mutual release when it comes to respective rights of recovery against each other for any loss incurred. We are covered by substantial insurance and this may never be the sort of thing that will be invoked. If she had talked with Chris last week she would have suggested adding it in although Hallock had already sent in the signed document that incorporated what they were most concerned with and that was the out clause.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this could be done as an amendment to the approved lease agreement. This doesn't change the agreement in Chris' opinion and he agreed to prepare the amendment.

Mrs. Geissman moved to include the subrogation and insurance sections as discussed as an amendment to the lease approved by resolution earlier today. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. for the public hearing on the proposed Ridgewood Road improvements.

Hal Gerspacher, Engineer's Office, stated that a development is proposed on Ridgewood between Boneta and Beach Roads that requires sight distance work along Ridgewood. The proposed improvement will also improve the sight distance on both sides of the road for some existing driveways in the area.

Dan Cunningham, Project Engineer for the Developer, stated that there are 3 driveways that will be affected and they have work agreements with those owners. He agreed the cost is being picked up by the developer.

Lynette Miltie, Ridgewood Road residents, asked when the work will start, noting a concern for safety with school buses that travel the road daily. She further asked if the work could be started after school is out.

Rich Feron, Developer, stated that this issue was brought up by a resident to the township trustees and has been addressed.

David Linbaugh, with the developer, stated that trustees requested waiting until school was out and they are willing to work with the township on that issue. Through questioning, he stated that they will start doing some of the sight work but not the work on the roadway before school is out. The actual roadway work will take 2-3 days.

Through questioning, Hal stated that the road will be closed to through traffic and access will be maintained for the residents. Depending on which side of the project the residents live, they may want to enter Ridgewood from one side or the other. There is an East Ohio Gas line that will have to be lowered and the developer's engineer is aware of that. There may be 1 or 2 power/phone poles that may need to be reset. Service should not be interrupted to the residents. The signage at the site of the improvement will be put up by the developer and the county will put up pre-construction signs.

Ms. Miltie stated that Ridgewood is a speedway for those going between Medina and Wadsworth, and asked how far from the improvement site signs will be placed so that people are speeding down the road and having to turn around.

Hal stated that signs will be located at the preceding intersections.

Ms. Miltie asked about the speed limit on Ridgewood.

Mike Salay, Assistant Engineer, stated that he believes it is 45 MPH, but if it's not posted it is 55 MPH. He will check to see if any speed study has been done on Ridgewood. He believes that sections of it could have had studies done. After several mentioned that the speed limit is not posted, Mike stated that the speed limit is then 55 MPH. He agreed with Mr. Hambley that a speed study would best be done after the improvements because some of the factors include whether there is development with road openings in the area. One of the main factors is how fast people are traveling on the road now.

There were no further questions or comments.

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

The Engineer's Office will prepare a resolution to proceed with the improvements for next week's meeting.

There was no further business before the Board.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Resolutions Passed

- 03-0283 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 03-0284 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 3, 2003 AS "SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY"

- 03-0285 RESOLUTION COMMENDING DONALD GALDUN FOR 10 YEARS SERVICE AT MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT

- 03-0286 RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRANK D. POLAND SR. FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME

- 03-0287 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE HAMILTON ROAD (C.H. 76) BETWEEN SUBSTATION ROAD (T.H. 38) AND PEARL ROAD (U.S. 42)

- 03-0288 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 03-0289 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND

- 03-0290 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 03-0291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE SERVICES AND PROSECUTOR'S LEGAL SERVICES

- 03-0292 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 03-0293 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,300 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

- 03-0294 APPROVING A VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CITIZENS OF MEDINA COUNTY INC. FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- 03-0295 APPROVING A LEASE WITH HALLOCK PROPERTIES FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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- 03-0296 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 03-0297 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY HOME & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- 03-0298 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 03-0299 CREATING A RESTRICTED WATER MAIN IN HAMILTON ROAD (SE #W500/00-192.1)

- 03-0300 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- 03-0301 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO HOUSE AND SENATE TO RESTORE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING LEVELS

- 03-0302 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Patricia G. Geissman