

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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 March 27 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 resolutions authorizing the hiring of a consultant to perform a bridge design for the Highway Department, finding the public convenience & welfare requires replacement of culverts on River Corners Road in Homer Township, on Sleepy Hollow Road in Brunswick Hills Township and on Dunsha Road in Granger Township, and authorizing the advertisement for bids for replacement of said culverts. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 3 resolutions; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. 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 resolutions approving the various transfers of funds, approving a lease renewal amendment for office space for the Clerk of Courts, Wadsworth Title Office, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$489,091.86. The Auto Title lease runs from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008 and includes an additional 58 square feet. This will be paid from the Auto Title funds. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 3 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, had no resolutions today.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that they had 51 residents at the beginning of March, had 5 inquiries, and there were 53 residents at the end of the month. A pool table was moved from their storage area and they have been holding pool tournaments among the residents. Maintenance has built lockers for the adult daycare services, a program they are working with the Prosecutor's Office to start at the Home. The stairwell paneling is being taken down and the employee area is being straightened up and rearranged. They have been performing training for threatening weather, there was an employee meeting on the 17th to review policies and procedures, and a couple of employees have completed training. At the last County Home Association meeting, the Association's attorney complimented our Home. Activities coming up include joke time, Easter crafts, baseball trivia, and Good Friday services on the 14th. They received a donation of a gold framed mirror for their activities room, pastries & sandwich trays were donated by St. Ambrose, and donations were received from the Moose and Cross Pointe Church. They had 51 volunteers in March that worked 239 hours.

Mrs. Geissman noted that there was a good article about the Home in the Trading Post.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, stated that their caseload is staying around 200 and their income is about at their projections. He noted that he has been performing specialized psychological testing for SWAT members as well as officers in undercover and internal affairs. There are more police departments doing this type of screening of officers.

Del Saffle, Dog Warden, reported that they had visitations at the Samaritan Care Center in March and they participated in a program called "Animal Crackers" on Wadsworth cable. The

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floors at the Shelter were resealed and they have started their door-to-door license checks. The owner of Century Harley is planning a fundraiser on May 13 that will involve an adoption day at the Harley dealership with the proceeds going to the Animal Shelter. Wal-Mart is going to start featuring dogs from the Shelter and also wants to hold an adoption day. He noted that the Auditor's Adopt-a-Thon is May 6.

Gary Norcia, Soil & Water Conservation District, stated that their Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Wadsworth to partner on their stormwater program. They attended the Township Association meeting in March to provide information to new Trustees and will be making a formal presentation to the Association in May. The District has sponsored 40 rain gardens and has 20 more planned. The rain gardens are landscaping ideas that handle access runoff water. They participated in the Home & Flower Show by showing people how to access the County Engineer's Tax Map website to see the type of soil on their properties and also how to access the District's website. They gave out 135 summaries describing the websites. They received notification that they were recognized as the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by the League of Ohio Sportsmen for the partnership between the SWCD, USDA, and NRCS. The NRCS "Habitat for Wildlife Improvement Program" helped the South Cuyahoga Sportsmen Association establish a habitat in Chatham Township, which will be expanded in 2006.

Mr. Hambley presented a notice of a liquor permit transfer from Weymouth Valley Inc. to Premier Golf Cleveland Beverage in Montville Township. No comments or concerns have been received.

The Clerk read the regular resolution to allow expenses of county officials and a resolution to allow expenses for the County Engineer's Department. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman.

Mr. Hambley noted that the person listed to attend a Safety Council meeting appeared on the personnel resolution and will not be with the county for the meeting. Ken Hotz stated that Keith Blair will be attending instead.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to allow expenses showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Glenn Waggy, Guilford Township resident, noted that he was unable to stay after last week's meeting to talk with Mr. Hambley and asked if they could meet after today's meeting. Mr. Hambley stated that he would be available after the meeting.

Mr. Hambley noted that Executive Sessions are needed following the discussion session. The first is for pending and imminent litigation and the second is for personnel/appointment. Ms. Ray moved to recess into Executive Session for the aforementioned purposes; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed for the Commissioners to move to the conference room for the discussion session at 9:49 a.m.

Penny Blake, Bob and Leslie of the SPCA were present to discuss a lease proposal for land located next to the Animal Shelter for a facility that would be owned by the Medina County Humane Society. The SPCA works with ill animals, has a foster home program, works with police departments when animals are being taken out of their homes, and takes other animals that are unable to go to the Animal Shelter. Their workload has increased and due to a lack of foster homes there is a need for a care facility. This would decrease some costs to the County by taking in those animals. The SPCA has a partnership with Alter Pets for a spay and neuter program as well as to provide educational information and training. The SPCA has the funding to pay for the construction of a building. The proposed lease is for 30 years for 4 acres behind or next to the Animal Shelter at \$1/year. The exact location would be determined after a survey is made of

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the land, but it was agreed that the County Animal Shelter should be the facility in the front. If they construct a facility anywhere else, they will have to take away from the size, etc. of the building because they would have to use their construction funds to purchase land. An outline and proposed drawing were presented. Through questioning, Penny stated that their facility would include 5 paid staff, that they have a \$200,000 annual budget to work with, and that they do continue to use a large volunteer base for their services. Commissioners agreed that it is a good proposal and to move forward with the lease agreement and planning.

Mrs. Geissman noted that with the adoption at the State level of an amendment, there was an issue whether a public hearing was needed for the adoption of the Wireless 9-1-1 Plan. There will be a need for a meeting of the 9-1-1 Planning and Technical Committees for an official vote and they are looking to hold that meeting during the week of April 17th. There was a brief discussion about sending out the technical report, which is a very large document, to the officials of each township, village and city. It was determined that it could be placed on the County website with notices going to the various entities about its availability at that site.

Mrs. Geissman presented forms received from John Winowich, Ohio Homeland Security, that need completed and returned for free access to their website for information in training, grants, etc. It is a secured site and unless the forms are approved, access will be denied.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the Transportation Improvement District (TID) is receiving \$250,000 this year and next year, but that will be the last year. It was noted during discussion that the TID operated with no funds in the initial 2 years and has received full funding in the last 8 years. There are 10 counties in the State that have TID's.

Ms. Ray inquired about an email regarding tape backups for the server. It was noted that no action or discussion was needed on this. The email was informational.

Ms. Ray stated that she is going to proceed with evaluations of department heads for the departments that she is liaison to. She has some goals she would like to set for a couple of those departments.

There was a brief discussion about compensation rate reviews. Commissioners agreed to review these at the end of next week's meeting.

Mr. Hambley stated that the Flood Damage Prevention Committee has made recommendations for upgrades to the flood damage reduction regulations and a public hearing will need to be set up in the next couple of weeks, noting that with the upcoming construction season the sooner they are adopted, the better. He noted that the Homebuilders Association was part of the committee that approved the upgrades.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that he has reviewed the draft regulations and will be getting a letter to them. His only concern was that some jurisdictions have put the enhanced requirements into affect without considering some of the affects and he wants to make sure the regulations are legally sound. Mr. Hambley stated that once the final draft is received from Dan Wilhoite, Engineer's Office, a date will be set for the public hearing.

Bill stated that he has reviewed a letter from the Taxpayers Association in which they demand a response within a week, and he stated that a response is not necessary. The sections they referred to apply to the Port Authority and as long as the Commissioners aren't the issuing authority, those sections don't apply. He noted that it was a 2,011 page manuscript.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioners recessed into Executive Session, which was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 06-0243 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
- 06-0244 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO PERFORM A BRIDGE DESIGN FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN 2004
- 06-0245 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT #3 ON RIVERS CORNERS RD. IN HOMER TOWNSHIP; CULVERT #10 ON SLEEPY HOLLOW RD. IN BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP; CULVERT #2 ON DUNSHA RD. IN GRANGER TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNT
- 06-0246 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT #3 ON RIVERTS CORNERS RD. IN HOMER TOWNSHIP; CULVERT #10 ON SLEEPY HOLLOW RD. IN BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP;CULVERT #2 ON DUNSHA RD. IN GRANGER TOWNSHIP,
- 06-0247 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
- 06-0248 APROVING A LEASE RENEWAL AMENDMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS-WADSWORTH TITLE OFFICE
- 06-0249 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER FOR 2005 SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS
- 06-0250 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0251 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 06-0252 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