

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mrs. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. Ms. Ray was ill.

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

The oral reading of the April 16 minutes of the Commissioners' meeting were dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the April 16 Commissioners' meeting minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed a resolution determining the necessity to close State Road (C.H. 44) between Remsen Road (C.H. 37) and Ledge Road (C.H. 135) for culvert replacement. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued April 12-18, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2007 Appropriations Resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (4) transfer of County General Funds to the County Diversion Program; (5) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for Title IV-D Juvenile Court Magistrate and Prosecutor's services; (6) cash transfer for MCDAC-Tobacco Use Funds; (7) creation of Railroad Maintenance Fund and authorizing appropriations; (8) authorizing the purchase of 5,000 gallons of diesel and 1,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage; (9) authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Family Help Me Grow FY08 Program; (10) authorizing the transfer of funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Children Services Fund (0055) for the respite of foster parents; (11) authorizing the transfer of funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Children Services Fund (0055) for the board of care of county wards; (12) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Children Services IV-B Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures; (13) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the Children Service IV-E Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures; and, (14) authorizing the transfer of funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for county mandated share. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$941,496.06. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 14 finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution approving an agreement with Transit driver John Clement and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, Local 340. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, had no resolutions to present at the meeting.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution accepting bids for the collection and recycling of whole waste tires. They will award the bid to the lowest bidder after a scheduled visitation of their site in Orville. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. Troike said the Sanitary Engineer's Office has been working on the reorganization and comprehensive reevaluation of the rules and regulations since last summer. He provided copies for their review and also to Chris Jakab and Bill Thorne.

Mr. Troike reported that they collected 636 units at the Spring Appliance Round-Up held April 9-14.

Mead Wilkins, Job and Family Services (JFS) Director, presented and reviewed the following JFS resolutions: (1) authorizing an agreement for a coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) for the Medina County Child Advocacy Center with Mary Vantz; (2) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to TANF-food stamp work experience and job readiness; (3) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to housing services; (4) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to family literacy and adult basic education; (5) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to mental health evaluations and assessment services; (6) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to TANF supportive services to inmates of Medina County Jail; (7) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to a coordinator for the Child Advocacy Center; (8) authorizing the advertisement for proposals for teen pregnancy prevention services; (9) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to adult services; (10) authorizing the advertisement for proposals for data programming services; (11) authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to children and family services; and, (12) authorizing an updated procurement plan. Mr. Wilkins added that they will be submitting a revised personnel policy plan and a revised fiscal plan soon. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 12 resolutions. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley asked what the difference is between a coordinator of the Child Advocacy Center and a coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Team. Mr. Wilkins explained that the Multidisciplinary Team is part of a national model for sexually abused victims that includes meeting with the Prosecutor's Office, Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, police, Victim Assistance, and the social worker. When a child that has been sexually abused enters the system, it is a fragmented and complicated specialized process. The Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator oversees a very specific team that meets every two weeks through the legal process to follow the cases through both court systems and then through the rehabilitation process with Victim Assistance. The Child Advocacy Center coordinator manages the overall center, including the Visitation Center and Life Skills Center. Mr. Hambley said the coordinator of the facility is a "24/7" kind of function, where the coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Team will be on an hourly basis; Mr. Wilkins concurred. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Brian Nowak, MCDAC Director, presented a resolution amending a cooperative funding agreement between MCDAC and the Medina County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board. The amendment would increase the maximum payable amount from \$20,000 to \$47,000. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Nowak presented a resolution amending the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Bylaws. MCDAC had a facilitator guide them with this process during their strategic planning sessions. Aside from some grammatical corrections and rewording of the Mission Statement, the most important change is that representative's and alternate's terms from the same entity will not expire the same year. The next time the representative is appointed, it will be for a three-year term. The next time the alternate is appointed, it will be for a two-year term. Thereafter, the terms will be two years. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that their contract with Goodwill for the Adult Dislocated and Incumbent Worker grant is exceeding in all areas of placement. With 3/4 of the year completed, they have used 90% of the grant money. Earmark grants for building trades and healthcare end May 30 and they have exceeded all expectations. The Medina-Summit Youth Council will meet at the Summit County Job Center on May 4 at 8:00 a.m. and they will be discussing the Youth Services Provider's performance. They have a review team selected to aid in the review of the responses to the Adult Dislocated and Incumbent Worker request for proposal

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

that is due April 30. The next meeting of the Medina County Workforce Committee is May 30 and the Joint Workforce Investment Board meeting is June 13.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, said the ridership was up slightly and the fare box revenue was down slightly for the month of March compared to the same period last year. Fare box revenue was the second highest total in Transit history. He participated in the Transit Consortium meeting on April 18 and attended the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) on April 20.

Jeff Van Loon, Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District, District Manager, said the tree sales project ended last weekend and they are very happy with the results. He introduced their new employee, Christy Lamers. They have a straw blower arriving soon that will be available for jurisdictions to use for erosion control. They did a property review at the north end of the Innovation Park.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented and reviewed the department's quarterly report. Income for reviewing subdivisions and replats was about \$4,000 for the first quarter of 2007 compared to about \$19,000 for the first quarter of 2006. The month of May should be better, according to the Highway Engineers.

Ms. Theken discussed upcoming events. They have a workshop on April 24 called "Maximizing the Ecological and Community Benefits of Open Space Projects". Hinckley Township is holding a Wind Tower Workshop on April 26 at 6:00. A speaker will discuss how wind turbines relate to building regulations. The Planning Department is having a mandatory informational meeting for the new Comprehensive Plan Grant on April 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Geissman asked if someone in Medina County was considering putting up a wind tower; they are very popular in the western states. Ms. Theken said there is some interest in Ohio and in Medina County. A wind tower was installed in Montville Township, but it had to be taken down because it was used for commercial use in a residential area. Most zoning regulations only allow 35 foot tall structures so townships want to discuss whether to put something in their zoning resolutions to allow for taller towers. She attended a conference recently that had several sessions on alternative energy resources and the topic of wind towers was greatly discussed. They discussed a wind tower "farm" where they would have a number of propellers on a six-mile long ridge. The towers were 250 feet tall and each propeller was at least 18 feet long. She feels this is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Charles Huber, Building Official, gave a report on the permit activity for the month of March 2007. There were 74 new housing starts in March 2007 compared to 76 in 2006, 60 in 2005, 73 in 2004, and 80 in 2003. Residential building permits revenues were down 21% comparing March 2007 (302) to 2006 (387). Total revenues were down 20% comparing March 2007 to 2006. Brunswick Hills Township and Montville Township had the most permit activity in March 2007. The City of Wadsworth had the most commercial permits issued in March 2007. Mr. Huber said, in response to the declining revenues and declining permit activity, they will be replacing one full-time office worker who has resigned with a part-time office worker.

Mrs. Geissman recognized the following youth for receiving United Way of Medina County's Youth Service Award for outstanding voluntary service to the community:

Kevin Bednar	Emily Gaborcik	Elizabeth Maag
Ian Bergstrom	Dana Gardner	Nicholas Mandilakis
Robert Byard	Brian Hacker	Elizabeth Marshall
Kelsie Carson	Sarah Halstead	Amber May
Lisa Clark	Eric Hershey	Eric McCourt
Shannon Clarke	Veronica Huber	Corey McDaniel
Carina Cooper	Lindsay Hunt	Erin O'Reilly
Andrew Corban	Krista Kano	Kelly Rybacki
Staci Edward	Nichole Krupka	Heidi Santelmann
Rachel Figliomeni	Kimberly Lazorik	Jacob Schaufele
Shannon Freehling	Sara Lewis	Halle Senger

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Heather Sexton	Vincent Taylor	Dan White
Tiffany Sexton	Nicole Telmanik	Erin Wiley
Emily Sifritt	Amanda Tome	Erica Willbur
Ashley Sleeth	Amber Tye	Jessica Willbur
Megan Smith	Kayla Villwock	Kaitlyn Wires
Rachel Sniff	Amanda Wallace	Dara Wood
Matthew Stine	Ashley Weir	Adam Zeleha

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of county officials and another resolution to allow the expenses of the County Engineers. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman asked Finance Director Scott Miller if the funds for the Sheriff's Office for accreditation were in addition to funds that were already approved in March. Mr. Miller said they were additional. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment and no one wished to speak at this time.

Mr. Hambley made a motion to go into Executive Session following the Discussion Session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 10:09 a.m.

Discussion Session

Jeff Neidert, Cable Television Coordinator for the City of Brunswick, said he wanted to call the Commissioners' attention to S.B. 117 (the Video Competition Act sponsored by Jeff Jacobson) currently on a "fast-track" through the Ohio Senate. There are commercials being aired saying that if people want lower prices and a choice, they should call their local officials. These commercials are sponsored by AT & T who is, basically, the sponsor of the bill on the state level. AT & T wants to get into the video business that is somewhat different; it would bring about two to three channels into the home at one time. If a person is a "channel surfer", they would not like this service because they would have to take some time to download the channel before it could be watched.

He said if S.B. 117, as it is written today, were to go into affect, it would terminate all the local franchise agreements that are established in all the communities across Ohio. That is bad in a number of ways from the local access standpoint for public education and government access channels. Medina County was late getting started in that area, but local programming access to the public to be able to use the airwaves has gone phenomenally well in the past couple of years. The provisions would reduce the number of channels that are offered. In Brunswick, for example, they have four channels that would be cut back to two channels. There is also the possibility that channels would have to be shared. In Brunswick's case, there are 105 communities that share the same access channels. That would mean they would only get a half hour every couple of days. They might not be able to show Commissioners' meetings, "Your Medina County" show, or live telecasts of Brunswick community meetings.

Further, funding would be cut back and the franchise fees that every community receives (about 5%) would be cut back according to a new definition of gross revenues. In Brunswick's case, it would be about a 20% reduction in the fees to operate their Public Education and Government Access (PEG) services. No other support would be allowed for public or government access, such as the facility provided to them as part of their franchise. They also rely heavily on institutional networks in Brunswick. That is a series of fiber cables that have been run through the public buildings that would enable them to tie into the county's fiber system to serve all of their buildings. That would not be allowed under the new bill.

Mr. Neidert said there are so many things wrong with the bill that benefits only AT & T in the long run and it needs to be stopped. He has been working with a local group called "Local Voice Ohio" which is an offshoot of the "Alliance for Community Media" in the Ohio Chapter, as well as the Ohio Chapter of "The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Advisors". They have been trying to raise awareness on the state level with the Senators that are sponsoring the bill. Some information is being disseminated, but this has been going "under the radar screens" for most people.

Mr. Neidert said he is not denying they all want competition and it is nice to have multiple choices in cable. Wadsworth is a prime example of that, but the state stepped in and put parameters on them that restricted the competition severely. There are many issues that would impede the local process. The "bottom line" is they would no longer have municipal home rule authority and would no longer have control of rights-of-ways. Enormous boxes the size of refrigerators would go anywhere, even in the rights-of-way on the tree lawns and in front of historical buildings.

They are looking to get it permanently derailed or to get it amended so it is satisfactory. Ultimately, the county will probably have some sort of a state franchise. About nine states have already adopted state franchises for cable television. They have changed things drastically, but they are workable and maintain some of the services. He feels the worst part of this bill is that competitors are not required to build out areas. Therefore, if they came into the City of Brunswick, they could choose to service the affluent neighborhoods that they know would subscribe to the high ends of services and skip lower-income areas. Getting broadband access to everyone would not happen. Cable contracts now require video service providers (VSP's) to build out to the borders, but this would enable those cable companies to legally turn off the sections they no longer find valuable to them.

Mrs. Geissman asked what the Commissioners could do. Mr. Hambley said perhaps the Commissioners could execute a resolution of support of their initiative to prevent the passage of the bill. He asked Mr. Neidert if they were working on their own proposals. He said they were working on it although the issue was dropped on them suddenly. On the national level, the COPE Amendment is designed to address the area of competition and level the playing field when two operators come in. Even if there is no competitor, this bill would permit the existing contract holder to abandon his local contract and adopt the state's "golden franchises".

Mr. Hambley said the bill's basic contention is that municipal franchises have been causing a lack of competition. Mr. Neidert said, exactly, but they all know that is not true. Mr. Hambley said they allow competitors with their franchises and they have non-exclusive contracts. Mr. Neidert said there are multiple operators in Wadsworth, and in many suburbs in the Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus. AT & T is trying to be the big guys, railroading their way through to get what they want.

Mr. Hambley asked about the requirement to have a minimum of ten hours of programming per day to obtain a state franchise. Mr. Neidert said it is actually 12 hours of new, non-repeat, original programming every day and 9-1/2 hours need to be produced in the local community. He said that this is ridiculous because they all have about two to five staff people. They surveyed local television stations (channels 3, 5, 8, 19, and 43) and they have between one and ten hours of locally produced programming. They were also being gracious using the three hour morning newscast as three hours of programming when it is actually the same news every half hour. Mr. Hambley pointed out that is not possible to do financially at the community level so it would automatically close many of the PEG's. Mr. Neidert said if they did not meet the requirements, the channels could be taken away and never returned. Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners could do a resolution in opposition to S.B. 117 and Mrs. Geissman agreed.

Mr. Jakab asked Mrs. Geissman if the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is looking into the bill. Mrs. Geissman said she wishes she had gotten this information a couple of days sooner because she just attended a board meeting last Friday. S.B. 117 was not discussed and she was not aware of it. She offered to fax information to Larry Long at the CCAO so he can send a bulletin to all the state's commissioners.

John Burke, Treasurer, continued the Fix-It Fund Program discussion from last week. He said they did more research. The four specific things the Commissioners and Mr. Jakab asked him to review and make recommendation on were: (1) lowering the maximum home value criteria from \$250,000 to \$200,000; (2) excluding new homes from applying; (3) not allowing pools; and, (4)

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

not allowing landscaping. Mr. Burke said, before the Treasurer's Office could make recommendations, they needed to determine the purpose for the changes; if it was it to make the program more like Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) or Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) projects for low-income residents, increase the value of the properties, receive the inside tax millage for counties and schools, or a combination of these?

Regarding lowering the criteria to \$200,000 maximum home value, he said the purpose of the program was to provide low-interest home improvement loans to, not just low-income homeowners, but also the middle-class, to also give them a break and to stimulate the local economy. He feels the program has accomplished both of those things. The average borrower's property value was \$136,000, compared to the average Medina County home value of \$209,000 (65% of the value of an average home). Fix-It Funds have found a niche; the hard-working lower-middle-income class that don't get any breaks because they are not below the poverty line. He recommended keeping the criteria at \$250,000 value cap and freezing it.

They discussed excluding new homes so they would need to define the age for "new" and what age allows an improvement or a repair. They found that 31 loans (7%) were for houses five years or newer and a couple of them needed repairs due to improper construction. Of the newer homes, 30% used the loans for landscaping, 29% to finish basements, 21% for decks, 7% installed waterlines, 7% replaced the driveway, and 6% built barns. He sees no reason to disallow any of these things. If they eliminated landscaping, that would eliminate about 1/3 of the new home applications. He proposed eliminating any home that does not have a completed value according to the Auditor's records.

Regarding eliminating pools, they had one borrower use the program to install an in-ground pool in the past five years. He has no problem with eliminating pools and defining them as a luxury item.

Mr. Burke said landscaping does not add value to a home according to the Auditor's Office and it could be eliminated as an eligible improvement. If continued, they need to come up with a very good definition of landscaping. Many things fall under that category, not just shrubbery, plants and grass. Other things that fall under that category are aeration, tree and stump removal, sprinkler systems, septic retention walls, and pool removal.

Mr. Burke said they used Cuyahoga County agreements as a basis for their own agreements, with the help of Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor. If they changed the maximum value of home or specified the age of a home, they would have to renegotiate their participating bank agreements. He would rather not renegotiate with the banks and jeopardize the good interest rate. They can change the definition of items simply by sending the banks an addendum. For the Commissioners' resolution, he recommended continuing the Fix-It Fund Program for another five years with the same \$5 million limit; after that, they would automatically renew it on an annual basis with a 90-day termination notice. Ms. Devanney advised him that would give him enough time to close the program if the Commissioners should want it stopped. Every city or village has that option as well. Just changing the definitions would allow his office and the banks to use the rest of their brochures, flyers and postcards in stock.

Mr. Burkes said they worked with every building department when the program started. The form the building departments use asks the homeowners what project they planned to do and many of them require a permit. When an application is approved, they send notice to the building departments so they can follow up on the permit requirement. The Treasurer's Office also receives a form to assist in monitoring it and seeing that the purpose of the loan has been fulfilled. They get copies of receipts for items such as carpeting and air conditioners that do not require a permit.

Mr. Burke said Scott Miller reviewed the 2002 loans for \$15,000 and above. The Treasurers Office reviewed a larger sampling. He agrees with Mr. Miller that there was a large increase in property value (that he could not explain) by the Auditor's records. If the property values and tax revenues are of major importance, then they should have this reviewed in detail with the Auditor. Mr. Miller said he reviewed loans \$1,500 and above.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. Hambley said he sent a memo with his recommendations. The question is about the purpose of the program. There is a misconception that the CHIP and CDBG criteria are for low- and moderate-income homeowners; they also include the working poor and the middle class. For every dollar that is loaned out in the Fix-It Fund Program, there are going to be those that missed that opportunity that would have qualified because there is only so much money available. It would be nice if they could get matching dollars from the state to expand it. The success should not be measured in how quickly they run out of money. The larger success should be how many people it has helped that normally could not afford those improvements. That is where the program should be geared.

There was a discussion about whether or not they would have to renegotiate the agreement with the participating banks. Mr. Jakab said they could prepare an addendum to the agreement without renegotiating the agreement.

Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners are trying to make this program more in line with the other public purposes of the housing program. If the purpose is just to do a consumer home equity loan subsidized by the public or generate more tax revenue, they would be better off having a minimum \$250,000 value home and just loaning to the high-end borrowers. They would do the room additions and the higher taxes, but that is not the purpose so the maximum home value should be \$200,000. They need to make sure every dollar that goes out maximizes the best resource for the public benefit.

Mr. Hambley feels the program should preclude landscaping, unless it deals with a flooding issue such as drainage or swamps. He also thinks patios and outside decks should be precluded unless they are associated with handicapped accessibility. Mrs. Geissman said decks add value to a home and the county could collect more taxes. Mr. Hambley said the funds are a limited resource and go very quickly. By adding restrictions, it would not go as quickly and serve more public purpose. If they come to a point in a two-month period that the funds are not being used up, then they could reevaluate the restrictions. Mrs. Geissman said this program is different from the CHIP and CDBG programs. One of the major reasons the program was started was to bring in more income through appraised property. Mr. Hambley said they are subsidizing more than they thought they would in terms of lost revenue in interest income. There is a lot of aging housing stock with aging homeowners that have access issues and this is a means to address that. It makes more sense to provide incentives for the public's benefit. Mrs. Geissman asked if those people were being turned away, and Mr. Hambley said they do not have public money for that purpose. Mr. Burke said homeowners can apply and get a grant for a ramp and a deck under the current program. Excluding decks might stretch the program perhaps a day. Mr. Jakab said decks are a form of outdoor landscaping and Mrs. Geissman said landscaping adds to the value of a home.

Mr. Hambley said they need to determine the purpose of the program - if it is just to increase the property values and increase the amount of money coming back from inside millage. If so, then the targeting is all wrong. Mrs. Geissman said many borrowers could not have done the improvements paying the regular interest rates. Mr. Hambley said he agreed, and that is the purpose of the program. There are people that fit those parameters that could not get Fix-It Funds because the program had run out of money.

Mr. Miller asked if the home value is the home value alone or the home value with the land included. Mr. Hambley said the \$200,000 he proposed is just the value of the home; not the property. Mr. Burke said all of his studies have been home and land. He said perhaps that could be considered a definition and not the dollar amount.

Mr. Hambley asked if barns were permissible and Mr. Burke said yes, pole barns and sheds. Mr. Hambley said he feels that should be excluded. He cannot see them loaning money for the construction of new storage buildings. Mr. Jakab pointed out that they are "Fix-It" Funds and that is not fixing anything; it is building new. Mr. Hambley said the purpose of the program is not public subsidy of barns and outbuildings, but for people's homes and the value of housing. The more dollars they have available for more people, provides more public benefit. Mr. Burke asked if they wanted to eliminate detached garages. Mr. Hambley said a garage would be fine; it's not a barn.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. Hambley suggested they continue the program on a one-year basis instead of five years. That would provide time for the detailed study and to see if matching state funding becomes available. There is a regional effort in process with Summit and Cuyahoga Counties to push the issue. Mr. Burke said that was fine with him and offered any assistance. He requested the 90-day clause if it was terminated. Mr. Burke also said he has no problem with saying the program is sponsored by the County Commissioners on the literature. Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners also need to be aware how the money is being used and hear first-hand what improvements are being made.

Mr. Jakab said they needed to define the annual period in the text of the resolution. Mr. Burke said spring is the best time for the program and it has taken place in May. Mr. Jakab said the current resolution states that he is required to provide the Board of Commissioners with an annual report. That should be done by a set deadline in order for approval by the Board for the upcoming loan period. They need to define exactly what the annual loan period is and when the annual report is due.

Mr. Hambley discussed a recent conference he attended that was well represented by county officials. Ohio Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher discussed the state's budget and other issues.

Mrs. Geissman said that the Medina County Earth Day celebration was last Saturday, April 21. She said it was perfect spring day and they had a great turnout.

Mrs. Geissman said she attended an Ohio Department of Transportation meeting last Wednesday, April 18, at Montville Township regarding the S.R. 162 and S.R. 3 traffic light. One of the problems for the delay has been the reluctance by the developer to approach the neighboring Wally Tree Farm. It is up to the developer to get the right-of-way. Mike Salay, County Engineer, was also at the meeting to answer questions. They plan to have the traffic light installed by July 1.

Mrs. Geissman said the Commissioners received a letter from Rob Wilder, President of Medina County Performing Arts Foundation (MCPAF), for permission to name Broadway Hall the DeLorre and Lily Jean Haddad Hall. This would be in honor of Dr. Haddad who, as a member of MCPAF, approached the Commissioners about 14 years ago to renovate and partially pay for the renovations of the auditorium in the Medina County Administration Building. They would like to have a presentation and award in late summer or early fall of 2007. The Commissioners will discuss it at a later date when all three Commissioners are present.

Mr. Miller said Mr. Hambley suggested looking into Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office (NEOSO) that brings local government together for pricing advantages, but at that time they didn't have anything that they could use. Now they have gotten into the tire business and there is a possibility of saving money on snow tires for the Sheriff's Office. There is no cost to join the program. He asked the Commissioners' permission to apply to become a member and they granted permission. He explained that there is a fee attached if they use the program and they would know that up front so they can judge the competition and see if they would actually be saving money. There is no risk to the county.

Mr. Miller said the cost for certified mailings will increase to get the green card receipt back. If they went with a digital receipt, it would save the county \$1.80 per receipt and would be a significant savings estimated to be about \$17,000 per year. Pitney-Bowes is the only vendor that has this capability at this point. There is an issue whether or not the courts can view only those receipts that are particular to a court versus all of the receipts. They are still trying to resolve that issue. He feels that if it is going to save the county money and it is feasible, that they move into it; if it is not feasible, they should just wait and put it off for a year or so. The green cards will be eliminated so they eventually will have to make a change. Mr. Jakab discussed the current system and the problems with conversion. The Commissioners suggested he do more research and they will discuss it further next week.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, said the Rustic Hills Homeowners Association wants them to petition their residents for sewer service in the subdivision again. When they did it in the past,

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

only 30% of the approximately 200 households responded. They are now requesting an actual ballot with yes and no blocks. Mr. Hambley added that the Homeowners Association wants the county to make a decision based on the number of responses to the vote of people that responded, not the vote on a total number of households. If a household didn't return the ballot, they want the county to ignore that. They have always gone by the number of household that have said yes. The county has told them they are not changing; they are looking at the entire picture.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, said the Prosecutor's Office has again been contacted by Town and Country Fire and Rescue in Homer to represent them. It would not expand the county's liability or work that has been being done. They already responded to the Homer Township officials and this would be dealing directly with the Town and Country Board instead. He asked for the Commissioners' authority to represent Town and Country Fire and Rescue; the Commissioners granted permission.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier.

At 12:05 p.m., Mr. Hambley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 4/23/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-373	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-374	RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO CLOSE STATE ROAD (C.H. 44) BETWEEN REMSEN ROAD (C.H.37) AND LEDGE ROAD (C.H.135)
07-375	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
07-376	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
07-377	CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
07-378	TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION FUND
07-379	AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR THE TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE AND PROSECUTOR'S SERVICES
07-380	CASH TRANSFERS FOR MCDAC-TOBACCO USE FUNDS
07-381	CREATION OF RAILROAD MAINTENANCE FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

- 07-382 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 07-383 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FAMILY FIRST HELP ME GROW FY08 PROGRAM
- 07-384 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN UPDATED PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-385 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0055) FOR THE RESPITE OF FOSTER PARENTS
- 07-386 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND (0055) FOR THE BOARD AND CARE OF COUNTY WARDS
- 07-387 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-B FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES
- 07-388 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES
- 07-389 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR COUNTY MANDATED SHARE
- 07-390 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-391 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHN CLEMENT AND THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 340
- 07-392 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF WHOLE WASTE TIRES
- 07-393 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR A COORDINATOR OF THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER BETWEEN MARY VANTZ AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-394 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO TANF-FOOD STAMP WORK EXPERIENCE AND JOB READINESS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-395 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO HOUSING SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

- 07-396 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO FAMILY LITERACY AND ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-397 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS AND ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-398 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO TANF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO INMATES OF MEDINA COUNTY JAIL FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-399 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO A COORDINATOR FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-400 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-401 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO ADULT SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-402 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR DATA PROGRAMMING SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-403 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-404 AMENDMENT OF A COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCDAC AND THE MEDINA COUNTY ADAMH BOARD
- 07-405 AMENDING THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) BYLAWS
- 07-406 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 07-407 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-third day of April 2007.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Patricia G. Geissman

OF

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley