

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 August 8 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 approving the final plat for Keswick I Subdivision Phase I in York Township and to close a section of Spieth Road. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 2 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Doug stated that Ryan Road is currently under construction and that pavement has been poured at the University/Technology Park.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the annual appropriations by transferring and increasing appropriations, various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, designating financial institutions as public depositories on behalf of the Treasurer's Office for active county funds, declaring county property as excess property & authorizing disposal at the electronics collection day event this Saturday, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$875,035.21. The financial institutions designated as public depositories are: JP Morgan Chase Bank, Fifth Third Bank, FirstMerit Bank, Charter One Bank, Huntington National Bank, National City Bank, and U.S. Bank. The maximum amount of deposits is \$90 million except for Charter One that is at \$70 million. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 7 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 presented a resolution approving a 3-day suspension for a Sanitary Engineer's employee. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the suspension; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary stated that due to changes in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and questions arising from those changes, OPERS will have 2 presentations on December 7 for employees.

John Stricker, County Administrator, and Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, had no resolutions for today.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented and read a resolution proclaiming November 2005 as "Medina County Planning Month" and November 10 as "Community & Regional Planning Day in Medina County". The World Town Planning Day is held on November 8, but because of the way days fall, our Planning Day will be held on the 10th with an open house at their office. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice presented flyers about Planning Day to the Commissioners.

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Mrs. Geissman read a notice of a regular annexation petition that was filed with the office on August 12th. The petition is for 81.6673 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The hearing will be held on October 17, 2005.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented the Building Department report for July. They issued 82 new single family home permits in July compared to 76 being issued last July. The trend is staying at about 10% overall for the year. Commercial permits are down this month, but in reality they are not. Several projects have required phased permits, which are special permits to allow them to start work on the foundation while waiting on the final approvals for the building. They had 5 of those this month. Overall construction is still good. Nationally the housing market is still increasing over last year. He agreed with Mrs. Geissman that it is still a good market and things are moving good.

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 she tells people that the Board is not just made of the 3 Commissioners as they heavily rely on the Count Administrator and Finance Director. An example of this was a letter received from the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees advising the Commissioners of John Stricker's assistance when their Clerk failed to file their annual tax budget as required by the Ohio Revised Code that could result in the township's loss of local government funds for 2006, which is approximately 45% of their general fund. The Township feels that, although this was not part of his job, his assistance was invaluable and thanked him for that assistance.

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

Mr. Hambley announced that the County has received notice that the Comprehensive Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) application has been approved for \$528,000. The CHIP will be used for private owner rehabilitation, home repair assistance, down payment/rehabilitation assistance, emergency housing assistance, and new construction for Habitat for Humanity. There is also funding for administration, implementation and fair housing. The County will also be applying \$50,000 from block grants towards some of these programs. It is largely due to the work of Dianne Ranftl that this assistance will be available for the Housing Network and Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman noted that immediately following the discussion session there will be an Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session after the discussion session; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting to move to the conference room for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley stated that there is a Port Authority meeting tomorrow morning to discuss fiber optics, and in the next couple of weeks they would like to present a proposal to the Commissioners. Also, the Port Authority has inquired with the Transportation Improvement District (TID) about construction of conduit for the future fiber optics at the Technology Park. He noted that Armstrong currently has conduit in that area.

Ms. Ray stated that she sent an invitation to all animal organizations in the area about a meeting on August 26th to meet Del Saffle, Dog Warden, and to discuss areas of mutual concern and how they can work together.

John Stricker stated that he understands that paving for University Boulevard has been completed and they have started on Technology Park Drive, which is the longer of the 2 roads.

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At 10:00 a.m. Commissioners recessed into Executive Session, which had been voted on earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0777 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0778 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2005 AS "MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING MONTH" AND NOVEMBER 10, 2005 AS 'COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING DAY IN MEDINA COUNTY"

- 05-0779 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR KESWICK I SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN TRACT 4, LOT 1 OF YORK TOWNSHIP

- 05-0780 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE SPIETH ROAD (C.H. 65) BETWEEN BEAT ROAD (T.H. 106) AND ERHART ROAD (C.H. 3)

- 05-0781 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2005 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

- 05-0782 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0783 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 05-0784 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEERING FUNDS TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

- 05-0785 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE

- 05-0786 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES

- 05-0787 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL AT THE ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY EVENT

- 05-0788 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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05-0789 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A THREE (3) DAY SUSPENSION FOR LORIE
MAYNARD, MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

05-0790 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk