

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2003

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman present. Sharon A. Ray was serving on jury duty.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the August 18 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions approving the use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase I in Montville Township, closing a section of Bryenton Road from Tuesday through Friday, approving the final plat and approving the annual assessment on improvements & creating a public watercourse for Trophy Club Subdivision Phase I. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 4 resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the annual appropriation by increasing or decreasing appropriations, expenditure adjustments for various funds, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, approval of a CCAO Deferred Compensation Loan Policy Program and authorization document, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$490,791.12. Chris noted that the County participates in the CCAO's 457 plan which will now offer a loan program where employees can borrow against their deferred compensation if they choose. Medina County is the first to execute an agreement for this program. Through questioning he stated that loans will be offered for 1-5 years for general purposes and up to 15 years for home purchases.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the current requirement for Commissioners' approval when an employee withdraws money for financial hardship will be changing.

Chris added that there is a provision under the loan program that Commissioners do not have to sign off on when an employee borrows against their 457 money as well.

Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 4 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the filing of an application and entering an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for acquiring funds through the Recycling and Litter Prevention Program. These funds are used for the Sheriff's litter program and a couple of projects with the Soil & Water Conservation District. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the application and agreement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution to obtain easements for 3 waterline improvement projects. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve obtaining the easements; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mrs. Geissman asked about the 3 projects.

Jim stated that easements were needed for the Chatham Township project, on Elyria Road for the Foskett Road project, and for the relocation project on S.R. 18.

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Mr. Hambley noted that the County has received a good deal on the S.R. 18 waterline relocation in terms of easements. Many business owners have been hesitant to settle for such a low price from the State.

Jim added that it's been difficult and he knows ODOT has paid more than what we usually pay.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve obtaining easements showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution granting an easement to Lorain Medina Rural Electric Cooperative for electric service at the Chatham tower site. This is for an underground electric line to the water tower on Coon Club Road. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve granting the easement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, stated that he has been busy receiving annual performance and budget reports from last years grantees. They are due by September 15 and the majority of them have already been received. They will be gearing up for the prevention efforts now that school is starting. This Friday is the first Sharecluster meeting with the schools. He will be inviting them to be part of the Tobacco Coalition and plans to have a meeting in mid-September. Through questioning, he noted that an RFP is due this Thursday for a survey of the entire county relative to attitudes and use of tobacco by youth and the general public. The RFP is to hire a professional consultant for surveying. Once the survey is completed programs will be identified for the schools and for within the county. The *Kick Butts* program is a national program that is working well in schools.

Mr. Hambley suggested holding a commendation resolution until the discussion session to see if Ms. Ray is back. He would like to have all 3 Commissioners available for approval if possible. Mrs. Geissman agreed.

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

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

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was reconvened for the discussion session with all Commissioners present.

A resolution commending James A. Morrison for his years of service with the Sanitary Engineering Department was presented. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley noted that he had received notes relative to the Summit-Medina Regional Partnership for the One-Stop Systems. Commissioners reviewed a map showing the partnerships around the State.

Ms. Ray noted that Medina County isn't listed as a having a partnership proposed as we aren't comfortable with a decision at this time.

It was also noted that Clermont County is also not listed and they are the fastest growing county in the State.

Ms. Ray stated that Ashland County has joined with Wayne and Holmes Counties. Wayne's program is not set up as ours and they are mostly doing a lot with JFS. Their focus is

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different from our program. There are currently negotiations with Summit County and that may be the way we will go if we can't get a waiver as a stand-alone county. Through questioning, she stated that the timeframe to indicate who we are talking with about a partnership was the end of July. Nothing is going to happen until the end of September. The Governor's Workforce Policy Board isn't meeting to vote on this until mid-September and there is some uncertainty as to whether they have enough votes to pass this.

Mrs. Geissman asked if the information could be shared with her about this because we were with Summit County in the past and it didn't work out.

Ms. Ray stated she would share the information she has. The agreement with Summit will basically say we'll work together and how the money will be split, and then we'll talk about a partnership. We don't want to be part of the Ohio Option, noting there is some discussion on whether that option is in compliance with the Department of Labor. Our Policy Board and Gary Searle, Workforce Director, has very strong feelings on this. She extended an invitation to Mrs. Geissman to attend next week's Policy Board meeting if she's available.

Chris Jakab reported that the rating presentation with Moody's and Standard & Poor's in Chicago went well. This was mostly for the library rating for the sale of their bond sale, but the county's rating was reviewed as well. The Library came in with a rating of AA3 with Moody's and AA- with Standard & Poor's, which is one rank lower than the county's current rating. The county's rating is still pending and they said they would be contacting him.

There was a brief discussion that the Library rating is for a voted tax levy and Chris noted that they tried to explain that.

Chris presented information on the rating structure for higher rated counties in comparison to Medina County. The goal is to get up to AA1 with Moody's and AA+ at Standard & Poor's, which will put us at the same level as Cuyahoga County. He doesn't feel Moody's is going to change, but feels Standard & Poor's will increase as we've had the same rating for 23 years with them. At the meeting he noted that our physical stability has enhanced and talked about the infrastructure that's in place to handle residential and business growth. Through questioning, he stated that he believes the State's rating was kept the same. He noted that Hamilton County used to be AAA and after a couple of bad years theirs will probably decrease. He feels Medina County is well positioned. He noted that the Library did a good job in their presentation.

Ken Hotz reported that during the power outage our system did not run out of water and our plants kept running. He has met with consortium last week and we're going to make the effort to make all of our facilities/pump stations by having generators. This type of outage will probably happen again. He will let the Board know the costs, adding that it will be money well spent. Through questioning, he noted that mobile generators were used and they want to have a permanent generator installed at Spieth and possibly Grafton. A mobile generator was purchased from LMRE, and they can get a better price from them than through State Purchasing. LMRE has had problems in the past and have cut us off in the summertime. They now call us before shutting us off and we can switch over some where else. The thing that saved us is that we had 5 million gallons of water in our tanks plus 10 million on Spieth.

There was a brief discussion relative to the annexation petition that was filed for property along Foote Road. That has been scheduled for review by the Commissioners on September 15. Commissioners have 45 days from the date the petition was filed to make a decision, which put the decision on the Monday meeting following the 15th. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, agreed that is based on an objection being filed.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 p.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 03-0684 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 03-0685 RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES A. MORRISON FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

- 03-0686 RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO LORAIN MEDINA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AT THE CHATHAM TOWER SITE

- 03-0687 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 03-0688 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE BRYENTON ROAD (C.H. 134) BETWEEN SMITH ROAD (C.H. 4) AND JONES ROAD (T.H. 5)

- 03-0689 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE TROPHY CLUB SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN LOT 2 OF MEDINA TOWNSHIP

- 03-0690 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS...69.2328 ACRES IN LOT 2 OF MEDINA TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS TROPHY CLUB SUBDIVISION PHASE I AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 03-0691 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 03-0692 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 03-0693 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,200 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

- 03-0694 APPROVAL OF A CCAO DEFERRED COMPENSATION LOAN POLICY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT

- 03-0695 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 03-0696 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO FILE AN APPLICATION & ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES...FUNDS THROUGH THE RECYCLING & LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE OHIO LITTER CONTROL ACT OF 1980...

- 03-0697 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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03-0698

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