

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 minutes of August 7 and August 21 were dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the August 7 and August 21 minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for the rehabilitation of the "S" curve on Smith Road in Montville Township to Dennis Alber Excavating Inc. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for August 17 through August 23, 2006.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) resolution amending the annual appropriation resolution; (3) transfer of County General Funds to the County Diversion Program; (4) CHIP grant expenditure adjustments; and, (5) declaring Medina County property as excess property. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,217,874.87. Ms. Ray moved to approve the five finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving the personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the two resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution authorizing the termination of an employee of the Medina County Sanitary Engineer. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing water lines in Hinckley and Brunswick Hills Township for Laurel, Bellus, Skyland, Kuder, Center, Stony Hill, Mattingly, West 130th, Marland, and Woodside Roads, approving the detailed plans and specifications, and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to advertise for construction bids. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for the Brunswick Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project 2006 to Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. in the amount of \$1,128,450.00. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The last resolution Mr. Hotz presented was to obtain easements for various waterline improvement projects. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, said he had some resolutions to bring expenses in line with services that he will have ready for next week. He told Commissioners about a little four-year-old girl who donated her \$26 lemonade stand earnings to the needy

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children at the Children's Center. Commissioners felt this was indeed worthy of a Commissioners' Certificate of Recognition.

Dr. John Waddell, Tobacco Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on the Tobacco Grant Project. He said they have a team writing a request for proposal (RFP) in conjunction with a new sub-grantee, the Medina County Health Department. The Health Department will be doing a part of the grant called "Ohio Quits" that integrated the "Quit Line" to help physicians quickly write a prescription to get patients into the system. Medina General Hospital will continue with the pregnant women's program and the prevention services with the youth will also be a part of the proposal. The annual report has gotten good reviews, which puts them in a good position with the next RFP to be reviewed by independent raters.

Dr. Waddell said that things are quiet with the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission now. They will be doing some on-site visits to the schools when the new Executive Director is chosen.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that they started the renewal with the ERC-Goodwill Contract. The grants with the Medina County Career Center for healthcare, homeland security and the building trades have really taken off. The unemployment rate for Medina County rose slightly in July to 4.5%. This is an increase from June's 4.2%, but down slightly from a year ago. Medina County has the fifth lowest unemployment rate in the State. (The State of Ohio's unemployment rate is 5.8%).

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for Federal and State operating and capital funds. The amounts are for \$738,902 for operations and \$160,200 for capital purchases. The application also includes \$34,866 for grants for the elderly and disabled. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Uhas presented a resolution authorizing the Medina County Public Transit Department to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program. This would allow them to purchase buses through State contract versus going out for bid. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Uhas reported that the fare collection for the month of July 2006 was slightly higher than July 2005. They have hired a full-time dispatcher to replace the dispatcher that resigned. Ridership is down slightly in July 2006 compared to July 2005. He attended some informational meetings with the senior citizens at the Office for Older Adults last month and held a meeting with the members of the Amish community and the Wadsworth business community to see what their transportation needs are.

Mr. Hambley welcomed Jeff Van Loon, the new Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) District Manager, who replaced Chris Hartman. He said the MCSWCD is co-sponsoring a meeting regarding the I-71/I-76 Interchange Project on Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 a.m., at Westfield Township Hall. They have had some area landowners express concern about the million cubic yards of fill being brought to the site (part of which is in a floodplain). ODOT officials plan to attend to answer questions and, hopefully, the contractor will attend as well.

Mr. Van Loon said the MCSWCD has signed memorandum of understandings (MOU) from the eight political entities and hope to have all 17 signed soon. This is a general cooperation agreement with them for services.

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Mr. Van Loon invited the Commissioners to the MCSWCD annual meeting on Saturday, October 28, at the Lafayette Church and announced that there will be a Balanced Growth Plan partnership meeting is on Thursday, September 28, in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Greg LaForme, Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Superintendent, introduced Mr. Goebel (Assistant Superintendent), Ms. Coerver (Business Manager), and Ms. Bixler (Public Relations Specialist). He reported that they served 1,023 individuals last month with a staff of 229. Based on current state-wide-trends, they anticipate serving an increased number of individuals with intensive special needs that will provide significant behavioral, emotional, and physical challenges. They are realigning their services and budget relative to that with staff training and new programs. He pointed out the attractive new logo displayed on the report cover. They recently held an ice cream social on Medina Square that served over 1,500 people. The computer issues discussed in the last report have been resolved. He invited the Commissioners to participate as honorary judges at the first annual MRDD Chili Challenge at Pinnacle Sports on October 21. Other agencies will be invited to participate. He gave the Commissioners cans of chili with the Chili Challenge information on the labels.

Clerk Pam Vereb read the regular resolution to allow expenses for County officials' expenses. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read the notice of a change in the hearing date for a Regular annexation for 9.12 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth from Monday, September 18, to Wednesday, September 27, at 10:00 a.m. It will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Mr. Hambley read the notice of withdrawal of a petition for a Regular annexation for 41.070 acres from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick upon the request of the Agent for the Petitioner, Mr. Greg Happ.

Mr. Hambley read the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor license transfer from the Medina Family Restaurant Inc. to Salvador Ornelas Inc., DBA Costa Azul Mexican Restaurant, 2860 Medina Road, Montville Township. They have requested a D1 permit (beer only for on premises consumption or in seal containers for carryout), D2 permit (wine and certain prepackaged drinks for on premises consumption or in sealed containers for carryout), and D3 permit (spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1:00 a.m.). There were no objections and no hearing requested.

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

Mr. Hambley said there was a request for an Executive Sessions for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, property acquisition, and personnel/interviews. Ms. Ray moved to allow the Executive Sessions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 10:04 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said there was an article in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) newsletter about the County Walkway Project at the Governor's Mansion and Heritage Garden. They are asking for a rock, stone or brick paver to represent each county with the county's name engraved on it for the walkway. She suggested that Medina County participate; the other Commissioners agreed and they will all try to think of something appropriate to send to Columbus.

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Scott Miller, Assistant Finance Director, reported that the online auction site is back in operation with the new provider. It is going very well and it is easy to use.

Mr. Miller said the Auditor's Office has selected their representative to the Audit Review Committee and he will provide the Commissioners with that information. Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners are interviewing on September 5 and 11 for their candidates. Ms. Ray commented that she was very impressed with the quality of the applicants.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. for the Executive Session voted on earlier for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, property acquisition, and personnel/interviews that immediately followed and recessed at 12:35 p.m. on a vote by Ms. Ray and a second by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 8/28/06:

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-0808	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0809	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING THE BID FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE "S" CURVE ON SMITH ROAD IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
06-0810	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
06-0811	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
06-0812	TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
06-0813	CHIP GRANT EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS
06-0814	RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
06-0815	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
06-0816	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER
06-0817	A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING WATER LINES IN HINCKLEY AND BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIPS FOR LAUREL, BELLUS, SKYLAND, KUDER, CENTER, STONY HILL, MATTINGLY, WEST 130 TH , MARLAND, AND WOODSIDE ROADS AND APPROVING THE DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
06-0818	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BID FOR BRUNSWICK SANITARY

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SEWER REPLACEMENT 2006 MCSE#SR-500/5-41/1

- 06-0819 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- 06-0820 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

- 06-0821 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS

- 06-0822 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-eighth day of August 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman