

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 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 22 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 authorizing the advertisement for bids for joint improvement of various township/county roads with bituminous hot-mix resurfacing with Sharon Township and approving the annual assessment on improvements & establishing a public watercourse for River Walk Subdivision in Liverpool Township. 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.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the annual appropriations by increase/decreasing appropriations, revenue adjustment for the County Engineer, transfer of funds, expenditure adjustments for various funds, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$842,080.50. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 5 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Ms. Ray asked about the increase for assigned council fees and whether Chris feels this is the last of those coming through.

Chris stated that he thought the last round of bills was the last, but the courts have submitted additional cases for assigned council.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 5 Finance resolutions and payment of the bills 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.

Dianne Ranftl, Administrative Assistant, presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Department of Job & Family Services. This deletes a temporary full time telephone operator position. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the submission of an application and execution a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Issue 2 funds for water supply loops and sanitary sewer replacement & rehabilitation project 2006. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the application and contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a report on the electronic collection day. They collected 2364 items that filled 2 50-foot trailers. RET3 Corp had offered 40 rebuilt computers in return for receiving these items as donations to government or non-profit agencies. They have increased their offer to 50 computers, and offered installation of a Windows Operation System for \$10 per computer if desired.

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Ms. Ray noted that 111 cell phones were collected and that the Sheriff's Office collects unused cell phones to program them for the home-bound to use in case of emergencies.

Ken stated that in future year's cell phones will be pulled out for the Sheriff's Office.

Sandy Downs, Transportation Services Director, stated that on page one of their report the figure for the operating ratio is being determined by using more accurate amounts actually collected, which is different from how the figure was determined in the past. The on-time performance rate is also being done by survey now to give more accurate figures. He reported that he has 2 resolutions to present after the public hearing on their grant later this morning.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between this Board on behalf of our Emergency Management Agency with Wayne County Commissioners on behalf of their Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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.

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

Mrs. Geissman stated that the discussion session will be followed by a public hearing on the transit grant at 10:15, a review of the annexation that was remanded by the court at 10:30, and an 11:00 Executive Session to discuss personnel-discipline/appointment. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel-discipline/appointment; 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 at 9:50 a.m.

Ms. Ray noted that the first joint meeting was held with animal protective agencies and it was well attended. Anita Spacek, Sun News, made a suggestion at the meeting of holding an open house at the County Animal Shelter in the future. Ms. Ray stated that she will be working on that in the near future.

Ken Hotz stated that they have been running into problems with so many new houses and the affect appliances in the homes are causing on the sanitary sewers. They are going to increase the required size of the line for sanitary sewer tap-ins that will allow approximately 20 pounds of extra pressure for homes. This will mean a slight increase in the cost.

There was a brief discussion between Mrs. Geissman and Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, about a needed resolution for the PUCO that the County is the agent for the upgrade at railroad crossing. Bill noted that Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, is off ill and he was unsure of the resolution that was needed. Mrs. Geissman stated that the township resolutions appointing the County as the agent have been received and have to be turned into the PUCO by the 31st. The County's resolution can be taken care of next week.

Chris Jakab asked if anyone was taking the lead on the State's requirement for a regional consolidation plan by October 1. This was a requirement of the State's budget bill and is tied to the local government funds (LGF). There was a brief discussion that the plans are not even going to be reviewed at the State level and what areas, such as Transit and the Solid Waste District, would be part of that plan. It was agreed that Chris would work with Ken to put together a draft plan.

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At 9:58 a.m. Commissioners recessed the meeting for the Executive Session that had been voted on prior in the meeting.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioners reconvened the meeting for the public hearing on the transit grant.

Sandy Downs stated that the application is to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) for the Transit system. ODOT is setting up the operating funds for 2 years instead of annually, and the capital funds are staying at one year. The State's budget is remaining level over the next 2 years for rural transit systems, regardless of the increased cost in fuel, wages, etc. For 2006, the operating application is for \$441,674 in federal funds and \$170,180 in state funds. We have already been awarded \$34,866 in Elderly and Disabled Fare Offset grants. The projection for 2006 is that \$500,000 will be brought in through contract revenue, \$46,000 in advertising, \$121,292 for services budgeted through other accounts, and \$35,000 for the "L" in Medina. The local general fund share will be \$179,168. For 2007, the operating figures from the state and federal will remain the same and the local cash required will be approximately \$225,846, assuming that the fare box recovery and advertising stays at the current level. Approval has been received for capital for 2006 for 3 large light transit vehicles (LTV), 1 light transit vehicle with a narrow body, and 3 computer workstations at a total of \$256,970. The federal share of that amount is 80% with the state and local shares being at 10% each. For 2007 the projection is for 1 replacement LTV, an expansion LTV, and engineering & design for a new transit center. The capital grant for 2007 will come up next year for approval.

Sandy explained the rate system is being changed with plans for new computer software that is more user-friendly for the schedulers and drivers. The rates are set up in a grid system in which it cost \$2 to board and then 10 cents per grid the rider goes through. This system has been difficult to use and determine actual costs. The grid system is being changed to an average cost per township that will be \$2.20 within one township and 30 cents for each additional township traveled through.

Mr. Hambley added that the grid system has historically been the biggest complaint from the users of the system. The new rate system will be simplified and easier to understand.

There were no questions or further discussion.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolutions authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for federal and state operating and capital funds and authorizing the Transit Department to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to close the public hearing on the transit grant; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the scheduled review of the annexation petition of 177.1326 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth is being postponed to next week's discussion session. The County Administrator has been out ill and the Board was relying on information he was gathering for the meeting. The discussion will be a public meeting; however, this review is not to gather more testimony, but is a review and discussion by the Board due to a remand by the court.

At 10:38 a.m. Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

05-0821 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER
IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

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- 05-0822 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE JOINT IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP/COUNTY ROADS IN MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO BY BITUMINOUS HOT-MIX RESURFACING

- 05-0823 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...31.5023 ACRES IN SECTION 18, LOT 1 OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS RIVER WALK SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 05-0824 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0825 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER

- 05-0826 CASH TRANSFER FOR FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL FUNDS

- 05-0827 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 05-0828 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES

- 05-0829 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-0830 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES - OPERATIONS

- 05-0831 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION & EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR ISSUE 2 FUNDING...COUNTY WATER SUPPLY LOOPS AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT 2006

- 05-0832 RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF ITS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE BOARD OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF ITS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- 05-0833 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

- 05-0834 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS

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05-0835

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

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk