

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas R. Bahr and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the August 5 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented 5 resolutions accepting and awarding the bid for the extension of Bridge No. 17 on W. 130th Street, and closing sections of Crow Road, Black River School Road, Substation Road, and Neff Road. The bid award is to Liberty Excavating. The road closings are for road and/or culvert repairs. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 5 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented 4 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations resolution, approving the transfer and disposition of a vehicle for the Drug Task Force, purchasing fuel for the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$677,097.64. The vehicle being transferred and disposed of was from a court journal entry for a confiscated vehicle that will go through auction. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the personnel changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution entering an agreement with Julie K. Sipka for plan examination services for the Building Department. These are contract services, which means Ms. Sipka is not a county employee. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution adopting a new 3-year contract with Teamsters Local 436 and the Medina County Engineer. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, stated that on September 18 they will hold the Alzheimer's Caregivers Day Out in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association of Akron. On September 20 they will hold a 90+-birthday party to honor seniors 90 and over. On October 18 they will hold a fall festival. Their crafts ladies have made an afghan to raffle off to make money for their group. The group takes afghans they make to the various nursing homes and this month they are taking 50 to the Pythian Sisters. Their cruise on the Good Time 3 was booked immediately this month. The next trip will be to Amish Country. This week Jim Bigam is coming in to talk about drugs. The office has been working on the 2003 Title III grant, which is due in August. They are delivering 209 home-delivered meals. For the needs assessment study they are doing focus groups (6 groups of 10 people). Through questioning by Mr. Bahr, Debra stated that they aren't sure how many people over 90 will be expected. Last year they had 10. This isn't open to nursing homes and assisted living homes because the homes do their own birthday parties. They are looking to honor those that are still independently living.

John Jones, Transportation Service Director, reviewed the statistics for July. They had 1412 passengers on the "L", 75 on the Homerville Circulator, 8146 on the demand-response service, and 396 on the Southwest Circulator. The total for the year is 65,408. They had 56,846 vehicle miles and a trip denial rate of 1.04%. There was one vehicle accident with a new bus that was not the county's fault. Billing accuracy was 99.91%. There were some June collections that came in late and raised the fare box recovery rate for July to 60.25%. The total operations expenses were \$73,015. The on-time performance rated was 95.54%. The cost per passenger was \$7.28 and for the "L" it was \$5.08. Per 100,000 miles they have had 3.07 breakdowns, .56

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accidents, and 8.93 service complaints. The growth in Transit shows that July 2002 is up 24.47% over July 2001. For the year the increase is 21.55%.

Mr. Bahr asked if there are any plans to expand the Southwest Circulator to 2 days a week.

John stated that is being considered for after the first of the year. They are also looking at trying similar routes in different areas of the county. He is waiting for the final census demographic data before anything is determined on those routes. The last data he has is from 1990.

Mrs. Geissman asked if he has been averaged out how many trips one person makes, such as a person picked up in Homerville that makes 3-4 stops and is counted for 3-4 trips.

John stated that the average stops are 3, noting that some make 5 stops and some only make one.

Mr. Hambley asked if some are coming in and utilizing the "L".

John stated that they use the "L" and some use the demand response service. Through questioning, he stated that these people would be counted on both services.

Mrs. Geissman asked if the numbers would be divided by a third to get the actual number of persons using the system.

John stated that basically would work.

Mr. Bahr questioned if that would be accurate.

John stated that on a good week they bring in about 14. He noted that the accounting sheet shows that extra equipment was used on July 23 due to heavy ridership. They had 34 in bound and outbound. Sometimes there are more outbound because, for example, someone is picked up in Lodi and transported into Homerville. Those going outbound are not usually a different group of people. Once in awhile there is someone traveling between the villages and they don't come all the way into Medina.

Mr. Bahr stated that with the exception of July 3 and 31, every day there were more people going out than coming in. He asked if this is an indication that people are finding other means to get here.

John stated that normally indicates somebody that was out, possibly working in a field, and then flagged the bus for a ride. He believes 2 trips per passenger would probably be more accurate. Some of them don't transfer and are ready to go back as soon as they've taken care of whatever business they came in for. Many will go to Aldi's, doctors, etc. If there could be a couple more runs operating in this manner that go out into the county and it were marketed, he believes Transit could do a more thorough job of getting people around the county. This is a better type of route to run because people don't have to call. They know the schedule and know when and where they have to be. There is also less administrative costs overall.

John reported that the operating grant is ready to go in. It is due September 3. The capital grant is being prepared although it is not due until December. He will be taking the portion that goes to NOACA to the TAC meeting this Friday. Next year they will be getting 5 units with new radios and fare boxes in each unit. The Society for Handicapped Citizens has applied for one van for Transit as well. That should take care of some of the maintenance issues.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution supporting the Clean Ohio grant application being submitted by the Medina Summit Land Conservancy for the Plum Creek Park. This was discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the resolution of support. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution commending Greg Crane for his years of service with the City of Brunswick. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the commendation. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Bahr moved to allow the expenses. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. 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.

Commissioners took a short recess to move to the conference room.

The meeting reconvened for the discussion session at 9:52 a.m.

Mr. Bahr stated that relative to the discussion last week about advertising being allowed at the Community Center, he talked with Dan Hostettler, Convention & Visitors Bureau, about this. Arrangements had already been in the process for this and Dan apologized for not getting something done on this. This is moving forward.

Mr. Bahr noted that the buildings are doing well. He believes that everyone will be very pleased with the buildings when they are done.

John Stricker added that the FSA building may have carpeting installed this week. Originally it was scheduled to open on September 1 and he believes they'll meet that date. However, the offices aren't scheduled to move until September 16. He is very pleased with both buildings. New Horizons is probably 2 weeks behind the FSA building, but is progressing rapidly.

Mrs. Geissman presented the book on Detroit that she had mentioned last week. The company wants to do a similar book for Cleveland and have asked for a letter of support. Support letters have been received from various mayors in Cuyahoga County and the Governor. They are requesting support from the surrounding counties.

Commissioners reviewed the book.

Through questioning, Mrs. Geissman stated that it is possible they will use the letters of support as a tool to help sell the books.

Mr. Hambley stated that he supports doing a letter.

Ken Hotz stated that they took bids last week on tractor-trailer replacements for the Central Processing Facility (CPF). They may reject them because they didn't get enough bids on the tractors and if they re-bid for 2002 tractors, they could get more bids. They are still reviewing this. He will bring something in next week.

There was no further business before the Board of discussion.

At 10:04 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss litigation and for personnel/appointment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the Executive Session after discussing litigation at 10:33 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for personnel/appointment.

At 11:25 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0697 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER FOR SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0698 RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREG CRANE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK

02-0699 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR THE EXTENSION OF BRIDGE NO. 17 ON W. 130TH STREET FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER

02-0700 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO EXTEND THE CLOSING OF CROW ROAD (C.H. 64) BETWEEN ERHART ROAD (C.H. 3) AND VANDEMARK ROAD (C.H. 31)

02-0701 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE BLACK RIVER SCHOOL ROAD (C.H. 83) BETWEEN PAWNEE ROAD (C.H. 28) AND RIVER CORNERS ROAD (T.H. 72)

02-0703 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128) BETWEEN LESTER ROAD (C.H. 56) AND COLUMBIA ROAD (S.R. 252)

02-0704 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

02-0705 APPROVING THE TRANSFER AND DISPOSITION OF A VEHICLE FOR THE DRUG TASK FORCE

02-0706 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE

02-0707 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0708 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PLAN EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

02-0709 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436 AND THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER

02-0710 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLEAN OHIO GRANT APPLICATION BEING SUBMITTED BY THE MEDINA SUMMIT LAND CONSERVANCY FOR THE PLUM CREEK PARK

02-0711 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley