

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2004

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

There were no minutes for approval this week.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions approving the final plat for the Hunters Glen Subdivision Phase I, approving the annual assessment on improvements and establishing a public watercourse in Autumnwood Subdivision Phase III, approving the use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Turnberry Subdivision Phase 2, accepting and awarding the bids for aggregate materials, and reducing the weight limits on improved county and township highways. Mrs. Geissman 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 and reviewed resolution amending the appropriations by transferring and increasing/decreasing appropriations, various fund transfers, revenue adjustment for the General Bond Retirement Fund and the General Fund, expenditure adjustment for Public Assistance Fund, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center and the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$858,169.09. There were numerous amendments to the appropriations due to departments scrambling to meet year-end needs. The revenue adjustment is to credit money from the Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) that was received for December 2003 and October through November 2004. The expenditure adjustment is for money that was transferred and determined not to be needed by Job & Family Services. It was noted that the cost of fuel has dropped and will save a lot over purchases over the last few months. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 11 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Services 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 all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to accept easements for a sanitary sewer improvement project and a water improvement projects within subdivisions. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for the Stony Hill/Hinckley Storage Tank. Bids were received last Thursday and were very close. The award is to Caldwell in the amount of \$1,308,000. It is hopeful the tank will be open by the end of next year. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept and award the bid; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the release of the remaining escrow account of Medina Excavating for the Foskett, Station and Beck Roads waterline project. The escrow account was partially released with a portion being retained until the seeding and grading was complete. Mrs. Geissman moved release the remaining escrow account; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, stated that they are celebrating Christmas this week because many seniors will not be around next week. They will have safe cookie making tips along with cooking tasting, making homemade soup in a jar, Christmas

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bingo, making Christmas bracelets and having a taffy pull. Ford has chosen our Medina Senior Center to provide a party for 45-50 seniors on Thursday. On Friday they will have a bake sale, party and entertainment. The movie this month is “*Elf*”. Their “tree donations” are being made to the Community Service Center. They are delivering 225 home delivered meals daily.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, noted that their office has been doing “Coats For Kids” for the last couple of years. The Medina Diner held a raffle and their waitresses donated their tips one day for a total of over \$600. The total collected was \$1800 and they bought out the coats in 2 stores. Stop & Go also donated \$1300 for purchasing items for foster children that funding cannot be used for. The office recently held their party for the 39 kids in foster care.

Mead presented updates on statistics for OWF and Medicaid showing that in 2002 those cases increased by 662 and in 2003 they increased by 1269. The total for OWF, food stamps, Job Club and Medicaid is up 400 cases this year. He also presented an update on the PRC, which covers food, clothing and shelter. An annual report was presented for 2003 that is available on the web. Mead reviewed a project report on wage and salary survey of similar agencies in northeastern Ohio and those agencies that people from here can go to work for that covers front desk work, disability screening, etc.

Mead presented resolutions authorizing an agreement for professional services relating to transportation of children and authorizing an agreement for professional services relating to mental health services. The transportation is a renewal for transportation to doctor and therapy appointments for children. The second is a renewal with Berea Children’s Home for in-home services to work with families. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve both resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray noted that Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, and Rob Peters, City of Wadsworth, have been moved from the regular agenda to the discussion session.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Robert Snyder for his years of service with the Sanitary Engineer’s. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray read a resolution reappointing William Frantz and James Gerspacher to the Port Authority with their terms ending December 31, 2008. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the reappointments; 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.

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 all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting to move into the discussion session at 9:55 a.m.

Rob Peters and Jim Doutt were present to discuss the City of Wadsworth’s desire to have the entire city be an enterprise zone. This was briefly discussed last week.

Jim stated that an issue came up in 2004 relative to a company that was interested in the general vicinity of Wadsworth to locate. The company was looking to make a large personal property investment and the only thing available in that area of Wadsworth was a CRA, which doesn’t allow for abatement of personal property taxes. This cost the City and County the opportunity to negotiate with the company. The Economic Development Corporation fully supports this endeavor by Wadsworth.

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Rob stated that the City would like the enterprise zone as a recruitment and redevelopment tool. In talking with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) it was felt that there is no disadvantage of creating the enterprise zone for the entire city. This would also be useful for their downtown program as well as commercial/industrial areas as 300 acres at Route 57 and I-76, their corporate park, Guadral Road and Seville Road.

Through questioning Rob stated that commercial projects would be for non-retail businesses such as corporation headquarters, laboratories and technology. Insurance, doctors and call centers are not direct retail and their definitions as well as the definition of commercial would need to be looked into. The City is looking at larger projects. Jim added that research and call centers would be covered as commercial. Direct retail is not eligible. Rob agreed that typically revitalization of the downtown area would involve retail; however, they also have non-retail business buildings, such as the old match company, in the downtown business area. Jim stated that the entire Village of Lodi is a CRA. Rob stated that instead of defining the areas of each project as they are evaluated or creating enterprise zones in specifically zoned areas (because zoning changes), they decided to look at the creation of the entire city.

Commissioners agreed that their questions had been answered and that the issue will be on for next week's agenda.

Chris Bunch, Medina Summit Land Conservancy, reviewed a Power Point presentation on the land use compatibility study for 2004 by the Joint Economic Planning Committee (JEPC). The study involves the City of Medina and the 4 townships surrounding the city (York, Lafayette, Medina and Montville). They compared the land for development versus conflicts with natural resources to aid in avoiding problems with future development and improve land use planning. Some constraints for development that were reviewed include flood prone areas, slopes, wetlands, and existing and planned park areas. Features that attract development were reviewed that include zoning, identifying economic development areas, and infrastructure. These were put together to show the areas that would be attractive for development and what constraints would be in the areas. The first case reviewed was the CEDA area of York Township and the City of Medina, which is an attractive area for development and has little constraints. The second area, Route 18/Lake Medina, is attractive for development but has many constraints. This is an example of where the development pattern hasn't addressed the environmental constraints, but adjustments can be made to keep that from happening further. There needs to be a thoroughfare plan, natural resources study, each community should evaluate their current land use and existing zoning to determine future amendments for commercial, industrial and residential growth, and the impact of run off from commercial and industrial development should be evaluated. Residential development was added as part of this study near the end of the JEPC meetings. Other things that will help in development without impacting natural resources include development of a weight system for the different type of constraints, identifying undeveloped parcels and reviewing the impact of development, analyzing NOACA's retail study, and assessing costs of services. Hopefully the communities will develop comprehensive planning and their planning will be coordinated with adjoining communities. Eventually they would like to involve the other entities within the county and this has been offered to them. Montville Township has requested the combined data so they can revisit their plans. The next step is to do parcel identification and add ortho maps to what they have. This can be a powerful tool for locating businesses.

Jim Doutt stated that Team NEO is developing a GIS system for all 13 counties that are part of that organization. He noted that this study was a good example of the collaboration that is in this county. There are not many counties around where conservation organizations and economic organizations are working together.

Mr. Hambley stated that there needs to be updating of the Tax Maps Office for more flexibility. The County Engineer has a custom program that is used by various offices, but it will need upgrading for overlays and having the ability to weigh various factors with the various types of development.

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Chris stated that there is another county that can go into their Tax Maps and bring up landowners, ortho, tax records, etc. about every parcel. Ours is a wonderful system, but it is now a dated system. He noted that the County Engineer and Lowell Filak of the Engineer's Office have been invited to the next JEPC meeting to review their proposals.

Ken Hotz stated that he has talked with Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, regarding a Ledge Road subdivision in Granger Township. This is a 9 lot development and water will be available, but the lines would have to be extended. He proposes that the developer put in dry waterlines that the county can connect to when the water supply is available. The developer would be charged a different tap in rate when the water is available and connected. He feels this could be set up for developments in areas where water will be available as part of the development costs and it will save on costs and damages caused to extension of the lines once the development is complete. This would only happen in certain areas around the county and will be based on anticipated growth areas. Trustees would need to be notified before this is done. Commissioners agreed to this proposal.

Mr. Hambley noted that he received a call from Dave Dufala regarding a dispute with Art Verdoorn, Building Official, on the interpretation of fees being charged. Mr. Dufala feels that the Building Department is not consistent. After talking with Art, Mr. Hambley agreed that the fees are consistent and that the department is following their procedures as set up. Mr. Dufala is not happy and is likely to challenge Art's interpretation and the policy.

There was a brief discussion about holding off on review of the Treasurer's space needs until next week's discussion session.

Ms. Ray noted that she, John Stricker and Chris Jakab will be meeting with the judges at 4:00 today regarding space needs. Options for rental or construction will also be reviewed as well as there may be possible space in 2005 in the Professional Building when the City School Board moves out. It was felt that court fees are down 18% due judges forgiving some court fees, and this is being checked into. She added that Kathy Fortney, Clerk of Courts, has also been attending these meetings.

There was a discussion relative to the Department of Planning Services to expand their office space on the lower level of the Professional Building, particularly for their meeting room. It was agreed that the architect can look into the space for Planning Services as well as storage for the courts.

There was no further business before the Commissioners for discussion.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 04-1120 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 04-1121 RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT J. SNYDER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- 04-1122 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE HUNTERS GLEN SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP LOT 35

- 04-1123 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS...12.0422 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOT 9 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP...AUTUMNWOOD

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- SUBDIVISION PHASE III ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 04-1124 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN TURNBERRY SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 04-1125 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE BIDS FOR AGGREGATE MAERIALS FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- 04-1126 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE WEIGHT LIMITS ON IMPROVED COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP HIGHWAYS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE, SSECTION 5577.07
- 04-1127 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 04-1128 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 04-1129 CASH TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CLERK OF COURT'S AUTO TITLE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND
- 04-1130 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT MAGISTRATE SERVICES JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE SERVICE AND PROSECUTOR SERVICES
- 04-1131 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES
- 04-1132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCPA FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES
- 04-1133 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0050) FOR THE BOARD AND CARE OF COUNTY WARDS
- 04-1134 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND
- 04-1135 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
- 04-1136 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 3,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

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- 04-1137 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 04-1138 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 04-1139 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER AND WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 04-1140 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR THE STONY HILL ROAD/HINCKLEY STORAGE TANK IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MCSE #W-300/00-1.2
- 04-1141 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO RELEASE THE REMAINING ESCROW OF MEDINA EXCAVATING FOR THE FOSKET, STATION AND BECK ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT MCSE #2-500/00-5.1.57
- 04-1142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 04-1143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 04-1144 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 04-1145 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley