

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray and Patricia G. Geissman present. The meeting was changed from its usual Monday morning time to Thursday because of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Winter Conference.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of December 4 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the December 4 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 the following resolutions: (1) approving the final plat for the Miller's Meadow Subdivision in Granger Township; (2) approving the final plat for the Shale Creek Open Space Golf Course Subdivision in York Township; (3) reducing the weight limits on improved county and township highways as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5577.07; (4) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Fox Meadow Subdivision, Phase 1, in Montville Township; and (5) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for inspection of drainage systems in 2006 in various subdivisions and various townships. Ms. Ray moved to approve the five resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits lists for November 30 through December 6, 2006.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 Appropriations Resolution by transferring appropriations between various accounts and funds; (2) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (3) transferring funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; (4) transferring funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item; (5) authorizing the cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (6) transferring funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for Title IV-D Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Court Magistrate services; (7) authorizing the purchase of 4,500 gallons of diesel and 1,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage; (8) revenue adjustments for the sale of surplus county property sold in October and November 2006 in the amount of \$875.47; and (9) approving an internship agreement between the Department of Planning Services and The University of Akron in an amount not to exceed \$4,824. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,129,039.10. Ms. Ray moved to approve the finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Holly Muren, Human Resources Department, presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Mrs. Geissman commented that one of the promotions was for Jim Troike to be the new Sanitary Engineer (on December 16) and the Commissioners congratulated him. There were no further comments. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement for proposals for Child Support Enforcement Agency office space for a three-year period. The current lease expires January 31, 2007. The next resolution he presented was accepting and awarding the bid for supplemental transportation services for Job and Family Services through the Medina County Transit Department. One bid was received from Foxx Transportation. The Transit Department recommended that the award be made to Foxx Transportation. Ms. Ray moved to approve both resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to accept and award the bids for the repair of the trommel screen at the Central Processing Facility to Norton Environmental in the amount of \$271,200.00. The next resolution Mr. Hotz presented was accepting the proposal of

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GT Environmental, Inc. for consulting services in preparing the Solid Waste Plan in 2007 in the amount not to exceed \$24,500.00. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz said it was a pleasure to serve this county; it seems like he has done it all of his life. Mrs. Geissman told him he was really going to be missed and they know he is leaving the department in good hands.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, said that this is a very busy time of year and she reported the schedule as follows:

December 14	Story-telling time, beaded jewelry craft project, and gifts at the Senior Center from Brookpark Ford Motor Company
December 15	Christmas luncheon
December 22	Closed for cleaning
December 27	Bingo and movie "Shaggy Dog"
December 29	Speaker discussing advice on a safe and healthy winter season

Ms. Radecky said they had 4 health units, 86 supported, 38 Alzheimer's visits, 1,175 congregate meals, 4,692 home delivered meals, and 1,596 transit trips.

Mr. Hambley said that yesterday, December 13, they held a scavenger hunt for the Leadership Medina County Class of 2007. The group that was assigned to go to the Office for Older Adults reported wonderful things about the department, its services and professional staff.

Sheriff Neil Hassinger reported that the Sheriff's Office applied to be nationally accredited. This is normally a three-year process, but his office was ambitious and completed it in one year. Three assessors from departments in Georgia, Florida and Illinois spent five days in Medina County evaluating his officers' work last week. As a result of their assessment, they are going to make a recommendation to the National Board of the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) that the Medina County Sheriff's Office receive accreditation. Sheriff Hassinger is very confident that it will go through because they received such high scores. He said that they would be going to Greensboro, North Carolina, in March to appear before the CALEA Board to answer questions and they would actually be given the accreditation at that time. He invited at least one of the County Commissioners and the County Administrator to go with them to show their support. He expressed his gratitude for their help.

The Commissioners congratulated the Sheriff and his officers. Mr. Hambley commented that he read in the newspaper that only 50% of those that apply are actually accredited. The Sheriff said only three Sheriff's Offices in Ohio have this accreditation and he is not sure how many have all three accreditations. It did not cost the county anything and it would have been between \$8,000 and \$15,000 for only the inspection. Mrs. Geissman added that he had two officers working on it and the Sheriff said they worked on it along with their other responsibilities. Mrs. Geissman said she hopes that the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) will reduce the premiums for their insurance. The Sheriff said that was the reason he pursued this because he felt it would be so beneficial to the county. Their policies are going to be used by at least two other Sheriff's Offices that want to become accredited and they have asked for their policies so they will share them. One of the biggest honors they got was that the three inspectors are taking things that they learned from the Medina County Sheriff's Office back to their department and change to the way Medina County does it.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution appointing a representative for the City of Brunswick to the Medina County Planning Commission. Patrick Beyer has been serving as the representative for Brunswick and they want to reappoint him. His term would expire December 31, 2009. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution approving the petition for a boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Township. This involves detaching from Brunswick Hills Township after annexation and changing the boundary line for Brunswick City. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mr. Hambley presented a resolution approving the petition for a boundary line adjustment for Pardee Township. This involves detaching from Wadsworth Township after annexation and changing the boundary line for City of Wadsworth. 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. Hambley presented a resolution to Louise "Petie" Pickering commending her for her 24 years of service with Medina County and offering her best wishes from the Commissioners for her retirement. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendation; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. Mrs. Pickering came forward and thanked the Commissioners and Chris Jakab, County Administrator.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution to Sanitary Engineer Ken Hotz commending him for his 49 years of service with Medina County and offering him best wishes from the Commissioners for his retirement. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendation; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. Mr. Hotz came forward and thanked the Commissioners and said it was an honor to be with the county. Mr. Jakab presented Mr. Hotz with a gift from the Commissioners and fellow county employees.

Clerk Pam Vereb read the resolution to allow expenses of County officials. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment. No one wished to speak at this time.

Mr. Hambley said they needed a motion for an Executive Session following the Discussion Session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official. Ms. Ray moved to schedule the Executive Session which was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mr. Hambley said the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public official is not the appropriate provision. Upon advice from Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne, it should be an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ms. Ray moved to approve the Executive Session and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman said the confidential news that a Cabela's store might be coming to Medina County was in the Plain Dealer last Friday. Representative Chuck Calvert had been helping Summit County attract the location with tax incentives, not knowing Medina County was vying for it. He immediately put the same criteria into the capital bill for Medina County. This would put Medina County on a "level playing field" with Summit County. The Commissioners would have the ability to abate the county sales tax that is generated by Cabela's in its entirety, partially, or whatever they wish. Lucas County offered incentives in order to get this store in their county so Summit County approached the State Representative about doing the same. Cabela's is considering a 260-acre parcel outside of Wadsworth. There is a nine-month window of opportunity to use a sales tax abatement to try to bring Cabela's to Medina County. Mr. Hambley said they needed to review the proposal to see if public hearings would be needed. There has been a lot of discussion within municipalities regarding those issues, particularly when they have areas that are depressed or some of the older retail areas would certainly like the counties to have that capability. He asked if the ability to offer tax incentives was done on a case-by-case basis. Mrs. Geissman said that is what they are doing in this situation.

Mrs. Geissman said she attended the CCAO Conference in Columbus. The Justice at Any Cost conference told about the cost of indigent defense by the Public Defenders Office. Now the county is reimbursed 28% by the State of Ohio, but was supposed to receive 50% reimbursement.

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Next year they will only be reimbursed 25% and she wanted them to be aware of that. She suggested they consider servicing the Juvenile Court. She also learned that there will probably be a battle over Local Government Funds in 2007.

Ms. Ray thanked Gazette reporter Allison Wood for doing a story on Medina County Workforce Development's (WD) additional offerings to laid-off Tops Market employees. They have not had cooperation from Tops or their union. They had a few employees request services so WD will continue to have additional sessions for them.

Ms. Ray said she and Administrative Assistant Dianne Ranftl have been working to bring the Medina County Prescription Help Program forward and they are now "live". They have sent letters to physicians and they have expressed extreme appreciation for this service that will help people of any age apply for free medications. They will issue the press release next Monday. She will present the release and marketing plan for the other Commissioners to review before then.

Mr. Hambley discussed H.B. 378 that would exempt troops in active duty from the state's income tax liability while they are stationed elsewhere. It is in Senator Ron Amstutz's Committee and if nothing is done within the next two weeks, the process would have to be started over again next year. Commissioners received a fax asking for a letter of support and there was consensus to send a letter of support for the legislation.

Mrs. Geissman asked Clerk Pam Vereb if she had the letter of support prepared for federal grant funds for Rittman to help with their continuing problems with stormwater runoff. Ms. Vereb said the letter was ready for signatures and Mr. Hambley added that they asked the County Engineer to review it first. If they are applying for a grant for correction of the ditch and it only involves Rittman in Wayne County and it could also land in Medina County, they should probably state that in the letter as well.

Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners were asked to make recommendations for the winner of the County Engineer's photograph contest. A picture is selected each year to be on the County Engineer's Medina County map. Mrs. Geissman suggested they each choose three pictures and perhaps they will have one the same out of those. The others agreed to have their choices ready by Monday, December 18.

Mr. Hambley asked Mrs. Geissman if she had a funding commitment from The Angels on Track yet. She said she received a commitment letter and the foundation will be making the grant payments in March 2007, March 2008 and March 2009. She said she is having a problem with the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) who offered a no-interest loan to pay for the railroad grade crossings until the grant money came from the foundation. Their 0% loan interest is correct, but now they want about \$800 for some fees, a \$500 application fee, and the loan is open for other fees. She had Mr. Thorne reviewed the paperwork and they determined that the county should try to borrow the money from the Transportation Improvement District (TID) instead. The ORDC has agreed to pay for whatever the PUCO will not cover next year. She said she was going to try to get the \$500 application fee waived by the ORDC. Mr. Hambley said she might consider the value of what they have received for that money and she said they have received \$1.6 million in grant money for dangerous county crossings. The North American Railway Foundation has been very generous. The county had Ohio Edison do some work that was not covered by the rail project so the Highway Authority has to pay for it. She is applying for grant money from NARF and they may pay the \$7,000; if not, she will apply to the TID.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said they were requesting proposals for prescription services for the employees' health plan for 2007. He and the consultant will try to complete that by next week with a letter of recommendation for consideration.

Mr. Jakab said he heard that the children's agency, Beechbrook, is probably not interested in locating their office to serve both Lorain and Medina County in the New Horizons building. He asked Phillip Titterington from Juvenile Court to consider the building for the Drug Court Program and some expanded programs. They might also consider sharing it with another agency such as Job & Family Services. Mrs. Geissman said she received a letter regarding a juvenile facility need and she would pass it on to Mr. Jakab.

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Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented a January budget schedule for the Commissioners' review and approval.

Pam Vereb, Clerk, presented copies of the applications for the Commissioners' alternates on the County Planning Commission for review.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, reported that Building Department provides residential services for the villages and he his proceeding with the negotiations.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, reported that the Sheriff is going to be sued in federal court regarding a service in a foreclosure. He does not feel the lawsuit has much validity.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. for the Commissioners to go into the Executive Session that was voted upon earlier.

At 11:30 a.m., Ms. Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 12/14/06

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-1130	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KEN HOTZ FOR HIS 49 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH MEDINA COUNTY
06-1131	RESOLUTION COMMENDING LOUISE "PETIE" PICKERING FOR HER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH MEDINA COUNTY
06-1132	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-1133	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE MILLER'S SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LOTS 36, 37, AND 44 OF GRANGER TOWNSHIP
06-1134	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR SHALE CREEK OPEN SPACE GOLF COURSE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN YORK TOWNSHIP TRACT NO.4 LOT 23 AND TRACT 5 LOTS 8, 9, AND 10
06-1135	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
06-1136	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
06-1137	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR INSPECTION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN 2006 IN VARIOUS SUBDIVISIONS AND VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS
06-1138	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

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- 06-1139 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APORRIATION RESOLUTION
- 06-1140 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND
- 06-1141 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM
- 06-1142 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 06-1143 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR TITLE IV-D DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT MAGISTRATE AND JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE
- 06-1144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 06-1145 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
- 06-1146 APPROVAL OF AN INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
- 06-1147 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR INSPECTION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN 2006 IN VARIOUS SUBDIVISION AND VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS
- 06-1148 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-1149 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OFFICE SPACE
- 06-1150 ACCEPTING AND AWARING A BID FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY BY THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-1151 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BID FOR THE REPAIR OF THE TROMMEL SCREEN AT THE MEDINA COUNTY CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY
- 06-1152 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF GT ENVIRONMENTAL INC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITHIN THE MEDINA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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06-1153 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP

06-1154 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR BOUNDARY LINE AJUSTMENT FOR PARDEE TOWNSHIP

06-1155 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

06-1156A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this fourteenth day of December, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS

Stephen D. Hambley

OF

Sharon A. Ray

MEDINA COUNTY

Patricia G. Geissman