

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 December 9 and December 12 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them separately. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE on the December 12 minutes. Roll Call showed Mr. Bahr and Mr. Hambley voting AYE with Mrs. Geissman abstaining on the December 12 minutes.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented 3 resolutions authorizing a change order to the contract to replace Bridge No. 3 on Westfield Road with Fabrizi Trucking & paving, and approving annual assessments and creating a public watercourse for Southbury Place Subdivision Phase I and Eastbury Place Subdivision Phase I in Brunswick Hills Township. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 3 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 12 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations by transferring and increasing appropriations, various fund transfers, revenue adjustments, purchase of fuel for the Engineering Center from Petroleum Traders, revising the rental fees for the Community Center for 2003, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$596,322.91. The Community fees will increase by 7% for 2003. The last adoption was for 2001 rentals. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 12 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, 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 Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution accepting the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing choices in Medina County. This has always been contracted out and this is the first report done internally. Dianne Ranftl, Administrative Assistant, prepared the report with some help from a housing committee, county departments, etc. Mr. Bahr moved to accept the analysis. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing an extension to the contract with Norton Environmental to operate and maintain the Central Processing Facility (CPF). The expansion at the CPF is almost done and the building is almost ready for the equipment to make refuse derived fuel. This is the second 5-year extension under the contract. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the extension. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the investment of the retainer of G.E. Baker Construction for the Buffham, S.R. 3, Lake and Poe Roads waterline. The project is 50% complete and it is time to invest their retainer in an interest bearing account. Mr. Bahr moved to authorize the investment of the retainer. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution creating a restricted sanitary sewer main in W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street. The Harvest Time Assembly of God Church is extending the main and would like it restricted so that when others connect they will recoup some of their costs for the extension. They are paying \$1,680 for the extension. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the creation of a restricted main. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Bahr asked about the status of the pool at the Medina City Schools.

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Ken stated that the contractor dumped the pool and all of the water went into the sanitary sewer. There were 5 or 6 homes that got water in their basements, and one house that the basement was flooded. There have been 3 meetings with those involved and the plan they have for backwashing the pool will be at a higher rate than the sanitary sewer can take it. The house that had the flooded basement is plugged with gravel and they are televising it now to find where the gravel is coming from. The contractor or school will be liable for repairing any damage to this home. They cannot be allowed to empty the pool into the sanitary sewer system. They will have to have a holding tank that can be dumped at a slower rate. The school is cooperating but he is not pleased with the project manager at this time. He sent a letter out on Friday, noting that there has been misinformation given about the project. There is another meeting this afternoon and he will give a full report as more information is available.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, stated that it has been relatively quiet at the agency in the last month. The State will be switching over to ACS for the check payments. He believes there is a good handle on things, noting that the State has done a lot of pre-planning and the State, ACS and Bank One are working cooperatively to make the transaction smooth.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented the building report for November. They ran about the same pace compared to last November and the total for the year is close to being the same. There were a few more permits for additions and access buildings and they are about 14 houses ahead of last year. Commercial is going to be up with the new Home Depot and WalMart in Wadsworth. The information he has received is that they are close to getting approval to build.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, presented a booklet on Public Children Services, which is an analysis of the services in the county and compares the counties around the state. Warren County is the most comparable to our county. He thanked Mr. Bahr for his guidance over the last few years, congratulated Mrs. Geissman on being named President of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO), and thanked Mr. Hambley for his participation in the kickoff and Leadership graduation.

Jim Douth, Economic Development Corporation Director, presented a resolution approving the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement and compensation agreement for Pride One Inc.-Sharon Group LLC. The company is based in Granger Township. The Highland School Board approved this on November 18 and Sharon Township approved it last week. This is a creative CRA. He introduced Jerry Fiume, Vice-President of Pride One. They are making a \$1.7 million investment in real property for a 12,000 square foot multi-tenant facility and some storage spaces on Route 18. With no abatement, the school would receive \$73,131 over 15 years. With the creative abatement, the school will receive \$139,203 over 15 years and the company will save 50% in taxes. This is 100% abatement on paper but the bottom line is they will receive 50% abatement on their taxes. All taxing entities in this will get 50% of the taxes. The company doesn't receive any additional savings and the same tax incentive review process applies to all the agreements. Pride One will also be making a \$1,000 annual scholarship contribution to Highland Schools.

Mr. Bahr asked how the employment level is determined.

Jim stated that because it is multi-tenant space and there is no way to know what sorts of companies will locate there. They try to be conservative in the projections and basically it is determining how many employees per square foot will fit into an office.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the CRA and compensation agreement for Pride One Inc. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim congratulated Mrs. Geissman on being named President of the CCAO and thanked Mr. Bahr for his the work he has done for the last 4 years.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution approving the appointment of William Monette and Kim Talbott as Bee (Apiary) Inspectors for 2003. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointments.

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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.

Glenn Sheller, Guilford Township Trustee, stated that he has received 6-8 calls since the article came out regarding taxes on license plates. The residents wanted to know if they would get credit for the years they've paid this tax on licenses plates.

Mr. Hambley stated that he talked with Dave Miller, County Engineer, and there doesn't appear to be any provision in the law that reimburses people for misallocated license taxes.

Mr. Bahr noted that the problem occurred because of the mailing addresses used by residents in the township and the taxes were inadvertently sent to the wrong jurisdiction. For instance some in the township area may have paid taxes to the City of Medina. He understands there are some corrections being made.

Mrs. Geissman stated that some people don't realize they are in a township. There was a brief discussion regarding whether people are asked if they are in the township or city.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that it is a technically an improper payment to the city. It is an overpayment to the city. He agreed that there is nothing in the statute that will allow for reimbursement to those residents. He believes the issue is being corrected, but he's not sure how they plan to take care of those from the past. His initial reaction is that it would be between the city and the property owners.

There were no further comments.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m. to move to the conference room.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. for the discussion session.

Art Verdoorn submitted a request to make changes to the Table of Organization for his department. He requested deleting the Assistant Building Official position and adding in a Building Inspector/Residential Permit Coordinator. This person would mainly work in the office doing residential plan reviews and would also be available for questions on any plans. The activity has been increasing every year in their department, and currently the building inspectors do the residential plan reviews before they leave in the mornings or when they return late afternoon. While they are out in the field doing inspections, they aren't available to go over things with the residents if there are any questions. This new position will streamline this process and consolidates the reviews for one individual. This person would also be credentialed to do inspections. They have advertised for part-time building inspectors to fill in for sick days and vacations, but it is difficult to find someone with the credentials that can be there with that type of scheduling. Residential building is about 70% of their revenue and total inspections.

After further discussion, all Commissioners agreed to allow changes to their Table of Organization.

Chris Hartman, Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), presented a letter requesting support for a grant application from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The grants are being offered to help SWCD's that have NPDES Phase 2 programs. These are 4-year \$130,000 grants to increase program delivering including updating stormwater regulations, training for Phase 2 communities, etc. The funding will not be used for educational. Obtaining the grant requires the support for the grant and approval of the budget from the other jurisdictions involved. They have been talking with the townships and municipalities involved and have put together a preliminary budget. The grant amount decreases annually with the amount to replace that funding by the various jurisdiction increasing. In 2003 the jurisdiction will put in \$833, which will increase to \$3,439 by 2007. The estimated salary being covered by

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the grant is \$35,000 plus benefits. He is requesting a letter of support from the county and that letter must say that the county will help financially. At this time the commitment to help financially is not commitment to the figures given. Through discussion he stated that they expected concerns from the jurisdictions regarding the preliminary budget and commitments to that budget. There are 10 jurisdictions involved and possibly 2 that may be removed. The application is due tomorrow and does indicate expansion of the program. They have received commitment letters from 6 of the jurisdictions at the estimated costs. If the figures come in higher than a jurisdiction wants, they can back out. He presented a draft letter of support. Commissioners agreed to have the President of the Board sign the support letter.

Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that someone was stuck in the New Court House elevator late Thursday. They had problems with the doors earlier in the day and called McClain, service contractor, in the afternoon. It was determined that coming at that time would put McClain into overtime and not to proceed that day with work on the elevator. It took about 45 minutes for McClain to arrive when the gentleman was stuck in the elevator. McClain will be training Tom and 2 other Maintenance personnel on the operation of the elevator so they'll be able to handle this type of emergency in the future.

Through discussion it was noted that rumors are that the New Court House elevator needs to be replaced because it is worn out. It is just in need of some repairs and is a slow-moving elevator. The Thursday evening problem had nothing to do with the door problems they were having earlier in the day. The New Court House elevator is a traction elevator. There is no reason to replace the elevator. In the past bids were taken on contracts for maintenance of elevators. This time specifications were prepared and a contract prepared by the county so that Maintenance has more control on what is to be done.

Mrs. Geissman noted that Sheriff Neil Hassinger invited Commissioners out to see their new program on fighting crime and serving the residents of the county tomorrow.

Mr. Hambley stated that he will schedule a time as he is unable to see it tomorrow.

Mr. Bahr suggested that Sharon Ray, Commissioner-elect, be included in this.

Ken Hotz noted that he talked last week about making mulch out of pallets. Norton has also asked about mixing that with compost and ultralights (light paper and plastics) to make it more marketable. This is the same material that will be used for RDF. The plastics are screened out in the process and the mulch will remain Class I. Once everything is completed at the CPF, he will have Gary Kauffman, the new operator, come in and explain how the pellets will be handled and marketed.

There was no further business before the Board.

Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the Clerk, John Stricker and Ken Hotz received bids for doors and frames for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bids were received from J&B Classical Glass & Mirrors Company, Don's Mold Plantation, Door Specialties Inc., Metro Window & Glass, O.L. Construction, Standard Contracting & Engineering, and Summit Interior Systems. The bids were turned over to the Sanitary Engineering Department for review and recommendation.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

02-1080 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-1081 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICES IN MEDINA COUNTY

02-1082 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 03 ON WESTFIELD ROAD (C.H. 15)

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BETWEEN FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING COMPANY INC. AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

02-1083 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...9.2556 ACRES OF LNAD IN TRACT 1, LOT 10 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP & KNOWN AS SOUTHBURY PLACE SUBDIVISION PHASE I ESTABLISHING SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-1084 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS...12.3574 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOTS 11 & 12 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS EASTBURY PLACE SUBDIVISION PHASE I ESTABLISHING SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-1085 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

02-1086 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-1087 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

02-1088 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

02-1089 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

02-1090 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRASNFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR THE NON-ALLOCATED PORTION OF CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES

02-1091 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

02-1092 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

02-1093 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

02-1094 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR TH ENGINEERING CENTER

02-1095 RESOLUTION REVISING RENTAL FEES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003

02-1096 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-1097 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT TO OPERATION & MAINTAIN THE MEDINA COUNTY CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY AND COMPOST FACILITIES TO PROCESS ALL SOLID WASTE GENERATED AND COLLECTED IN MEDINA COUNTY WITH NORTON ENVIRONMENTAL

02-1098 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF G.E. BAKER CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE BUFFHAM, S.R. 3, LAKE & POE ROADS WATERLINE PROJECT IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE#W-500/00-7.1.21

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02-1099 CREATING A RESTRICTED SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN W. 130TH STREET (SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT S500/100-118.1)

02-1100 APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT FOR PRIDE ONE INC.- SHARON GROUP LLC

02-1101 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEE (APIARY) INSPECTORS FOR THE COUNTY OF MEDINA FOR THE YEAR 2003

02-1102 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley