

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the installation of new pavement markings on various Medina County roads to improve motorists' safety; (2) approving the installation of new guardrail and repair or replacement of existing guardrail on various Medina County roads to improve motorists' safety; (3) authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract for centerline striping and pavement markings with Dura Mark Inc.; and, (4) authorizing the advertisement for bids for aerial photography and digital orthophotos of Medina County. Ms. Ray moved to approve the four resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits lists for December 7 through December 13, 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 cash from the Unclaimed Monies Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$13,768.15; (4) transferring funds from the Children Services SCPA Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures; (5) transferring funds from the Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund; (0120) for Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures; (6) approving a contractual engagement with the Auditor of State, Local Government Services Division, for assistance in the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Medina County; and, (7) approval of an agreement for 2007 tax billing services for the Medina County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$23,495.00. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$5,856,400.68. Ms. Ray moved to approve the seven 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.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, 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. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing a change order for C. D. Whitfield for Medina County 2006 Boiler Replacement to increase the contract by \$2,040.00 for additional work performed. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Medina County's new Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution amending the 2007 sewer and water usage charges for the Medina County Sewer District in order to provide sufficient revenue to continue the proper management, maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of said system. The monthly sewer rate will increase \$.50 from \$21.75 to \$22.25. The present debt portion of \$4.50 per month will be raised \$.50 to \$5.00 per month, thus the total monthly sewer rate would be \$27.25. The water rate will go from \$3.90 to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Troike said a 3% increase in 2008. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley commented that when they looked at the long-term needs in the budget hearings they determined that small increases now would eliminate any larger increase in a few years. They are still very comparatively low. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, reported that twelve communities have applied and received grant funds from the County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program established by the Board of County Commissioners. Five or six have completed their Comprehensive Plans and two are implementing the recommendations that came out of their Comprehensive Plans.

Ms. Theken presented resolutions to Chatham and Homer Townships approving grant awards from the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program established by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. The Commissioners and Ms. Theken had their picture taken presenting the resolution of award to Chatham Township Trustee Gary Chidsey.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, presented the following resolutions: (1) authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the county and the Village of Chippewa Lake to provide residential Building Department services; (2) approving an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Wadsworth to provide backup Residential Building Official services, backup Residential Plans Examiner services and Residential Building Inspector services by the Medina County Building Inspection Department; (3) entering into an agreement with Julie K. Sipka, R.A., for Master Plans Examiner services; and (4) entering into an agreement with CT Consultants for Master Plans Examiner services. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the four resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Huber presented the November 2006 Monthly Building Department Report. The construction value of permitted construction in November 2006 was down 18.91% from November 2005. The historical perspective graph showed that November 2006 was the slowest November in the past five years in construction starts. Permit revenues for November 2006 were down 36.37% from November 2005. Year-to-date through November showed that 2006 revenues collected were down 11.08% for the same period in 2005. Brunswick Hills Township and Montville Township had the most residential permits in November with 49. Year-to-date through November showed that Montville Township had the most residential permits with 848 and Brunswick Hills Township was second with 582. Medina Township had the most commercial permits in November and Brunswick Hills Township had the most year-to-date commercial permits with 108.

Cheryl Scheck, Job & Family Services, presented a resolution authorizing a maintenance agreement with Northwoods Consulting Partners for three contracts for software and maintenance of the scanning project in an amount not to exceed \$24,730.40 for 2007. Ms. Ray moved to approve the agreement and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Scheck presented a resolution amending the Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan (PRC). This would extend the expiration date to February 28, 2007 for the following programs; Expanded Home Heating Assistance, Vehicle Fuel Allowance, and Emergency Food Assistance. Other amendments add and remove pages from various sections. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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.

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Mr. Hambley read the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding an application for change of corporate stock ownership from the liquor permit holder Rustic Hills Management, Inc., 5399 River Styx Road, Medina, Ohio 44256. There were no comments.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said she spoke with a representative from the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) to see if they could get a reduction on the county's insurance premium because the Sheriff's Officers received accreditation from the National Board of the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CORSA decided not to give Medina County a break because there are so many other factors that are involved in determining premiums. She asked if they would pick up the cost of going to North Carolina (where the actual certification would take place) to they will take that to the Board for their decision. They will also revisit the premium reduction request. She feels there should be a benefit because a lot of work is involved.

Ms. Ray presented a press release for the Medina County Prescription Help Program that Program Administrator Dianne Ranftl prepared. They are going "live" today and it is available to those with low income (regardless of age), under a physician's care and require medication, are uninsured or underinsured, and meet the income guidelines. With the high cost of pharmaceuticals, some pharmacies are offering prescription at a low price so they may not have as much interest as they originally anticipated. Mrs. Geissman added that Ms. Ranftl has received a lot of interest from doctors that want others to assist with helping their patients. Mr. Hambley said some just offer generic drugs and some people cannot take generic. Ms. Ray said many of the other programs are for short-term prescription needs and this would be for those with long-term prescription needs.

Mr. Hambley asked Mr. Jakab if they would be passing the temporary budget on Tuesday, December 26. Mr. Jakab said that was correct and he and the Finance Director would prepare the resolutions to incorporate into the temporary budget on Tuesday and they would make further recommendations Wednesday.

Mr. Hambley discussed the proposed contract with socialserve.com (the website that provides free comprehensive information for tenants to search for, and landlords to list, affordable housing). He said the Housing Network has recommended that they enter into an agreement and pursue these services. They have verbal confirmation for \$500.00 each from funding partners: ADAMH Board, Job & Family Services, United Way, and Metropolitan Housing Authority. The county would need to provide \$1,000 and about \$500 in additional funds for marketing. Metro Housing will also do a kiosk in their entryway for individuals to access socialserve.com to seek affordable rentals. Individuals can also access with a toll-free telephone number. The 211 information will refer people to the service. The cost of socialserve.com is \$3,000 per year. This is a non-profit agency and they are already providing the service to Hamilton and Cuyahoga Counties in Ohio and in many other states. Socialserve.com would provide access to not only the regional rental units, but also other resources such as borrowing, lending, Fair Housing information, and other housing services links. The service uses the local fair market rent as the measurement and as long as it is not more than 200% of the fair market rent, then the rental qualifies to be listed. The service will allow the county the opportunity to track Fair Housing issues. Mrs. Geissman asked if the fee would be the same each year. Mr. Hambley said this is the fee and the reason they are able to offer it so reasonably is because they already have it set up for Cuyahoga County. The Commissioners agreed to include the funding for the service in the 2007 budget.

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Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, said that he would be at the Lodi Village Council meeting this evening regarding the residential building code legislation.

At 10:15 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 12/18/06

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-1156	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-1157	RESOLUTION TO INSTALL NEW PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY ROADS, THEREBY IMPROVING SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS
06-1158	RESOLUTION TO INSTALL NEW GUARDRAIL AND REPAIR OR REPLACE EXISTING GUARDRAIL ON VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY ROADS, THEREBY IMPROVING SAFETY FOR MOTORIST
06-1159	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO.1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR CENTERLINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS BETWEEN DURA MARK INC AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
06-1160	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOS OF MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
06-1161	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
06-1162	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
06-1163	TRANSFER OF CASH FROM THE UNCLAIMED MONIES FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND
06-1164	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
06-1165	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
06-1166	APPROVING A CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION, FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MEDINA COUNTY
06-1167	APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX BILLING SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE
06-1168	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER

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- 06-1169 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR CD WHITFIELD FOR MEDINA COUNTY 2006 BOILER REPLACEMENT

- 06-1170 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SEWER AND WATER USAGE CHARGES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

- 06-1171 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO CHATHAM TOWNSHIP FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY

- 06-1172 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO HOMER TOWNSHIP FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY

- 06-1173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF CHIPPEWA LAKE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO

- 06-1174 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO PROVIDE BACK UP RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OFFICIAL, RESIDENTIAL PLAN EXAMINER, AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTOR SERVICES BY THE MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

- 06-1175 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JULIE K SIPKA FOR MASTER PLANS EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 06-1176 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR MASTER PLANS EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 06-1177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RELATING TO DATA IMAGING PROJECT FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 06-1178 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 06-1179 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted, COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

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OF

Pam Vereb, Clerk

Sharon A. Ray

MEDINA COUNTY

Patricia G. Geissman