

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 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 a resolution approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Ridgewood Falls Subdivision Phase I in Montville Township. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for December 14 through December 20, 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) adoption of the Temporary Appropriation Measure; (4) cash transfers for various funds; (5) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (6) revenue adjustment for the General Bond Retirement Fund and the General Fund; (7) transferring funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; (8) transferring funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item; (9) revenue adjustments for various funds; (10) cash transfer of interest income for various Sanitary Engineer Funds; (11) cash transfer of interest income for various funds; (12) transfer of General Funds to the Diversion Program; (13) authorizing the purchase of 7,400 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center; (14) declaring interested vendors for gasoline and diesel fuel phone bids for 2007; (15) renewing a lease agreement with U. S. House of Representative Regula; (16) approving an agreement with Joseph Salzgeber for an Inmate Legal Research Assistance Program for the Jail; and, (17) approving a contract with A. V. Khandelwal, M.D. for the provision of medical services for the County Home. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$876,738.64. Ms. Ray moved to approve the seventeen 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 the following resolutions: (1) approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners; (2) amending the Table of Organization for the Department of Job & Family Services to add one Account Clerk; (3) approving personnel changes for employees of the Sanitary Engineer's Department that are with the Teamster's Union, Local 436; (4) approving wage increases for the 2007 payroll year pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement covering Child Support Enforcement Agency employees that are members of the Teamsters, Local 293; (5) approving a wage increase pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement covering Matthew Gaugler, a member of Service Employees International Union, Local 3, and an employee of the Sanitary Engineer's Department at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant; (6) approving personnel changes for employees of the Sanitary Engineer's Department that are members of the Service Employees International Union, Local 3; (7) approving wage increases for the 2007 payroll year pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement covering Job & Family Services employees that are members of the Teamsters, Local 293; and, (8) approving wage increases for the 2007 payroll year pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement covering Maintenance employees that are members of Service Employees International Union, Local 47. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

James Douth, Economic Development Executive Director, did not attend the meeting.

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John Waddell, Tobacco Coordinator, reported that Medina County had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$265,224.00. Of the 53 organizations competing for the grant, only 13 received more than Medina County. The main tobacco cessation effort in 2007 will be led by Medina General Hospital aimed at helping employers who want to assist their employees in quitting tobacco. The hospital's relationship with On the Clock Care gives them access to 200 different organizations and businesses. Solutions Behavioral Healthcare will be continuing their effort with the Stand Team, and will concentrate on helping all the school districts become 100% tobacco free (actually having no tobacco by anyone, any place, on any grounds controlled by the school or at a school function including ball games). The Health Department is a new sub-grantee that will help physicians fully utilize the Quit Line. The Oaks Family Care Center will assist with a marketing review function. Dr. Waddell thanked the Commissioners for their support as a fiscal agent for the past 3-1/2 years and thanked all the individuals that passed Issue 5. That allowed Ohio to be the 15th state to become smoke free. He has signs and information that he will offer to bar owners to display. Since the passage of Issue 5, there has been a 30% increase in the utilization of the Ohio Quit Line.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that the Adult Dislocated Workers placement is 58.7% of the goal and they are not even halfway through the calendar year. Foot traffic is high at the One Stop at 19.4%. The trend has been at about 20%, but most of that is because the unemployment rate for Medina County is 3.8%. The Building Trades Grant served 96 students and incumbent workers and the goal was to serve 50. Dave Mielke, M. W. Mielke Company, attended the recent Workforce Development Committee meeting and praised the grant program. He said it greatly benefited his company. In other activities not previously reported, Mr. Hanigan said there is a promotional video for the Brunswick Internship Program that can be seen on the Workforce Development web site. They are continuing to work with the University Center on the Steering Committee and the Curriculum Committee. They are working with Summit County on training for manufacturing because there a few machining training programs being offered. They scheduled a series of intake orientations for the employees of Tops (the grocery store chain that closed its doors in Medina and Brunswick), but there was a low turnout. Efforts will be made after the first of the year to group their needs into common sessions if the intake increases.

Jeff Van Loon, Soil and Water Conservation District, District Manager, did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution commending Nancy Abbott for her years of service to Medina County. Ms. Abbott served as the Recorder for ten years and is resigning on December 31, 2006 to become Medina Municipal Court's first elected Clerk of Courts. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendation; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. The Commissioners said they would miss Ms. Abbott and commended her for doing such a good job in her office. She has also helped the entire county with the computers and her technical assistance has saved much time and money. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution commending Christopher Themes for his years of service on the Medina County Planning Commission. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendation and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley stated that one of the toughest jobs in the county is serving on the County Planning Commission. Sometimes it entails tedious work and some projects involve a "no-win" solution. When they have a room full of residents or public officials that are upset with a project, their "hands are tied" and they have to follow the law. Mr. Themes served as his alternate and Ferris Brown's alternate as well. Mr. Themes was Chairman of the Community Growth Guide and helped pilot that process, significantly contributing to the overall land-use plan. He deserves a respite after

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twelve years of service. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution commending John Lund for his years of service on the Medina County Planning Commission. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendation and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Ms. Ray said Mr. Lund was her alternate and alternate for former Commissioner Tom Bahr. The expertise he brought to the Planning Commission was certainly appreciated. He has, unfortunately, moved from Medina County, but hopes eventually to move back. She hopes he will get re-involved in some aspect. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution appointing Carolyn Shaw as the acting Medina County Recorder. The current Recorder, Nancy Abbott, will resign from her uncompleted term of office as of January 1, 2007. The Ohio Revised Code allows the Commissioner to appoint a person to hold that position on an acting basis until such time the Central Committee of the Medina County Republican Party appoints an individual to take the office. Ms. Ray moved to approve the appointment and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Ms. Ray said Ms. Shaw is certainly familiar with the operations of the Recorder's Office and will do a wonderful job. Mr. Hambley added that she is inheriting an excellent operation. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Shaw has always been close to Ms. Abbott so they will not see much change, and they appreciate her efforts. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read a resolution reappointing James Bigam as Commissioners' representative to the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC), and Antony Kibogo and Roger Ingraham as Commissioners' alternate representatives on the MCDAC Board with their terms expiring December 31, 2009. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. 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.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution assigning the Enterprise Zone Agreement for Owens Corning, A Delaware Corporation, to Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC, effective January 1, 2007. The company had gone through Chapter 11-related issues and the Commissioners had passed previous resolutions regarding that transfer. This resolution would assign the Enterprise Zone Agreement and all its obligations to the newly reorganized LLC that will be totally responsible for the terms and conditions of the agreement. Mrs. Geissman added that it has been approved by the City of Medina. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Bill Whelen, 3253 Hardwood Hollow, Medina Township, said a couple of weeks ago he asked about the legal opinion from one of the law firms regarding the financing options for the proposed fiber optic loop project. Mr. Hambley said the Commissioner have received a copy of it. Ms. Ray said they received the opinion from Squires, Sanders and Dempsey, but they are waiting for some comments from the Finance Director and County Administrator. Mr. Hambley said some of the information was posted as confidential because it involves attorney/client privilege of some of the financial issues because they are the county's bond counsel. Next week they should be able to find out what portion they can release. There are some issues whether the bond proceeds can be used for the indefensible right of use and the law firm responded that they cannot be used for that purpose.

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Mr. Whelan asked if the Economic Development Corporation or the county is looking into alternate financing such as grants or venture capital for the project. Mr. Hambley said they have applied for a number of grants. Jim Doutt applied for a grant from Senator Mike DeWine, but was unsuccessful given the outcome of the election. The appropriations battle in Congress resulted in their only acting on two appropriation bills of about 11. It is unlikely that any of the other funding sources are going to materialize. They are waiting until the requests for proposals come in to see which vendors are willing to “put their name on the dotted line” and for how much. Mr. Whelan suggested that they contact a federal agency, DRUS, that gives away millions of dollars for broadband projects. Mr. Hambley said he would verify if they were aware of that source and thanked him for bringing that up.

Commissioners recessed at 10:02 a.m. to move to the Conference Room and reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman presented a taxing option regarding The University of Akron having a need for resources for a shortfall of \$1.3 million for the Medina County University Center (MCUC) that The University of Akron brought up at a meeting last Tuesday. The person sitting next to her asked her why the county does not give them a loan, and she told them that would not help the problem of needing more resources. The Commissioners are using one of the three available mills of the Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) that they have enacted to pay off the Jail. The Jail will be paid off at the end of 2009. She proposed adding one mill (the fourth dollar) for a period of two years to cover the \$1.3 million shortfall which would allow them to go forward with the 33,000 square foot facility that they need. She had Finance Director Scott Miller prepare this paper with the RPTT information for them. Although the real estate market is probably not as strong as it was, projections show it would take one year and seven months to raise that amount if they went by the average of the last three years. That is why she said two years, or until the \$1.3 million is covered.

Mr. Hambley said he met with Beth Stroble on December 15, along with Jim Doutt, Sue Lauscher, Ron Paydo, and Holly Harris Baines, Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, as part of the Strategy Committee. Ms. Stroble, Sr. Vice President and Provost, asked about funding for the anticipated shortfall because of the uncertainties with the state’s capital budget. Ms. Stroble also asked if they could be included in the sales tax proposal by the schools; this would only involve future funding for the University Center. Ms. Stroble made it very clear that the University was going to come up with their resources for the funding shortfall. Mrs. Geissman said that is not what Ms. Stroble said last week. Mr. Hambley said Ms. Stroble was going to meet with AU President Louis Proenza on Monday and they were scheduled for a follow up meeting Tuesday afternoon before her meeting at 2:00 in the Conference Room with Chris Jakab and he, to go over a prioritization to see what would be cut if they could not meet the shortfall. There are already foundations poured and a contractor has pulled off the job after building a 22,000 square foot foundation. They would have to have the contractor return and add to the foundations if they are going to build a 33,000 square foot building. That meeting was cancelled because it was his understanding they had the dollars. Ms. Ray said she had breakfast with Holly Harris Baines last Tuesday and she indicated that the University is committed to finding the \$1.3 million. The purpose of what was said at Tuesday’s task force meeting was to try to encourage more corporate or private contributions. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Stroble was very strong in her comments. Tri-C and Lorain Community Colleges would like to participate. That cannot be done unless they put in the 33,000 square foot building. Everyone at the meeting agreed that they need to go forward with 33,000 square feet if it is possible. Ms. Ray said she needed to talk to Holly Harris Baines. Mrs. Geissman said she talked to her since the meeting. Ms. Ray said they have the money in other departments, but at the end of the year everything goes back. Mr. Hambley said there are other projects going on and it is a matter of timing, cash flow and other finances. The University never said the county needed to come up with the deficit, other than in the future.

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Mrs. Geissman said they did not know the county had a way to do that until she mentioned it as a possible solution to their problem.

Mr. Hambley said he would not raise taxes without going to the voters on the issue and he does not think this is appropriate at this point. One meeting Akron University said they have enough with their resources and the second meeting they are trying to play Santa Claus and give them some money and would get nothing for it. Mrs. Geissman said they would get something for this and the sellers of homes would get something for this. The sellers of homes are the ones who would normally pay the RPTT unless by contract the buyer has agreed to pay them. This is a selling tool for anyone who is selling their home; that they would be able to bring a larger university facility to Medina County. Commissioners would want to have a hearing with the Board of Realtors just as they did when they chose to use \$1 to pay for the Jail. They cannot do that at this point because the Jail will not be paid for until the end of 2009.

Ms. Ray said the other problem they have is the two large constructions projects coming up, the courthouse and the additional Jail pod. Mrs. Geissman said she assumed from prior discussion that money was coming from the \$1 that they are presently paying for the Jail. Mr. Hambley said it would be paid for with the growth from the General Fund, through the sales tax and other property tax. Mrs. Geissman said she thought this was an easy way to make sure that the county was able to get the 33,000 square foot facility that Medina County needs. This would only be for two years and it only affects those that are selling their homes. To have the university here is certainly a benefit in selling their home. She talked to Holly Harris Baines after the meeting; she is very excited and hopes the other Commissioners would support this idea. Mr. Hambley said, of course, she would be happy because they would be getting \$1.3 million that they were not anticipating. Ms. Ray said university officials already told them they were going to come up with the money and then Mrs. Geissman offered to pay it. Mrs. Geissman said university officials did not say that at the meeting. Ms. Ray said she had breakfast with Ms. Harris Baines on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Geissman said she would talk to Ms. Harris Baines again and tell her that Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray do not support it. Mr. Hambley said he supports the University Center; he does not support raising taxes without going to the vote of the people. Mrs. Geissman said this is not a tax that affects all the people in Medina. Mr. Hambley said it is still a tax. He said there is a benefit to households, there is a benefit to businesses, and there is a benefit to everyone with the facility being built. The concept from the very beginning was for local resources, and Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Bahr promised the land and that was accomplished. They also helped The University of Akron by getting grants and helped try to reduce the cost of construction. Any local resources typically get something back in terms of reduction in fees or tuition costs and that has been discussed several times. Ms. Stroble mentioned that over a year ago saying that any kind of local contribution in the future ought to be tied to a reduction in fees or tuition. That is how it is done elsewhere. After the meeting on the 15th, Ms. Lauscher called him that afternoon and said that should, in the future, the county provide funding, there would also be a reduction in tuition, and he said, absolutely. That has been the discussion all along. Any kind of monetary contribution to this project would have to have a requisite reduction in costs to make it cheaper for local people to attend. He said he is very supportive of the University Center. Overall long-term, the University certainly benefits the county and they should develop a plan to see that the total phase is to be built out, but he is disturbed by the mixed message they got from them. Mrs. Geissman said she is too, because it was a very straightforward message; they were short \$1.3 million. They cannot count on the \$750,000 they were supposed to be getting from Congressman Regula (because of the appropriation bills) and they had no resources and were looking for resources. This was a resource she thought would be easy for the county to do for only a period of two years to make sure they have the 33,000 square foot facility. Mr. Hambley said, other than an emergency basis, he could not support raising taxes without a vote, even for a good purpose. It is something he obviously supports, but also they heard from the university that they didn't need it. Mrs. Geissman said it is interesting that they would stand up and say they needed it.

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Ms. Ray said The University of Akron was looking for private foundation money. Mr. Hambley said they were not looking for the county to come up with the difference. Mrs. Geissman said she does not think they realized the county had an option. Mr. Hambley said he discussed various options they had and it would have to go to the voters, at least in his mind. That has always been their way with the RPTT; the Park District wants one; the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Transportation Improvement District (TID) and EMA have wanted it. Ms. Ray said there has been a communication error. Mr. Hambley said the discussion (prior to Ms. Ray being on the Board) with former Commissioners Tom Bahr and Sara Pavlovicz was always that it had to go to the voters before they could even support it. Mrs. Geissman said the most important thing is that she was looking at bringing a facility that is the correct size to Medina County and building it now, rather than waiting where it would cost more dollars down the road, also being able to include all the schools. Mr. Hambley said Lorain Community College already has programs at the Career Center. The University Center is in negotiations with Stark Technical and that is the reason that First Energy considered adding the dental portion. They would like the 33,000 square feet, but it was communicated on the 15th that this was something they would be able to come up with the resources for, and if it required Commissioners to come up with the dollars, that is just brand new. Geissman said she would report back to Ms. Harris Baines and tell her there is a mixed message going on because they said if they don't get the \$1.3 million and a commitment for it in a very short period of time, they will be forced to build 22,000 square feet. Mr. Hambley said they already had foundations for 22,000 square feet and they sized the retention and catch basins for 22,000 square feet. This issue came up three months ago that they were going through the permitting process for a 22,000 square foot building without informing anybody that they reduced the size. There are some other issues through Planning and Mrs. Geissman was aware that he communicated to The University of Akron that they were not happy of the smaller size. All along, Ms. Harris Baines and Ms. Stroble said they would probably be able to get the 33,000 square feet. There has been a weekly conference call with them regarding the building issues such as planning, highway and sanitary. They have gone so far down the road with the 22,000 square foot building that it is hard to believe, at the last minute, they think they can come up with \$1.3 million and jump to 33,000 square feet. They apparently already had plans to do that or they are trying to embarrass the Commissioners to try to get them to come up with the dollars. Mrs. Geissman said she does not know, but that was the message. Mr. Hambley said it is very disturbing to hear that one week they are going to be able to come up with resources and something different the following week. They were going to build 33,000 square feet and not complete some of the rooms by going to private financing for that. There is also the option of naming rights that indicate their contribution to higher education. That is common to get corporate gifts from private foundations. Mrs. Geissman said she knows people that she could go to for a \$250,000 gift for naming a room after someone, but she thought this was a better solution and, certainly a partnership with the University to show the county's strong support. She thinks the real estate market would see the RPTT, for this purpose, as a good tool to help sell their homes by paying \$1 per \$1,000 more than last year. They could tell the potential client to come to Medina County when they are moving into the Cleveland area. Being a former realtor, this is the first thing that came to mind when Ms. Harris Baines was stating the shortfall of \$1.3 million. Mr. Hambley said this is not just up to the Board of Realtors; it is really up to the voters. Mrs. Geissman said it is up to the three Commissioners to make a decision on whether or not they would like to increase it. It does not even have to go before the general public. Mr. Hambley said the RPTT is a permissive tax that they have the legal authority to levy, but the question is whether they want to go around the voters or sell it to the voters that this is something worthwhile. It is hard to even consider putting it on the ballot if they already said they are going to come up with the \$1.3 million by other means. They are so far along in the building process; there is no way for them to turn back. Mrs. Geissman said at the meeting they said they had a shortfall and they do not have resources for it. She will give Ms. Harris Baines a call and find out why they are getting two messages on that.

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Mrs. Geissman discussed the Commissioner appointments to the departments. She said Ms. Ray sent her a note saying she was sorry she cannot honor Mrs. Geissman's wishes. Mrs. Geissman said she has been a Commissioner for 14 years and they have had a change of Presidents every three years. The Commissioners have always respected each other's desires and she has never had something taken away from her that she had been working on, nor has she ever been forced to take something she did not want. There is no department she does not want because she will work with any department. Ms. Ray asked her to tell her which departments she really wanted to keep; she told her and those were the departments she took away from her. Mrs. Geissman asked why Ms. Ray did this because she has been working very closely with the Office for Older Adults, she has been an advocate for senior citizens for 35 years, and she has done many things in that department to make their quality of life better. She is presently working with the OOA director and the president of their advisory committee to restructure their bylaws. Their group is not working like it was intended to 30 years ago when the bylaws were drawn up so they have met about three times in the last three months in getting that ready for a change. They are to get back with her in the very near future to bring it to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Also, she has been getting the director to be more aware of what the senior citizens really want at the center. For the past one and a half years she has received many comments from senior citizens that they were not getting the services they wanted so she worked with Debra Radecky and Brunswick and Wadsworth Centers to make sure that they got it turned around to where they are really meeting the needs of today's seniors. They have come a long way and there is still a lot of work to do so she does not want to be pulled away from that. Ms. Ray said, unfortunately, these Commissioner jobs as well as these liaison assignments are not lifetime appointments. She said Mr. Hambley asked for Job & Family Services and the Office for Older Adults and she made sure Mrs. Geissman kept Job & Family Services. She cannot always get everything she wants. Mrs. Geissman said she does not see where any of Ms. Ray or Mr. Hambley's departments were given away that they are actively working on. Ms. Ray said she has spent much time with Child Support and Human Resources. Mrs. Geissman asked her if she was working on a project. Ms. Ray said Human Resources is constantly looking at department meetings and additional staff training opportunities. Child Support is in the middle of their transition for the new paperless computer system. Ms. Ray said they had to even out the workload. She had 11 departments last year and Mrs. Geissman did not have nearly that many. Mrs. Geissman said she did not, but that was between Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley last year. She took whatever was given to her. Ms. Ray said she took whatever she was given when she was first elected and now it is time to rotate some of these departments and to share. Mrs. Geissman said it is fine to rotate and that is why she only marked three areas she wanted to stay in because she is working on them. She has never had an incoming President tell her that they were taking something away when she was working on it. Mr. Hambley said he made some recommendations and he agrees with Ms. Ray's final assignments. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Ray also took away the projects she is actively working on. She took away Economic Development and has given it to Mr. Hambley. She is actively working on a project called Cabela's and she would like to, and will continue to, work on that committee until that is resolved. But, to take away everything she is working on leaves her nothing but department heads and elected official's departments where there is nothing there to grasp onto, to work on, or do anything with.

Mrs. Geissman said another department she lost was the Sheriff's Office. She and Mr. Hambley both agreed that when Ms. Ray was elected, Ms. Ray would not become the liaison to Sheriff Hassinger because she has been his campaign manager and the Sheriff has publicly stated that Ms. Ray is like a daughter to him. That is wrong and Ms. Ray's reason for wanting to be the Sheriff's liaison is the construction project. Mrs. Geissman said she has been working on trying to get that pod for the Sheriff for several years. Money has been the problem. Mrs. Geissman has also been working on mental health issues with the Sheriff's Office and they have a meeting scheduled for January. Mr. Hambley said he is glad she is bringing these up because, unfortunately, she has been doing a lot of solo work on those projects and that is one of the reasons he supported the change. He said she has not been keeping them

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informed as a Board, and Mrs. Geissman said she most certainly kept them informed. Mr. Hambley said she has breakfasts that the Sheriff's Office puts on that the other Commissioners are not informed of that involved other elected officials. Mrs. Geissman said the Sheriff does his own inviting for these breakfasts. Mr. Hambley said she, as liaison, is aware of who gets invited and who is informed. He thinks some of these items, particularly as an initiative for the county as it moves forward; they all need to be informed about it. Mr. Hambley said he was not interested in "nit-picking" each of those; he agreed with the judgment of Ms. Ray on the appointments. If anything, his recommendations were even harsher, from Mrs. Geissman's perspective. Ms. Ray said the Sheriff is well aware of this change and he is fine with it. If Mrs. Geissman would like further clarification, she should talk to him directly. Mrs. Geissman said she suspected that by what the Sheriff last week that Ms. Ray had already talked to him. Of course the Sheriff would love to have her as liaison because Ms. Ray would not question him like she does and Ms. Ray said she does not believe that. She told Mrs. Geissman she is treading on very unsafe territory for herself. The Sheriff is very close to all three Commissioners. Mrs. Geissman said she and the Sheriff have a very good working rapport and there are things that are not resolved yet that she would like to resolve with him. Mr. Hambley said she, as Commissioner, can still do that. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Ray can still do the construction at the Courthouse without having to have the Sheriff's Office assignment, to do the work out there. Ms. Ray said, since both projects would be going almost simultaneously, it would only make sense to align those departments. Mrs. Geissman asked Ms. Ray if she had a problem working with her because she has been working on this for a long time and when Mr. Hambley brought up that he wanted Ms. Ray to do the Courthouse project and he mentioned the Sheriff's Office appointment, Mrs. Geissman said she would continue on that, but she would support Ms. Ray doing the Courthouse project. Mrs. Geissman said she has done a lot of work out there and she wants to continue it. Ms. Ray said, at this point, these are the assignments that she thinks both she and Mr. Hambley are comfortable with. Mrs. Geissman said it is nice that she made a decision and did not include her. Mr. Hambley said she was included and Mrs. Geissman said she was told what it was going to be. Ms. Ray said she asked her what her top three departments were that she wanted to keep; Mr. Hambley wanted Job and Family Services and the Office for Older Adults. Mrs. Geissman said she would give him Job and Family Services. Mr. Hambley said he was fine with Ms. Ray's selections. Mrs. Geissman said she told them what she wanted and they took them away from her. Ms. Ray said, not all of them; she can't always get everything she wants and she can't always get her way. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Ray has taken all of her responsibilities away from her. Ms. Ray said Mrs. Geissman has the Railroad Safety Task Force, Clerk of Courts, Human Resources, Job and Family Services, Planning Services, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Treasurer. They evened up the workload. She cannot always have her favorites all the time. Mrs. Geissman asked Ms. Ray why she still has the courts, Workforce Development and Animal Shelter. These are the things she has been working on and are her "favorites". Mr. Hambley has the Sanitary Engineer, the Highway Engineers and Transit, which are the ones he had been working on. She asked Ms. Ray why she did not give some of these away. Ms. Ray said they let her keep Job and Family Services and Railroad Safety Task Force. She said Mrs. Geissman knows that it is logical to even up the workload. Mrs. Geissman said she does not mind evening up the workload. There were nine things and she only asked to keep three and Ms. Ray had six to choose from to give to someone else. Ms. Ray said, based on the recommendations she got from Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley, these are the assignments she is comfortable with. Mrs. Geissman said the recommendations she gave Ms. Ray were the ones she took away from her and she does not appreciate that one bit. Ms. Ray said she is sorry she feels that way. Mrs. Geissman said she never, in the 14 years she has been here, not had cooperation and respect from her fellow Commissioners when they worked on projects. Ms. Ray said respect had to be earned. Mrs. Geissman said respect is to be earned and she absolutely agrees with her. She has been here 14 years and she has never had disrespect until this came along. She thinks Ms. Ray should have enough respect for her that she honors her wishes in the projects she is working on. Ms. Ray said when her issues are in contradiction to everybody else's wishes then, unfortunately, they have to share. She got Job and Family Services and Railroad Safety Task Force as well as

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several other departments. The workload is now fairly even and will make them a much more productive Board. She wanted Human Resources and asked what the problem was. Mrs. Geissman said she wanted Human Resources and Ms. Ray told her she wanted to keep it. Mrs. Geissman respected her wishes and let Ms. Ray keep it two years ago. Ms. Ray said that is why she feels they should rotate these things. Mrs. Geissman said they can rotate some of the things she is not working on; that is what she is telling them. Ms. Ray kept the ones she is working on and Mr. Hambley has kept the ones he is working on. Mrs. Geissman said she gave Ms. Ray the courts when she asked for them, and Ms. Ray did not have the courage to talk to those Judges regarding 40% increases because they were her friends. She asked them to be that respectful to her. Ms. Ray said they have been and she can't always get what she wants and is sorry. Mrs. Geissman said she will not be voting to approve this and she thinks it is very disrespectful for both of them. She told Mr. Hambley that it really goes back to what he said about the Sheriff and Ms. Ray and he knows that is a mistake. Mr. Hambley said she is talking about a conversation they had four years ago when Ms. Ray first joined the Board. Mrs. Geissman said nothing has changed. Mr. Hambley said Ms. Ray has demonstrated the ability to work with the Sheriff and he thinks she can be objective, if there was some public concern with someone that close working on behalf of the Board. He said he feels more comfortable with Ms. Ray working with the Sheriff than he does with Mrs. Geissman working with the Sheriff. Mrs. Geissman said that is unfortunate because he has publicly said Ms. Ray is like a daughter to the Sheriff and it is very difficult to deal with family. Mrs. Geissman said she is very disappointed with both of them. She could say more, but she won't publicly.

There was a short discussion about the tax incentive being offered to Cabela's to put them on a "level playing field" with Summit County to attract them to build a store in Medina County. Mr. Hambley asked about the newspaper article about Cabela's and the concern that they were not informed that there were some negotiations involving the county and the county authority. The article mentioned that Mrs. Geissman had talked to Representative Chuck Calvert to make sure Medina County was included in the reauthorization. Mrs. Geissman said the newspaper was wrong; Mr. Calvert called her. Mr. Hambley said she indicated support for the county to get the same authority for the sales tax that Summit County had. Mrs. Geissman said it was already done when he called her. Mr. Hambley said it had not passed. Mrs. Geissman said he had already put it in the bill before he called her. Mr. Hambley asked if she communicated on it as a Commissioner or as a Board. Mrs. Geissman said she simply thanked him for thinking of Medina County and putting them on the same playing field as Summit County. He had already done it for Summit County. Mr. Hambley said he wanted to make sure that she had not communicated to Mr. Calvert as a Board because they had not discussed the sales tax abatement. Mrs. Geissman agreed. Mr. Hambley said the article implied that she advocated to Mr. Calvert on behalf of the Board. She did not talk to the Board and they knew nothing of it. He wants to make it clear that he does not think any county should have that authority to offer tax incentives to businesses such as Cabela's. The state is collecting 5-1/5% and if they find it so important to get an out-of-state firm to come to this state, the state should be involved. They should not be asking County Commissioners because they would just be causing one county to compete against another county. Unfortunately, he thinks Medina County will be used by Cabela's and they will go back and forth between the counties until everybody ends up losing and Cabela's ends up winning. A bidding war is not in the best public interest. They were not asked their opinion by the state legislature whether they wanted that authority. Mrs. Geissman added that Summit County called Representative Chuck Calvert and he did not know that Medina County was involved in the discussion. When he found out through the newspaper that Medina County was interested as well, he added Medina County to have the ability to offer incentives.

Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners received a letter from Senator Ron Amstutz thanking them for urging the passage of HB 378 that would exempt active-duty military pay from the state income tax. He reported that the provision was included in another bill, HB73, which was passed by both houses of the legislature last week.

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Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office presented the winner of the 2007 County Engineer's map picture contest. The Commissioners offered their input in its selection. Of the 57 amazing contest entries, a beautiful picture of a barn in Brunswick Hills Township taken by Stephanie Moore of Granger Township, won the contest. It is located near the intersection of Laurel and Substation Roads.

At 10:40 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 12/26/06

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-1180	COMMENDING JOHN LUND FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
06-1181	COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER THEMES FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
06-1182	COMMENDING NANCY ABBOTT FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO MEDINA COUNTY
06-1183	TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-1184	APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBDIVISION PHASE I IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
06-1185	AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
06-1186	AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
06-1187	ADOPTION OF THE 2007 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE
06-1188	CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
06-1189	EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
06-1190	REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND
06-1191	AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND
06-1192	AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS

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REVENUE LINE ITEM

- 06-1193 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 06-1194 CASH TRANSFER OF INTEREST INCOME FOR VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEER FUNDS
- 06-1195 CASH TRANSFER OF INTEREST INCOME FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 06-1196 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 06-1197 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 7400 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 06-1198 DECLARING INTERESTED VENDORS FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL PHONE BIDS FOR 2007
- 06-1199 RENEWING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE REGULA
- 6.1200 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR AN INMATE LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL
- 06-1201 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME
- 06-1202 APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-1203 AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-1204 APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT
- 06-1205 APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR THE 2007 PAYROLL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 293
- 06-1206 VOID
- 06-1207 APPROVING A WAGE INCREASE PURSUANT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING MATTHEW GAUGLER, A MEMBER OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 3 AND EMPLOYEE OF THE SANITARY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT AT THE LIVERPOOL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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- 06-1208 APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

- 06-1209 APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR THE 2007 PAYROLL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING JOB & FAMILY SERVICES EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 293

- 06-1210 APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR THE 2007 PAYROLL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 47

- 06-1211 APPOINTING AN ACTING COUNTY RECORDER

- 06-1212 REAPPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

- 06-1213 ALLOWING EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

- 06-1214 ASSIGNING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS FOR OWENS CORNING, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, TO OWENS CORNING ROOFING AND ASPHALT, LLC, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

Pam Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman