

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2004

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

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

There were no minutes for review and approval today.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution approving the final plat for the Sutton Place Subdivision in Medina Township. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the final plat; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the personnel changes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the appropriations by transferring and increasing appropriations, expenditure adjustments, approving a 2-year lease renewal with Highland Court LLC for office space for the Child Support Enforcement Agency, declaring county property as excess property, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$561,591.06. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 5 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution accepting and awarding bids for the Recorders Office alterations. The alterations are for the space formally occupied by the Board of Elections. There were 4 proposals received and there is a letter attached from the architect recommending award to the lowest bidder, Seitz Builders, in the amount of \$53,700. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept and award the bid; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Ms. Ray noted that there was a lot of additional expense due to work done to locate and repair water leaks at the part of the building. Those leaks had to be taken care of before the alteration work was started.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to accept and award the bid showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution amending the sewer tap-in fees and water tap-in fees as discussed previously. The amendments are for developers. The rate expires at the end of the year and they will be going with a 5-year period for the fees. The amendment increases the tap-in fees by \$100 each year during the 5-year period. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mrs. Geissman noted that in comparison of fees in other areas, our fees are very low.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the fee amendments showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Lynn Remington, Interim County Home Superintendent, stated that they had 4 inquiries and 1 admission last month. They currently have 48 residents. One part-time LPN went to full-time and a new part-time LPN was hired. They had 5 individuals doing about 40 hours of community service. They are working with the Career Center to prepare a video and scrapbook for public relations. There was an inspection of the fire alarm and they complimented the new fire alarm system. They also passed the food inspection and critical control of food preparation. The parking lot is paved and lined with Christmas lights. The rock with past Commissioners' names has been delivered and is set up in the front yard. They have also had painting, new

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shelves, and counters done. There are 20 additional programs coming in for the residents this month along with the normal monthly and Christmas programs. There are 12 Christmas trees up and the Home is decorated. The Friends of the County Home have donated \$10 for individual gifts for each resident. They have received donations of 3 honey-baked hams, ceiling fan, soap, wrapping paper, cards, fruit baskets, candy and 5 turkeys; one turkey is 50 pounds and another is close to 40 pounds. Their Christmas dinner will be December 22.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, stated that they have about 200 open cases and their fees are up, with the total being near what they ended with last year. Their 18 year old copier is being replaced by one from JFS, who had 2 high capacity machines available. The one they are receiving is a 1998 model and will cost about \$600 to repair. The cost for repairs will be split between his office, MCDAC and the tobacco grant MCDAC received.

Gary Searle, Workforce Development Director, presented a resolution authorizing the submission of employment and training administration grant applications to the U.S. Department of Labor. These are for training grants for the building trades in the amount of \$447,345 and for the health care industry in the amount of \$218,702. A resolution appointing Victoria Tiff to the Workforce Investment Board for WIA Area 20 was also presented. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 2 resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Ms. Ray noted that the grant application has been worked on for over a year and the funding will be available for the beginning of next year. She also noted that she looking forward to Ms. Tiff working on the WIA Board.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 2 Workforce resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Frank Ehrman, York Township Trustee, expressed his thanks for the cornerstone with the past Commissioners' names being delivered to the County Home. He noted that when the names were research they were in office from 1886-1897, which was during the time the County Home was built. An article in the Helping Hands paper helped get funding to make the move possible. He noted that the names inscribed are not easy to read and asked about getting a historical plaque. He noted that Lynda Bowers, Lafayette Township Trustee, was present because the Home is located in that township. They are in agreement that getting a plaque is desirable. He read from an article that the salaries of the Commissioners at that time were from \$492 to \$561 a year.

Commissioners agreed that getting a plaque is a good idea, and Mr. Hambley added that they can start looking at resources to fund the plaque.

Ms. Bowers suggested that if there is a problem using County funds, a fundraiser would be possible.

There was no further public comment.

Ms. Ray noted that the discussion session is scheduled next and will be followed by an Executive Session.

Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal issue and labor negotiations following the discussion session; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recess the meeting at 9:50 and reconvened at 9:55 for the discussion session.

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Ken Hotz stated that Akron University is sending someone today to pick up the signed agreement for land to the University. Once this is signed it will be sent back. Their deadline due to a grant is the 15th. The deed will be prepared for signatures after the agreement is done.

John Stricker added that the resolution authorizing the agreement also authorizes this Board to sign the deed when it is completed.

Ken noted that he and Chris Jakab have a meeting with Al Zelina to review the schedule for everything and a progress report was sent in last week to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD).

Mr. Hambley noted that Darryl Reinhold of ODOD stated that our technology park is “in a race” with another in Tuscarawas County to see which park breaks ground first.

Ken stated that there is talk about bidding in February.

Gary Berkowitz noted that there is a 2:00 p.m. presentation on the 457 tax deferred annuity plan for departments in this building. This is the third company, along with the CCAO and State of Ohio that Commissioners approved to offer this type of plan.

Ms. Ray presented information from the City of Wadsworth requesting that the entire city be declared an enterprise zone. City council passed an ordinance supporting this.

There was a discussion relative to the entire city being an enterprise zone, noting that Medina and Brunswick have certain areas that are within an enterprise zone, but not the entire cities. The City would like Commissioners’ approval next week and it was agreed that a resolution could be prepared for next week’s meeting. It was agreed to have Jim Douth, Economic Development Corporation Director, and Rob Peters, City of Wadsworth, at next week’s meeting to discuss this prior to approval. This will also give all Commissioners a chance to review the information from the City.

There was a discussion relative to the payment of a bill for inmate legal research. The attorney that held the contract for this assigned work to another attorney. The contract with the attorney does not allow for assigning the work; however, the other attorney did perform the work. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, has stated that the bill for the 2nd attorney should be paid as he did provide the service. Chris Jakab stated that the billing was consistent with past billing and he noted that the Jail staff verifies when the attorney is present. Concern was raised because work was assigned and it was not allowed in the contract and also the billing from the 2nd attorney needs more detail as he listed meeting with a client in one case and the contract does not provide for legal advice. Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, stated she would review this further will Bill to see if the County can take recourse with the 1st attorney and to clear up issues with the billing. This needs to be taken care of before the end of the year.

There was no further business before the Board for the discussion session and they recessed into Executive Session, which was voted on earlier.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting immediately following the Executive Session; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the Clerk received bids for aggregates for the County Engineer from Steins Inc., Shelly Company, C&S Limestone Inc., Schemrich Bros. Inc., Seville Sand & Gravel Inc., Medina Supply Company, and Osborne Medina Inc. The bids were turned over to the Engineer’s Office for review and recommendation.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 04-1108 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
- 04-1109 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE SUTTON PLACE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP LOT 4
- 04-1110 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 04-1111 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 04-1112 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 04-1113 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 04-1114 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE RENEWAL WITH HIGHLAND COURT,L.L.C. FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
- 04-1115 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 04-1116 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BIDS FOR MEDINA COUTNY RECORDERS OFFICE ALTRATION
- 04-1117 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SEWER TAP-IN FEES AND THE WATER TAP-IN FEES WITHIN THE MEDINA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT AND THE MEDINA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
- 04-1118 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYEMNT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
- 04-1119 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEDINA COUNTY MEMBER TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR WIA AREA 20 (SUMMIT AND MEDINA COUNTIES)

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon A. Ray

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk