

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the February 7 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray voting AYE with Mrs. Geissman abstaining.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions to accept Champagne Shores and Knots Landing in Emerald Lakes Subdivision Phase 1 as public roads, approving the final plat for The Ridge Subdivision in Sharon Township, approving annual assessment and establishing a public watercourse for Cobblestone Park Subdivision Phase 1B in Montville Township, authorizing the Engineer to regulate traffic in Hinckley Township for Buzzard Day, and authorizing the advertisement for bids for bituminous patch mix. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 5 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the temporary appropriation resolution by increasing appropriations, authorizing health insurance rates for employees, accepting & awarding the bid for the Adult Probation Department oral drug testing supplies and service, authorizing bids for janitorial services for various county buildings, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$690,209.07. The resolution on health insurance rates sets the funding rates at the revised levels, which are effective April 1. There were 2 bidders for the drug testing supplies & services and based on the recommendation of Adult Probation the award is to Bendiner & Schlesinger, who provided good service under the old contract. The new contract/award is for 2 years. The janitorial services will be bid in order for a new contract to be awarded and effective April 1. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 8 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Gary presented a resolution approving personnel changes for employees of the Sanitary Engineer's Department. This is for the rate increases of their collective bargaining employees. They have ratified a one year contract for a 3.5% increase. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the changes; Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Mrs. Geissman complimented Gary on his work on this contract.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the rate increases for the Sanitary Engineer's employees showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions for today.

It was noted that John will be "in jail" for Muscular Dystrophy tomorrow.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution accepting bids for the Windfall Tank Rehabilitation for 2005. The bids that were received are still being analyzed. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the bids; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, noted that the next zoning workshop will be March 10 regarding planned unit developments. Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, will be the presenter at this workshop. It had been mentioned that the February workshop wasn't well attended and she stated that after last year's workshops they asked for ideas of topics for this year. This year's workshops are set up to address specific topics, which is different from last year's schedules. Site planning was the discussion in February and they are hopeful that the idea of specific topic workshops will work out. They had a good turnout at the zoning inspectors meeting on February 17, including inspectors from Stark and Summit Counties. There will be a work session at 5:30 p.m. prior to the next Planning Commission meeting on March 2.

Patrice presented a resolution amending the operating policies and procedures for the Department of Planning Services. On page 2 there is clarification on township-initiated zoning text. Under technical support for townships and municipalities there is clarification of providing 10 previously created maps annually and that additional maps or technical design services could be purchased. She noted that they provide 10 maps annually, but a lot of communities want additional information on the maps that requires additional staff time to prepare. This clarifies that there is a charge for additional work. The Planning Commission approved recommending these changes at their January meeting. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, reviewed their January report, noting that they are starting the year as in the past, with increases in permits. They increased from 51 single family permits last January to 60 this January. Commercial has had a dramatic increase, but many of these projects are around for 4-6 months. This should be another good year for commercial development. Relative to changes in the State's commercial building code, which was to be effective March 1, the State has decided to allow contractors/applicants to choose between use of the old code or the new code between March 1 and September 1. They cannot mix the use of the 2 codes. When this has happened in the past the applicants usually stay with the old code for most of that time period. The State increased the structural code, but it doesn't have much affect until they get into buildings with 4+ stories. The residential building code, which also increased the structure of exterior walls, is effective April 1. Due to possible confusion with the effective dates, his office is hosting a meeting tomorrow with building officials from Summit, Wayne and Portage Counties as well as our 3 cities, Akron and Wooster to make sure everyone is "on the same page". They will then set up a meeting with contractors to review this. He reported that their new permit computer system is running parallel with the old system. The vendor takes the information from the old system to the new system weekly and it appears all of the glitches have been worked out.

Don Whitner, Interim Transportation Service Director, reviewed their January statistics. They had a combined total of 9,292 passengers, traveled 72,049 passenger miles, and used 8,758 gallons of fuel. He noted that they are working with JFS to have ID badges made for all of their drivers. He noted that he will also be "locked up" for Muscular Dystrophy tomorrow.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution approving the petition for annexation of 5.1749 acres of land from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the annexation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution appointing Lisa Chapman to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy that expires December 31, 2005. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the appointment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a new D3 liquor permit notice for Steve's Dakota Grill in Medina Township. This is for informational purposes.

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The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the expenses; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment and there was no one present wishing to comment.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the discussion session will be followed by an Executive Session to discuss personnel/appointment. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session after the discussion; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:01 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley suggested, as a result of the public hearings for the Access Management Regulations, that the minutes, requests and comments be turned over to the Advisory Committee for their review with a report back to the Commissioners. Everyone agreed to this suggestion.

Mr. Hambley stated that all of the Transit Advisory Board members have been advised of upcoming ODOT transit board training in Kent and that most of them will be attending. As done in the past for other boards, he would like them reimbursed for their mileage. He will also be making arrangements to attend.

Mr. Hambley gave the others a reminder that he will not be at next week's meeting. He will be attending a conference on funding for the economic future. Team NEO received some of the first round of funding and is supposed to be providing a report.

Ms. Ray stated that a request was received from Rod Knight for permission to use the portion of the copyrighted highway map that covers Valley City. Their chamber is creating a website and they would also like to use this for their community guide directory. Mike Salay, County Engineer, said there is no problem with this and that there should be formal permission given. It was agreed to allow the use with recognition that it is from the Medina County Highway Map.

Mrs. Geissman announced receipt of \$30,000 from the North American Railroad Foundation for the 3 crossings that are being upgraded. This is being funneled through the Highway department and Doug King will be talking to Chris Jakab about setting up a fund. It is recommended that the fund be under the Railroad Safety Task Force. She noted that the Garman Road crossing is functioning and a ribbon cutting is being planned. It looks like all 3 will be done by April or May.

Chris Jakab stated that he met with the courts relative to furthering the budget process and he will keep the Commissioners apprised.

Chris also noted that the employee enrollment forms for the health insurance changes were to be in by last Friday and 99.9% were received. Most of the questions received about the changes involved prescription. Through questioning he stated that he is unsure of the percentage of employees that signed up under the 2 plans offered. The Auditor's payroll office will be turning in that information and he will tally the percentages for the 2 plans. He noted that not as many signed up for Plan B as had been anticipated.

Chris reported that he is meeting with Mr. Hambley about the budget later today and that he will be ready next week to meet with the Board to discuss the budget.

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

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Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0124 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0125 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CHAMPAGNE SHORES AND KNOTTS LANDING IN EMERALD LAKES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 AS PUBLIC ROADS IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

- 05-0126 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RIDGE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LOT 13 OF SHARON TOWNSHIP

- 05-0127 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...55.5491 ACRES OF LAND IN LOTS 21,22 & 32 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP...COBBLESTONE PARK SUBDIVISION PHASE 1B AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 05-0128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO REGULATE TRAFFIC ON A SECTION OF STATE ROAD (C.H. 44) SOUTH OF BELLUS ROAD (C.H. 140) IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

- 05-0129 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BITUMINOUS PATCH MIX FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- 05-0130 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0131 CASH TRANSFERS TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 05-0132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEERING FUNDS TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

- 05-0133 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION

- 05-0134 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

- 05-0135 AUTHORIZING HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR EMPLOYEES OF MEDINA COUNTY

- 05-0136 ACCEPTING AND AWARDIGN BID FOR MEDINA COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT ORAL DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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- 05-0137 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY BUILDINGS

- 05-0138 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-0139 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT (SALARY INCREASES)

- 05-0140 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE WINDFALL TANK REHABILITATION FOR 2005 WR-500/00-7.1

- 05-0141 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES

- 05-0142 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 5.1749 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0143 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MEDINA COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 05-0144 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk