

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the February 21 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The County Engineer had no resolutions or reports this week.

Chris Jakab, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the temporary appropriations, various fund transfers, entering an agreement with Mirifex LLC for County Network Backbone support services, purchasing fuel for the Highway Garage from Ice Oil, resolution entering into an agreement with the City of Wadsworth to provide fair housing services for the Wadsworth CHIP Program, entering into a subrecipient agreement with the County ADAMH Board to provide financial assistance from the County CDBG Formula Program for the construction of an additional apartment building, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$554,947.35. The agreement with Mirifex is to continue the support services from January 1 through December 31, 2006. The agreement increases the monthly fee by \$300, which has been at the same level for 4 years. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 7 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Ms. Ray moved to approve the personnel changes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley presented a press release in response to a new Transit Director that was approved for hiring last week and called late Friday to say he had changed his mind. He noted that an agreement had been reached a couple of weeks ago and the employer came back on Friday with an offer the gentleman couldn't refuse. The press release outlines the County's standpoint on this. This is a great inconvenience and cost to the County that is unfortunate. Personally, if the person were to decide to apply again, he would not consider the applicant. He feels that this says something about the person in keeping his word.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the personnel changes showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution awarding the bid for powdered activated carbon for use at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant. This had originally been awarded to Calgon as the lowest bidder, but after use of their product and problems with their carbon, they are recommending award to American Norit, who has provided the carbon over the last 20 years. Calgon's carbon doesn't break down the same and has caused violations at the plant. Ms. Ray moved to approve the award to American Norit; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley noted that valid attempts were made to use the activated carbon provided by Calgon.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to award to American Norit showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Cheryl Scheck, Job & Family Services Department, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement for adult protective services. The agreement is with Sterling Oaks for emergency placement of adults. The agreement runs from March 1 through December 31 and is at cost of up to \$15,000. Ms. Ray moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Cheryl presented a resolution amending the Commissioners' Homeless Program to add the new federal poverty levels. Ms. Ray moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Cheryl presented a resolution amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC). The first amendment is to extend the time frame for the vehicle fuel allowance plan until June 30. By that time they will know if TANF will be continued. The second amendment adds the new federal poverty levels. Ms. Ray moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, presented and reviewed information regarding their services, noting that they are exceeding expectations through the contract with Goodwill Services. The Healthcare grant was internally transferred for the professional assistance level and they are exceeding their goals by working with more students. The Homeland Security grant program will be starting in July. He noted that the County Policy Board will be meeting on March 7 and the Joint WIB will be meeting on March 23.

Chris Hartman, Soil & Water Conservation District, reported they heard from the federal Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) that they will be receiving \$75,000 that will target horse operations in Northeast Ohio. This is a waste management program. The ODNR is also looking at securing a grant for more money to focus on sediment control issues. They recently hired a lady to work with Wadsworth on their urban program and she left for another job a couple days after starting. They're now working with Wadsworth relative to hiring for this part time position. At this time the City is taking over and SWCD will be providing the education part of the program. As new regulations are developed they may find they need a full time person instead. They are still working on technical information on the watershed growth plan, and received input from the Homebuilder's Association. He also thanked Jim Doutt and Jim Gerspacher for their input. He noted that several years ago the Commissioners provided funds for digitizing their soil surveys several years ago and the program has been a tremendous help to them. Last week they were involved in the Wadsworth Science Fair by sponsoring an award in Earth and Space Sciences. The award of \$100 was made to Steve Fowler for his project "Earth's Natural Filter". They have worked with the Health Department on an agricultural complaint about a horse operation causing water quality problems. There were no problems of pollution and the farmer is continuing to work with SWCD to assure that no problems occur. They have also been involved with the Land Conservancy regarding a conservation easement along Route 3 in Medina Township.

There was a brief discussion regarding the storm water quality plan in Brunswick. The Council is planning their first reading of legislation this evening. Chris stated that they helped with the language and that he will contact them to review this further.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution reappointing James Doutt as a member of NOACA's TAC for 2006. Ms. Ray moved to approve the reappointment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read resolutions to allow expenses; one for departments using the Commissioners' travel policy and one for the County Engineer's Office, which had adopted their own travel policy. Ms. Ray moved to approve both resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mr. Hambley noted that the Board will recess into the discussion session and then into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/compensation & appointment. Ms. Ray moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel/compensation & appointment following the discussion session; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

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Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that he has eminent litigation to also discuss with the Board.

Ms. Ray amended her motion to recess into Executive Session to include the eminent litigation; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was recessed to move to the conference room for the discussion session at 9:55 a.m.

Chris Jakab noted that this afternoon is the deadline for RFQ's for the relocation of the Data Center, and there have been 5 received at this time. He will review these with John Stricker and keep the Commissioners posted on the process.

Chris also noted that he should have the final version of financing options from Squires, Sanders & Dempsey later today for the proposed fiber option project.

There was a discussion about a proposed constitutional amendment that will place limits on taxes and spending by political subdivisions in Ohio. The proposal would limit expenditures not to exceed the previous fiscal year expenditures by 3 ½%, and would limit new tax levies or increases to existing tax levies without receiving the approval by a majority of the registered voters within the political subdivision. This is not based on the majority that vote, but the majority of registered voters. This will affect all funding, except grants, and will affect all construction based projects, including sewer and water. By requiring a majority of registered voters to approve these, it will be more difficult to get approval on levies, etc. when the average turn out for elections is 60% of the registered voters.

There was a brief discussion regarding the public records training that was held last week. They had 40 people attend. Gary thanked Bill Thorne for allowing Carol Shockley, Assistant Prosecutor, to provide information at the training. John Stricker, County Administrator, stated that everyone seemed pleased with the training. Mr. Hambley added that Carol and Nancy Abbott, Recorder, did very good at providing information.

Bill noted that there is a case before the Supreme Court (Ohio) that will revisit the issue of public records availability and the time to provide those records. Currently the law is that they be provided "within a reasonable time", and this case will explore what "reasonable time" should be, even when research of records is needed. This case also involved Clerk of Courts offices relative to personal information on documents.

Mr. Hambley noted that there was an article about Brunswick wanting to use part of the Brunswick Human Service Center for a Senior Center. He asked Ms. Ray, who is over Buildings & Grounds, to be involved in this. He also noted that the chairs in the meeting room at that location are lower than the tables and this should be looked into. He has no problem with the use of space for a Senior Center.

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 a.m. for the Executive Sessions that had been voted on earlier in the meeting.

At 11:04 Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

06-118 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

06-119 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

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- 06-120 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 06-121 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 06-122 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MIRIFEX, LLC, FOR MEDINA COUNTY NETWORK BACKBONE SUPPORT SERVICES
- 06-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLNE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 06-124 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY ADAMH BOARD TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY CDBG FORMULA PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL APARTMENT BUILDING
- 06-125 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING SERVICES FOR THE WADSWORTH CHIP PROGRAM
- 06-126 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-127 RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON TO BE UTILIZED BY THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- 06-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-129 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' HOMELESS PROGRAM FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-130 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-131 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OF THE NE OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) FOR 2006
- 06-132 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
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Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk