

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005

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

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

Approval of the February 14, February 17 and February 22 minutes was tabled at this time.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions approving the final plats for The Cobblestone Park Subdivision Phase 1B in Montville Township and The Rimrock Estates Subdivision in Liverpool Township, and approving the annual assessment and establishing a public watercourse for Rimrock Estates Subdivision. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 3 resolutions; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Matthew Gallo, Medina Township, asked about who is in charge of keeping debris out of rivers and streams, noting that the Rocky River at Fenn Road has had considerable flooding and there is a lot of erosion, trees down in the river and a sand bar north of the bridge. This has been neglected for years.

Doug stated that the Soil & Water Conservation District would most likely be the ones to contact. The Engineer's Office doesn't normally get involved unless it is in the road right-of-way. It could also be that it is the property owners' responsibility.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the temporary appropriations by increasing appropriations, transferring funds, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, authorizing an agreement with Vincent DeGeorge as the Coordinator for the Family First Council for a 1-year period, expenditure adjustments, accepting a lease agreement with the County Educational Service Center for space on the first floor of the Professional Building that was previously occupied by the City Board of Education, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$500,101.08. He added his thanks to Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent, and his staff on the job they did getting the area ready for the County educational Service Center. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 6 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. 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 Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Animal Shelter by creating the position of Assistant Dog Warden directly under the Dog Warden. Ms. Ray moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the bidding for sludge disposal from the wastewater treatment plants. Ms. Ray moved to approve the bidding; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, stated that the next round of MCDAC RFP's will go public on March 17. There will be a luncheon at that time to go over different issues with the prospective grantees. Grantees have been very timely and accountable with their reporting. The Tobacco Use Prevention Control Foundation has a state conference next week that he will be attending along with the Tobacco Coordinator Dr. John Weidel as well as representatives from ADDS, Medina General Hospital, the Oaks Family Care Center and Cornerstone. They have

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been notified that next year's award will be status quo at \$205,000. The MCDAC grant applications will be due in the latter part of April.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed a resolution approving the appointment of John Person and David Heilman as Bee (Apiary) Inspectors for 2005. They will be reimbursed at \$10/hour plus mileage and their appropriation will not exceed \$4,000. Ms. Ray moved to approve the appointment; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman.

Ms. Ray noted that she had discussion with the President of the Beekeeper's Association and that is why the resolution was set up with geographic areas of the county being divided with the inspectors still having the ability to still back each other up.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to appoint the Bee Inspectors showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk 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 both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Glenn Sheller, Guilford Township Trustee, asked if the County has ever discussed impact fees on building. So many retire people make comments during election time about school levies and the hardships they have with those. He has property in Florida and they charge a \$20,000 impact fee for building. He is on the Planning Commission and they average 300 to 400 lot approvals per month. There was a plan submitted in the Guilford Township-Seville Village area that had it gone through there would have been an additional 240 homes. He feels something should be done to limit some of the building and help the schools.

Mrs. Geissman stated that over the last 10 years material has been received from Florida about the success they've had with their fees. This was reviewed and no decision was made. The Medina County Board of Realtors is concerned about these fees as it would definitely affect their industry. She's had a favorable discussion with them about impact fees and maybe it is something the Planning Commission should have some discussion on.

Ms. Ray stated that she thinks everyone is in a hold pattern to see if the State will fix the school state-funding situation. She feels that may be why people are concerned about an impact fee, especially one of the size mentioned, which would price a lot of residents out of the market. She feels it would be something the Planning Commission to study.

Mr. Sheller stated that the State legislature has been supposed to do something in school funding for the last 4 years.

Mrs. Geissman stated that supposedly they are working on it. A lot of money was put into building new schools and it is the operations that cost so much money. There is no win/win situation in dealing with the schools that she has seen over the last few years.

John Stricker noted that Medina County has impact fees on the sewer and water and it has worked extremely well in those areas. He's not sure of the legality of doing fees on a county level for schools.

Mr. Gallo asked if Commissioners had read the front page of the Gazette. He presented a copy of the paper for review and asked what they think of how it will impact this county and the 17 townships.

Mrs. Geissman reviewed the article.

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Ms. Ray stated that it is disappointing at times that some people think the Board of Commissioners has more power than they do when it comes to annexations. This takes away more home-rule from the townships.

Mr. Gallo stated that there's no home-rule the way he reads the article. The builders are telling us what to do and questioned where citizens' rights come into affect.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the article says "it will hurt the government's ability to control unsightly sprawl". It says that Governor Taft believes in the purpose of the bill and doesn't believe it should be delayed; however, he has a reservation about an amendment that eliminates increased county and township authority. That is why he allowed the bill to go into law without his signature.

Mr. Gallo stated that they changed the language to suit themselves. In Brunswick Hills Township a man bought 54 acres and wants to put in 113 houses although he has no real plans and he knows about the water problems on Route 42. Along the same line, he heard on the radio that in New Jersey a house was condemned by the city so Donald Trump could build a parking lot for his casino. He questioned where private property rights are.

Mrs. Geissman stated that would be a tough one. She is a strong believer in personal property rights.

Mr. Gallo stated that here the legislature let the people down. They're supposed to be down there for the people and that's why Ohio is 47th or 48th out of the states in every department.

The meeting was recessed at 9:57 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:04 a.m. for the discussion session.

Ms. Ray noted there was a lot of response to the letter sent out asking elected officials and department heads for their participation in the budget process. She suggested, and it was agreed to, that a follow up letter be sent thanking them for their help in balancing the budget.

Ms. Ray stated that she and John Stricker will be meeting with the Animal Shelter staff later this week.

Mrs. Geissman stated that another letter has been received from Sheriff Neil Hassinger about the increased jail population and that something needs to be done. There really isn't any funding available to increase the size; and even if it could be expanded she's not sure the county could afford the additional operating costs. At this time the Sheriff hasn't had to turn any inmates away.

Mrs. Geissman also noted that she had sent around a letter from Sheriff Hassinger asking about accepting a Chevy Lumina.

Ms. Ray stated that it is okay with her for him to accept the Lumina.

Joan Heller, Auditor's Office, stated that they have their renovation contractor ready to go and asked about the Recorder's move.

John Stricker stated that they should have a date later this week. He will set up a meeting with Joan, Tom Maupin and Nancy Abbott, Recorder, later this week.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

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Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0145 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0146 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE COBBLESTONE PARK SUBDIVISION PHASE 1B LOCATED IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP LOTS 21, 22, 31 & 32

- 05-0147 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RIMROCK ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, SECTION 21, LOT 4

- 05-0148 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...44.5026 ACRES IN SECTION 21, LOT 4 OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS RIMROCK ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 05-0149 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT MAGISTRATE SERVICES, JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE SERVICES AND PROSECUTOR SERVICES

- 05-0151 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,700 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 3,300 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

- 05-0152 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VINCENT DEGEORGE, PHD., FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

- 05-0153 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 05-0154 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

- 05-0155 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-0156 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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- 05-0157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO BID FOR THE HAULING & DISPOSAL OF CAKE AND LIQUID SEWAGE SLUDGE FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY LIVERPOOL, HINCKLEY AND CHIPPEWA LAKE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES
- 05-0158 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEE (APIARY) INSPECTORS FOR THE COUNTY OF MEDINA FOR THE YEAR 2005
- 05-0159 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk