

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the February 6 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution approving the plat and description for Blake Road in Section 20 of Guilford Township. Ms. Ray moved to approve the plate and description; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions authorizing various fund transfers, authorizing an agreement with Vincent DeGeorge, Ph.D. for independent contractor services for the Family First Council, declaring county property as excess property, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,524,615.96. The agreement with Dr. DeGeorge is a renewal that is affective March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007. A 3% cost of living increase is included. The excess property list includes a list of property that has no value and is to be discarded and another list for the internet auction. Ms. Ray moved to approve the 5 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Gary presented a correction for the November 28, 2005 minutes involving the approval of a 2-year contract between the Teamsters Local 436 and the line employees in the Sanitary Engineering Department. A "5% increase" for a CDL should read "5 cent increase". Ms. Ray moved to approve the correction; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, stated that the final bill for cuts in child support has passed. This means they agency will be looking at funding cuts starting in FY2008. This will not affect the agency funding directly but will affect how funding passes through the county contracts. They are examining their options to move forward. The State reviewed all of the equipment within the agency and is upgrading the network and doing a technology upgrade for all PC's. They are moving to an XP operating system. Mead Wilkins, JFS Director, will have the old computer revamped to get out to families in their programs.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution appointing William Koran as the School's representative with Jack Higgins as their alternate to MCDAC through December 31, 2008. Ms. Ray moved to approve the appointments; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution proclaiming March 2006 as "Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Month". Ms. Ray moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all 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 all Commissioners voting AYE.

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The meeting was opened for public comment.

Mr. Hambley introduced Peggy Folk, the new Assistant Clerk of the Board.

Shawn Hughes, Glenn Waggy and another gentleman from Guilford Township were present to express their concerns regarding a proposed annexation from Guilford Township to the City of Rittman. They questioned the integrity of the county line and noted that the development and annexation is being proposed in 2 stages; first, to gain a 5% boarder to make them contiguous for a 15 acre plot, and second, to add an additional 98 acres. If they presented it honestly and openly it wouldn't have the 5% common border that is required for annexation. If this is allowed to go through this way more people will use any excuse to annex, such as not wanting e-check, to change the county's border. This annexation has Rittman's backing because they have the tax base incentive.

Mr. Hambley noted that annexation, regardless of the type, will only change the border of the municipality and/or the township, not the county border. As an expedited annexation the border of the municipality changes but the land remains in the township.

Mr. Hughes stated that he has no problem with anyone doing anything to their land within the limits of where they purchased. This owner has 200 acres and in the worst case scenario if they developed under the 4 acre lot requirement they would add 50 lots and maintain the rural integrity. However, the owner wants to make a profit and change the 4 acre lots to have 100 building sites. The gentlemen had understood that the petition was being filed last Friday and that is why they were in attendance today because as an expedited the Board has to take action at their next meeting after the filing.

Through further discussion it was noted that the petition was filed just prior to the start of this morning's session. An expedited type 2 allows 25 days for the township or municipality to file an objection. The Board will then review the petition at their next regular meeting. The review has been set for April 17. Although Rittman City may vote on the issue this evening, the issue doesn't stop there and the approval/disapproval is up to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley stated that an annexation petition for this area was turned down several years ago and the law has since changed. The change in the law gives the Commissioners certain criteria under expedited petitions that they must consider and does not give any amount of discretion as it does for regular petitions. The Board will follow the law and use the criteria they can use in reviewing the annexation petition.

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

The meeting reconvened for the discussion session at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Fox, Butler County Commissioner, was present to discuss the MedAssist Program. Packets of information were presented including a memo describing the program, sample flyer to be sent to homes, and sample posters for doctor's offices, etc. Butler County worked with their social service agencies about this program and other similar programs. They found that lots of people weren't participating in any of these types of programs because they weren't aware of them or because the paperwork was extensive. To reach the maximum the number of people they had an aggressive outreach program, used technical and advocacy groups to provide a centralized area for applications to be turned in and coordinated, and provided a wide range of criteria. According to the 2000 census the population at or below the poverty level is estimated at 17,000 in Medina County that would be eligible for the programs. The programs have a \$25 annual fee and prescriptions are at \$7 per prescription for a 3 month supply. These prescriptions are for chronic illnesses such as diabetes and high blood pressure. They also offer a discount card; however, there are times it is less costly to purchase the prescriptions rather than use the discount card. There are communities that also get medications via mail through Canada. MedAssist is a not for profit agency. He suggested using CDBG for the approximate \$3,000

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one-time startup costs. There is no limit to what can be provided and the people are all volunteers. The list of drugs that are available changes frequently but they keep track of them daily. MedAssist doesn't determine eligibility. The drug companies make that determination and there is an appeal process. The criterion includes income, being a US citizen, requires the most recent tax filing or disability confirmation, and the people must not have other prescription coverage. It is uncertain how Medicare D will affect this program. Cook County and Lorain County are part of this and Cuyahoga County soon will be. Other organizations that provide this service are mostly non-profit. There are some doctor's offices that have someone that will help fill in forms, but many do not offer this service. If Medina County wants revenue sharing, they would get \$2 per enrollee per month. They don't make anything on the discount cards or mail order. The only complaints they have received have been about the forms. The only time a fee is imposed is when you work with a for-profit entity. Coverage by any other prescription plan, including VA, disqualifies individuals from this program.

Other suggestions for advertising such a program would be through the Auditor's Office homestead exemption, checking with the Board of Elections, and advertising on utility bills. The county could go out for bids for this type of program. Materials would be made up to focus on Medina County.

At 11:00 Commissioners recessed the discussion session for the budget hearing for the Public Defender's Office and further review of the capital improvements budget.

At 12:10 p.m. the discussion session was reconvened.

There was further discussion about the MedAssist Program. Mr. Fox is scheduled to make a presentation to the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in March. There is a possibility of putting together an RFP similar to what Cuyahoga County did. There does seem to be a lot of interest in this program.

Mrs. Geissman noted that Beth Schnable contacted her about Earth Day and whether the Commissioners would each like to speak at this year's event. This is the 10th Earth Day to be held in Medina County. Events will be held on April 22 at 12:30 p.m. at Wolf Creek. All Commissioners agreed to speak at the event.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she has talked with Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, about tours of various businesses around the county, which used to be done on a regular basis. On March 30 there will be a tour of Drug Mart at 10:00 a.m.

There was a discussion regarding the prescription coverage for employees that was awarded to Medical Mutual. Drug Mart expressed concern about the process of selection. Chris feels the decision that was made was correct because the savings were guaranteed from Medical Mutual. He does understand that splitting up the plan year did have an affect on the proposals that were received and that will be considered in the future. He also noted that there are costs involved in changing plans that were not factored into the proposals.

Mrs. Geissman stated that Jim Doutt has been told that the Greater Akron Chamber would like a representative from Medina County. We had pulled out in the past because of the dues. They now want Medina County to participate, but not necessarily as a member. She asked Ms. Ray to attend the meetings, which are held on Thursdays. Ms. Ray agreed.

There was a discussion regarding a letter received from the Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase 4 Homeowners Association. Legislation was passed to make some private streets public and they are requesting that the sidewalk requirement be eliminated to make it more affordable. That requirement was one of the criteria required for the streets to become public. A copy was sent to Mike Salay, County Engineer, and Mr. Hambley stated that he will be talking with Ron Bischof of Montville Township about their response to this. It was agreed to have Mike come in to discuss this and that the Commissioners' response would be combined with Mike's.

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Ms. Ray stated that Mike Pataky has given the dates of February 22 at 9 am or 1 pm and March 1 at 1 pm for the imaging presentation at his office. Mr. Hambley noted that either date is good for him at 1:00. Mrs. Geissman will be out of town on both dates. Ms. Ray will share this information with Mike.

Ms. Ray noted that there have been problems involving the Building Department and asked that if her colleagues receive complaints that they turn them over to her. The complaints involve the excessive time it is taking for plan reviews and problems with one of the inspectors.

Commissioners reviewed a letter supporting an athletic field being built at the Achievement Center by the Miracle League, which is a non-profit corporation. The Commissioners are required to sign off on this because they own the land. Commissioners approved and signed the letter of support for the MRDD Board to pursue this with the Miracle League to prepare a proposal to the Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley presented a breakdown of the time Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, and Dr. John Waddell, Tobacco Coordinator, are spending on clerical work. The agreement with MCDAC states that the Commissioners office will provide clerical support and it was noted that at one time there was a full-time secretary on staff for MCDAC. They estimate a need for clerical assistance 4 hours, 4 days per week. Some of the clerical support can be charged to the tobacco grant. They are asking for help from one of the Clerks in the Commissioners Office. It was agreed to include this as part of the budget discussions.

Chris reported that he and Jim Doust met with Squires, Sanders & Dempsey regarding the fiber optic project. Written comments are expected by next Tuesday for further review. Seasongood & Mayer are working on updating information on rates, etc. He will bring this information in for discussion in a couple of weeks.

Chris stated that he needs to schedule time with each Commissioner for a review of the budget.

Mr. Hambley stated that a budget clarification from Skip Sipos, Metropolitan Housing, regarding the housing assistance, which affects JFS's request for homeless assistance.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for a computer for Mr. Hambley, and consideration of replacing Jeanne Sanford's computer as it is the oldest within the office. She will need something if she will be assisting in the office. Chris noted that his office is updating and they may have a computer to replace Jeanne's.

Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

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| 06-0091 | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS |
| 06-0092 | RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2006 AS "MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH" |
| 06-0093 | RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAT AND DESCRIPTION FOR BLAKE ROAD (T.H. 118) IN SECTION 20, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO |

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- 06-0094 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D PROSECUTOR FUND FOR PROSECUTOR SERVICES

- 06-0095 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEERING FUNDS TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

- 06-0096 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 06-0097 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VINCENT DEGEORGE, PH.D., FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL

- 06-0098 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY

- 06-0099 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 06-0100 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

- 06-0101 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Patricia G. Geissman