

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 approval this morning.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the temporary appropriation resolution by increasing and decreasing appropriations, revenue adjustment for Workforce Development Fund, various fund transfers, authorizing submission of a Juvenile Court grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, authorizing submission of a Family First Council grant application to the Ohio Department of Youth Services, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$698,741.69. The grant application for Juvenile Court is for a drug court program that was not approved by the Justice Department last year. However, they were asked to resubmit the application this year and they are seeking \$446,980. The local match for this grant, if approved, will to come from Reclaim and other non-general funds. The grant for Family First is for Partnerships for Success in the amount of \$99,460. This is a planning grant and there is no match required. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 6 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. 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 Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing a change order for Southeast Security Corp. for the County Home fire alarm upgrade. This project included an upgrade to all central controls, which included per unit cost for the fire alarm units in each room. The original system was installed in the early 1970's with the high and low voltage running in the same conduit. This required that all smoke alarms be replaced at a cost of \$7,725. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the change order; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Transit Department. This adds 10 part-time vehicle operator positions to the department. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to obtain an easement for a privately installed sanitary sewer project in Marks Road. Mrs. Geissman moved to obtain the easement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, stated that they had over 2100 applicants and/or interviews go through their front desk in January. They are continuing to work on managing the capacity as well as looking at ways to upgrade the building to make sure they are using all of the usable space.

Mead presented a resolution amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC). This changes the level of poverty from 130% to 185% to expand the population that can be served with their literacy programs. It also allows for Cornerstone Wellness to handle job readiness training and retention of services through the Lodi Family Resource Center. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, presented a resolution amending the MCDAC bylaws. The changes include changing the appointment of one member from a Medical Society representative to a general representative appointed by the County Commissioners. The Medical

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Society withdrew their participation on the Board. Another change is the removal of limiting the number of terms representatives can serve. Other changes involve general document revisions for concise language.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she would like to discuss the changes further and asked that the resolution be tabled.

It was agreed to discuss the proposed changes at the discussion session this afternoon.

Karl presented a resolution approving a cooperative funding agreement between MCDAC and the ADAMH Board. This allows MCDAC to purchase \$20,000 of outpatient treatment services and the ADAMH Board to purchase \$20,000 of prevention services. This has been done annually for several years. This agreement will be reviewed further next year to be sure it has not become antiquated. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl reported that the funding availability for the next grant year will be announced March 10, with technical training scheduled for March 19 for grantees and potential grantees. This is not a mandatory training session. The grant applications will be due into MCDAC by April 23. The countywide survey for tobacco is due March 3 and the Tobacco Coalition will meet March 5 for the first review of the survey results. If necessary they will meet again on March 19 to finalize the second year of their proposal, which is due March 30. He attended training for the grant application and it looks good that we will be eligible for funds for continued tobacco prevention in the county. A Byrne grant application will be submitted at the end of April for the alternatives to street crimes program and supplement some of the treatment services for drug and alcohol offenders.

Mr. Hambley asked Karl to attend the discussion session this afternoon.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, stated that the Zoning Workshop Series starts tomorrow evening. OSU Extension Service is working with them to present information to the zoning officials in the county as well as those that have signed up from other counties. She encourages the township zoning officials to attend these workshops, adding that they are also open to the public. On March 16 a speaker is coming in to talk about sign regulations and how communities need to revise their regulations. The Planning Department has been working with Seville on their comprehensive planning and zoning. Last week they worked with Liverpool Township on their land use map that will give them a visual idea of their community. Liverpool is working on a survey of their residents to see what they want in their area. The next Smart Growth meeting is March 3 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Joseph Faga, Ohio Edison, stated that he is replacing Ron Rowe as the representative in Medina County. He reviewed his personal background with Ohio Edison and noted that if Commissioners or constituents have any concerns or questions to contact him. He is the representative for Lorain and Medina Counties.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution proclaiming March 2004 as “Red Cross Month”. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing James Doult as member and Thomas Arnold as alternate to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of NOACA for 2004. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the reappointments; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

At 9:56 a.m. Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel/interviews for appointment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the discussion session.

The Clerk was asked to reschedule an interview for a gentleman that was unable to make the interview this morning for the County Home Advisory Committee and to schedule the 2 applicants for the MRDD Board.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she had asked to table the resolution amending the MCDAC bylaws due to concerns with the stipulation to abolish the limit of terms served. She asked if the MCDAC Board had discussed this. She noted that there had been problems in the past and she is concerned about having 2 people on the Board that clash or having someone that intimidates other Board members. The ability to get rid of that person could be lost if there are no term limits. Usually when terms are changed in bylaws it is to get rid of someone. Also, sometimes it is a good thing to have new faces on a Board.

Karl Cetina responded that there has been lengthy discussion by the MCDAC Board and their Bylaws Committee has been reviewing the bylaws for over a year. One thing noticed was that Board members had different copies of bylaws and the committee tried to streamline and have consistency in the bylaws.

Mr. Hambley added that there was some concern with the interpretation of the term limits, noting that some members served 6 years as a member and then as an alternate. The MCDAC Board unanimously supported the removal of the term limits. He noted that, for example, the schools are represented by Will Koran of the County Board of Education. This eliminates the possibility of school representatives being on the Board and also being a grantee. In regards to losing the ability to get rid of a person on the Board and problems in the past, those representatives were not reappointed by the entities they represented. He noted that Brunswick is supportive of this because they can keep the person already appointed and involved on the Board. Language has been added to the bylaws regarding malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance, which should eliminate problems with members. He also noted that there have been problems with getting new members, noting that the Medical Society appointee has been changed to a Commissioners' appointee.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution amending the MCDAC bylaws; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman.

Mrs. Geissman stated that since the MCDAC Board approved this and the bylaws haven't really been changed since 1987 she would support the change, noting that she will bring it back to the Board to review if any problems occur from the elimination of term restrictions.

Karl noted that there were minor changes to the bylaws in 2001, but 98% of the bylaws have been intact since 1987. He also noted that the bylaws are to be reviewed annually.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the MCDAC bylaws amendments showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker noted that a resolution was passed a couple of weeks ago banning weapons in county buildings. One issue that was raised was the ability to ban handguns in parking lots. He has referred this to Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor.

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Bill stated that County Commissioners cannot ban weapons in parking lots. Some entities, such as schools, have the ability to ban weapons in parking lots as well as buildings. He will check to see if judges or a sheriff have the ability; however, he believes they will not have the ability either. In reference to whether police officers have to leave their weapons behind when entering a county building, it was noted that they fall under a different section of the law and do not have to check their weapons in. The Commissioners do have the ability to create a policy relative to employees having weapons in the buildings or parking lots. He and John agreed that the resolution as passed affects all county owned and leased buildings.

Bill noted that he has heard from Akron University's attorney relative to the last draft agreement that was sent out. The attorney has approved the agreement and passed it on. At this time Bill has not anything further relative to the University's approval.

Mr. Hambley noted that with the approval of the amended MCDAC bylaws an advertisement needs sent out for the new position for Commissioners' to appoint to and for 2 alternates.

Chris Jakab stated that the agreement has been received from the ADAMH Board for the County Home and it will be on the agenda for approval next week. He also noted that the Public Defender Commission has started reviewing the applications for their lead attorney position. They received 34 applications. Maintenance has finished the renovation of their office space. The members on the Commission are working well together.

Ms. Ray stated that she met with Mayor Jane Leaver, Medina, Rob Peters, the new Service Director for Wadsworth, and Jim Smith and Karen Moroski of the Career Center regarding a customer relations strategic course that is being developed. The Career Center is supposed to submit price information. Mayor Leaver is thinking about sending a significant amount of her staff. By combining the various staffs, the pricing should go down. She will keep the others posted on this course.

The Clerk noted that Brian Spacey, ODOT District #3 called regarding setting up a date for Government Day in Medina County. They prefer holding these are Monday's or Friday's, and they are looking at either Friday, April 30 or Friday, May 7 because the Board's regular meetings are held on Monday's.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley stated May 7 was best for their schedules. Mrs. Geissman stated she would need to check her schedule, noting that she has out-of-town meetings on Friday's.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

At 1:55 p.m. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/collective bargaining/compensation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

04-0129 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

04-0130 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2004 AS "RED CROSS MONTH"

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- 04-0131 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
  
- 04-0132 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND
  
- 04-0133 CASH TRANSFER FOR INDIGENT COUNSEL REFUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND
  
- 04-0134 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE PROSECUTOR TITLE IV-D FUND
  
- 04-0135 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A JUVENILE COURT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
  
- 04-0136 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES
  
- 04-0137 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 04-0138 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR SOUTHEAST SECURITY CORP FOR MEDINA COUNTY HOME 2003 FIRE ALARM UPGRADE
  
- 04-0139 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT DEPARTMENT
  
- 04-0140 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN AN EASEMENT FOR A SANITARY SEWER PROJECT
  
- 04-0141 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
  
- 04-0142 APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCDAC AND THE MEDINA COUNTY ADAMH BOARD
  
- 04-0143 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)
  
- 04-0144 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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04-0145

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)  
BY-LAWS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley