

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas R. Bahr and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the February 19 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions finding the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Foote Road in Medina Township, approving the final plat, and approving the annual assessment and establishment of a watercourse for Cady Creek Farm Subdivision Phase II in Liverpool Township. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 3 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley commended Dave Miller, County Engineer, on seeking funding for the Foote Road project. There are some residents that are not thrilled with the proposed project, but Reagan Parkway was put in, it was apparent Foote Road would have more traffic. Dave found funding that can be used so the project is not being done by assessments. The others agreed with the statements.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 3 County Engineer resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 8 resolutions involving various fund transfers, authorizing agreements with various veterinarians for dog spay and neuter services for the Animal Shelter, approving an agreement for Safe Communities Grant project management services, approving an amendment to an agreement for the purchase of supplemental meals for the Office for Older Adults, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$438,625.31.

The veterinarians' agreements are renewal at the same rate as last year. Under the Safety Communities agreement, the Commissioners administer the program and the Medina Township Police Department is the project manager. The amendment for the Office for Older Adults supplement meals to continue the meals from last year with Tom Paige Catering Company and increases the meal cost from \$2.90 to \$3.00.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 8 Finance resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger Harris, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel changes resolution. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the personnel changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for Job & Family Services. Under their operations division, they are deleting 2 full time Clerical Specialist 2's and replacing them with a Telephone Operator and Mail Clerk. Under eligibility services, they are changing an Account Clerk Supervisor to a Clerical Supervisor and change 2 Eligibility Specialist 2's to Eligibility Specialist 1's. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the amendments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman noted that John Stricker, County Administrator, is still home ill.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for an addition to the Central Processing Facility (CPF). Building a pellet building was authorized some time ago and this construction will eliminate access to the tipping floor, plus

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there are problems with additional traffic on weekends. The plans have been changed to allow for a new set of scales near the front building and expanding the parking area to keep the transfer trailers away from the CPF. Once this is done, the pellet building will be constructed. They would like to accept bids on March 28 in order to have construction started before the end of the State's fiscal year. Mr. Bahr moved to authorize the bid advertisement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken noted that the townships will be holding their spring clean up days in which they use roll-up containers for their residents to dispose of items and then BFI takes the items to the CPF. Commissioners have always allowed a reduced tipping fee, \$20.25 per ton, for these events in order to cover just the cost of hauling to a landfill. He asked for a motion to continue the reduced fees for the township clean up days. A resolution is not needed. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the reduced fees. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy Yuzwa, MCDAC Director, presented a resolution authorizing financial participation with the City of Brunswick for 2002 and payment of MCDAC funds. This authorizes the payment of \$83,816 to Brunswick. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy reported that the semi-annual reports by grantees have been received. They also made presentations to MCDAC on February 4 & 5 about their programs and a lot of information was received. They are currently making plans for participation at the March 16-17 Home & Flower Show. On April 23 Judge Christopher Collier will be kicking off the campaign involving hosting parties around the prom-graduation season. As part of that a DEA Agent from Miami will make a presentation to parents and children on May 7 regarding smart choices. The next MCDAC meeting will be March 4.

Mr. Hambley commended Kathy for the idea of holding the mid-year reports. There were questions raised about the necessity for this type of reporting, but the process was focused on what the grantees are doing. It turned out to be very useful communication with the grantees.

Commissioners reviewed liquor permit notices for MH Industries dba Wine Reserve of Medina in Medina Township. Per the letter attached to the notices, one is a transfer of a carryout liquor license and the other is a new permit application. This office has received no questions or concerns.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Jim Dudek, as President of the County Planning Commission, asked about the search for a new Director for the Department of Planning Services.

Mr. Bahr stated that the search closed on Friday and 21 applications were received. He plans to go through these this afternoon with Roger Harris. He will then be sending out a letter to the Commission regarding the applicants.

Jim stated that, as the Township's representative to NOACA, he is on the TAC, which currently has a controversial issue involving the commuter rail study. He requested some discussion with the Commissioners at some time regarding the county's stand on whether to support or not support this study. There was some discussion about the impact this study will have on Medina County. The impact lists Medina County as low priority involving commuter rails. Medina County could be eliminated in future planning if the study is not supported. This study does affect the region. Lorain County is interested in this, although there are a couple of their communities that could be impacted and are not interested in more rail cars going through them. Commissioners believe the representatives to NOACA are open-minded and responsible in their decisions. Jim stated that he supports the commuter rail study, but would like to make sure of the Commissioners' stand on this before making a commitment at the TAC meeting. He

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agreed to get copies of the minutes and other information to the Commissioners for review before continuing discussion on the issue.

There was no further public comment and the Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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

Mr. Hambley noted that a message was received from ODOT regarding Government Day being held in Medina County on Monday, April 22.

There was a discussion about alternate dates for this. The alternate date for this is Monday, April 29, or ODOT suggested a Friday. Mr. Bahr noted that he is against holding this on a Monday, Commissioners' meeting day. ODOT is planning an all day event using one of our meeting rooms; with businesses in the morning and public officials in the afternoon. After a brief discussion, the Clerk was requested to contact ODOT and request that Government Day, the portion with public officials, starts at 2:00 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Hambley stated that pursuant to discussion on the budget, the Bicentennial History Project, and a committee meeting last week, arrangements have been made to hold a film preview at First Merit and investor's reception. This will be held on March 20 at 8:00 a.m. in First Merit's lobby. Prominent business leaders are being invited that might be willing to invest or sponsor the history project.

Mr. Bahr reviewed a letter that was received from the Salvation Army regarding the donation made from the Commissioners' Charity Ball.

Mr. Bahr noted that Ken Dankowski has contacted him about a pre-paid legal plan for employees and he agreed to bring this up to the Board again. Through discussion it was noted that nothing has been heard from employees requesting such a plan for wills and other simple legal questions. There is a nominal fee, which was not listed in the material, which would be deducted from an employees pay and is based on the level of assistance needed. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that the Bar Association has a similar program for referrals for \$25 consultations. Commissioners agreed to have Roger Harris do a payroll survey of employees to see if there is any interest from the employees. If there is interest expressed, the program could be looked into further at that time.

Mrs. Geissman noted that John Burke, Treasurer, made a presentation in December regarding a Fix It Program and he was told at that it was not a good time to endorse the program.

Mr. Hambley stated that he is willing to proceed. He believes Medina City is voting tonight.

Angela McMillen, Treasurer's Office, stated that everyone has passed this and the only community that hasn't been heard from is Gloria Glens. There are agreements from 7 out of the 10 communities. Through questioning she stated that Senate Bill 193 is pending that would allow the State to match funds for any county that has a Fix It Program in place. If Medina County institutes a \$5 million program, then \$5 million would be available from the State. The plan is to set aside \$1 million a year for a maximum of \$5 million over 5 years. The loans to residents from the banks are made for 5-year periods. The agreements with the banks were written to allow Commissioners to either put \$1 million or the balance of the program into affect whenever Commissioners chose. The status of SB 193 is not known at this time. There have been overwhelming positive response from the community. Each community will have a list of licensed contractors for the residents; however, in areas where these programs already exist the majority of homeowners use the money to do their own improvements. The projects would be monitored by the Building Department and Treasurer's Office as well as the banks that loan the money. It is believed that if the interest rate is 1.9% on the county's money for the program that the State would accept the same interest rate.

Mr. Bahr stated that he is against this program at this time. There are union contracts that have not been settled at this time. There are 2 major unions that haven't settled yet. He has not changed his position that the budget and union negotiations should be completed before

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proceeding with this program. The labor attorney changed his position about this program after he was pressured, but originally said this program would affect the union negotiations.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the labor attorney will be contacted and if he feels there is not a problem, she will proceed with support of the program. She noted to Angela that 2 of her friends contacted her over the weekend that felt they were being too aggressively lobbied by Angela to influence her vote about the program, which should not be happening. Mrs. Geissman stated that if she votes for the program it will be based on the programs merits only.

After brief further discussion, it was agreed that the labor attorney would be contacted before a decision is made.

Mrs. Geissman told Mr. Hambley to proceed, as he had planned, with the taping of *Your Medina County* coverage and tour of the County Home for March. She will proceed with the taping for April, which will include facts about the Home's financial side.

Mr. Bahr expressed his objection to Mr. Hambley as to his coverage of the County Home, noting that as liaison to the Home he was not aware this was being done, and he feels touring the County Home and interview of the Administrator is misuse of public funds. He left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Hambley noted that *Your Medina County* was started to look at county issues and programs, whether there was a split decision or not on the issues. Other ballot issues have been covered in the past. There has been no problem with programming without prior notice of the tapings to all Commissioners in the past. The interview of the County Home Administrator was done in her office and a couple of the rooms were viewed; no residents were shown or interviewed for the program and no reference was made on how to vote on the issue.

Mrs. Geissman expressed her concern with the perception of the video appearing to favor the passage of the levy when she and Mr. Bahr are not interested in promoting an unnecessary increase in property tax.

Ken Hotz reported that the line for the pump station on Spieth Road for the Medina City water project has been filled. It is not usable at this time, but should be completed and usable by the end of March.

There was no further business before the Board at this time for discussion.

The meeting was recessed at 10:26 a.m.

At 10:35 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel/labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Assistant Clerk received bids for traffic signs and dump bodies & hydraulics for the County Engineer's Office. Bids were received for the traffic signs from Signs and Blanks, Rocal Inc., Kleem Inc., M.H. Corbin Inc., Vulcan Signs, and 3M. Bids were received for the dump bodies & hydraulics from The Dexter Company, Newell Equipment Inc., Cross Truck Equipment, Concord Road Equipment Mfg. Inc., Ace Truck Equipment Company, Cenweld Corporation, and Fallsway Equipment Company. The bids were turned over to Steve Trzinski of the Engineer's Office for review and recommendation.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0135 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

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02-0136 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE IMPROVEMENT OF FOOTE ROAD (C.H. 191) IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0137 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE CADY CREEK FARM SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, LOT 1, SECTION 22

02-0138 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS...40.6219 ACRES IN SECTION 22, LOT 1 OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS CADY CREEK FARM SUBDIVISION PHASE II AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-0139 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

02-0140 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

02-0141 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

02-0142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRASNFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0050) FOR THE BOARD AND CARE OF COUNTY WARDS

02-0143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VETERINARIANS FOR DOG SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

02-0144 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

02-0145 APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEALS FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

02-0146 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0147 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

02-0148 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AN ADDITION TO THE MEDINA COUNTY CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY BUILDING

02-0149 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK FOR 2002 AND PAYMENT OF MCDAC FUNDS

02-0150 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley