

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

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

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

The oral reading of the minutes of January 29 Commissioners meeting and the February 5 public hearing were dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the January 29 minutes and table the minutes from the public hearing; the motion was seconded Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the County Engineer to proceed in certain instances by force account in the reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and culverts; (2) approving the final plat for the Winding Creek Subdivision located in Section 16, Lot 1, of Liverpool Township; and, (3) approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 5131.63 Ohio Revised Code on approximately 53.0390 acres in Lot 1, Section 16, of Liverpool Township known as Winding Creek Subdivision and establishing thereby said improvements as a public watercourse. Mrs. Geissman made a motion to approve the three resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits lists for February 1 through February 7, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the Annual Appropriation Resolution; (2) revenue adjustments for the sale of surplus county property; (3) authorizing the purchase of 7,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center; (4) approving a vehicle lease agreement with the Society for Handicapped Citizens of Medina County, Inc., for use by Medina County Faith in Action; and, (5) renewing a lease agreement with Ohio House of Representative Batchelder. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$789,978.73. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the five finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. Mr. Hambley stated that the van from the Society for Handicapped Citizens is part of the Expanded Transportation Program (ETP) and the drivers are volunteers from Faith in Action who transport those who have out-of-county medical appointments. There was previously only one van and there were as many denials as they were able to make trips; the additional van will be helpful. They are working with Wadsworth so the van is stationed there and scheduled through the city. Mr. Hambley noted that the third van has been approved through ODOT and it should be received later this year. They are looking for volunteers for this program. They take contributions to help pay for gasoline. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the acquisition of property in the Township of Westfield in Clayton Heights from a grant received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Hazard Mitigation Program; (2) approval of an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for cost participation in SR18 road improvements; and, (3) authorizing the County Administrator to request qualifications and proposals for the submission of a Community Housing Improvement Program Grant. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. Mrs. Geissman asked if there had been any objections regarding giving the property to the Medina County Parks District; Mr. Jakab said that he was not aware of any. Mr. Hambley stated that the property is in a flood plain. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain easements for various water improvement projects; (2) authorizing the

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County Sanitary Engineer to invest the retainer of Fechko Excavating, Inc., for the Plum Creek Parkway waterline project and pressure reducing vault in Stony Hill Road in an escrow account MCSE #W-500/00-5.1.62; (3) accepting and awarding bid for powdered activated carbon for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant; and (4) authorizing the Sanitary Engineering Department to advertise for bid for two replacement vehicles and two additional vehicles for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the four resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported that they are moving forward with the Title IVB contracts that are with the courts and the Prosecutor's Office; they are also working with the Finance Department. A new lease with the landlord has been signed; the landlord will be facilitating the replacement of carpeting during weekends. The imaging project was completed and the file room is 99% empty.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, thanked Mr. Pataky for working with them on the program with inmates and probationers who need to pay child support. He mentioned that there was an article in the newspaper regarding the rising poverty rates in Medina County. There was a food stamp entrance conference this morning; on a three-month average, three years ago there were 1600 people and it is 2200 now (each month). He shared some promotional literature. Mr. Wilkins presented the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the use of Chafee and TANF Independent Living Funds for SFY 07; (2) authorizing an agreement for crisis case management and counseling services between Battered Women's Shelter and Medina County Job and Family Services; (3) authorizing an agreement for an adoption assessor for Medina County Job and Family Services; and (4) amending the Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the four resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolutions to allow the expenses of county officials and the County Engineer. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley asked why one of the expenses for the CALEA Jail Certification Conference was more than the other two; Mrs. Geissman stated that she added in airfare just in case she needed it. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Someone asked when the second public hearing would be held regarding the sales and use tax; Ms. Ray answered that the public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. today. There was no one else wishing to speak.

Ms. Ray noted that there is an application for a new C1 and C2 liquor permit from Rabbits Foot Garden Center at 4463 Weymouth Road in Medina Township. C1 is "Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only", C2 is "Wine and certain prepackaged mixed drinks in sealed containers for carry out". There were no comments.

Ms. Ray stated that the public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the discussion session will be held immediately after the public hearing. The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m. for the Discussion Session.

Mrs. Geissman had presented in advance a letter and revised changes in the bylaws of the Advisory Council on Aging. She said the revised letter clearly shows the number of members should be changed to ten. She said if they have no problem with the amended bylaws she would have Mr. Jakab, County Administrator, prepare a resolution for the next Commissioners meeting, and Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray agreed.

Mrs. Geissman asked if the Commissioners wanted to conduct interviews for the Commissioners' representative to the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) and they said they did. The Clerk will set up the interview for Monday, February 26.

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Mrs. Geissman said she and Ms. Ray attended the annual meeting at the Jail on recidivism with Sheriff Neil Hassinger and the mental health agencies last week. It was a very good meeting and there was a suggestion from Judge James Kimbler that they have a meeting with the doctors in Medina County to let them know how serious prescription drug abuse has become, not only the senior citizen population, but also with the general population. Gail Carmon from the Jail Mental Health Program, Sheriff Hassinger and she discussed it and will follow through on Judge Kimbler's suggestion, possibly joining with Medina General Hospital as Joyce Giles is working with doctors toward a similar goal of addressing prescription drug abuse. They have found that recidivism is down since the task force was formed in 2005, as a result of the Jail mental health and drug programs initiated by Alternative Paths, Judge Kimbler and Judge Collier. Also, finding jobs for the offenders (through Job and Family Services) and giving them good supervision keeps them on track.

Mr. Hambley said he was unable to attend that meeting because he and Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike were meeting with the Hinckley Township Trustees regarding the waterlines. There was a general lack of participation in hooking up to the new sewer lines so they met to discuss why and the best ways to promote hookup. Many people attended the meetings and expressed interest, but never signed up even though the line is in front of their homes. They are going to do a better job in educating them about the cost and how they can go through a five-year pay plan for the tap-in cost, which will make it much more affordable. They made the trustees aware that the county does not want to extend the lines any further until they get better participation. Waterline projects operate like a business and they have to balance the books. The county does not have the profit motive; they have public benefit as their motive. They explained that in other parts of the county (Chatham Township, for example) they received grant dollars to supplement the cost, but they did not have that in Hinckley Township because those residents are not considered low to moderate income. The trustees will mention this information at all their meetings and a newspaper reporter was there so she will also let the public know the information and encourage them to sign up.

Mr. Hambley said that the Housing Network is continuing to work on the establishment of socialserve.com, the website to link renters with housing. It will be called housingmedina.org. They have the URL for others so if someone enters .net, or .com for example, they would still get the web site. Some landlords participated in the working group last Thursday. They had a phone conference with the web site's representatives to review details of the web site. The target date to have the information online and available is the first week of April. They will not be putting a cap on the rental amount of the property for the free listings. The Housing Network's partner is the Board of Realtors.

Mr. Hambley said he received a letter from Skip Sipos, the Director of Medina County Metropolitan Housing Authority (MMHA), requesting endorsement and support of their application to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for Affordable Housing Tax Credits to aid in the construction of senior housing in the City of Brunswick. The proposal is a 50-unit development at the current properties at Southwick Place on Pearl Road. The building was designed exactly how the people requested and MMHA has incorporated features such as private laundries in the individual apartment units. To make this a reality, MMHA needs to apply for the tax credits. The other Commissioners agreed to send a letter of support.

Mr. Hambley said he received a letter from a resident on Locust Lane in Brunswick commending the Sanitary Engineer's Department for service to a sewer line that broke during the inclement weather a couple of weeks ago. The residents were thrilled and appreciative of the crew that worked for days without complaint to get it fixed. Mr. Hambley said it was nice to get a good letter and commended these workers.

Mr. Hambley pointed out that the 50th anniversary of Buzzard Day is coming up and asked if the other two Commissioners wanted to participate in a joint ad and they both agreed. Mr. Hambley said he would notify the newspaper to assign the space.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, reported that last week, the Evaluation Committee for the Fiber Optic Project met with two companies that had submitted proposals. They gave presentations to offer some additional information and clarification to the written proposals. The

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committee is having a phone conference today to discuss the presentations and their options how they want to proceed.

Mr. Jakab said he received a copy of the resolution and settlement agreement from Joe Dickinson at the Prosecutor's Office regarding Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, explained that T & D Builders put in a concrete roadway over a Columbia Gas right-of-way line located in Liverpool Township and that is not permitted. The settlement of the lawsuit does not commit the county in any way and the other parties agreed on how they would split the cost of cutting up the concrete and redoing the roadway. He asked if they could get it finalized while everyone is in agreement, and the Commissioners reviewed the resolution. Mr. Hambley asked if the County Engineer approved the changes in the profile of the roadway and Mr. Thorne said they approved it. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, said he and Mr. Jakab met with Mrs. Geissman to discuss the budget. They will meet with Ms. Ray today and with Mr. Hambley this Thursday. Their goal is to have the budget on the agenda on February 26. Mr. Jakab said they would need to schedule a time next week to discuss the budget with all three Commissioners together.

Mrs. Geissman said she had planned to ask the Transportation Improvement District about borrowing funds at no interest for the Railroad Safety Task Force projects. County Engineer Mike Salay advised her that there might be another option. Mr. Hambley said the county does Title IV reimbursement and the Commissioners could set up a rotary fund. Mr. Jakab said they need to set up a special revenue fund for future railroad crossing projects. They are required by the State Auditor to report grant monies received so they need to isolate those into their own fund. He and Mr. Miller will need advance notice on future projects and anticipated funding sources so they can include that in the budgetary listing for the county. Mr. Hambley added that the Board of Commissioners is very supportive of the Railroad Safety Task Force projects and it would make sense to have a fund set up so the funds are not mixed with other sources. Mrs. Geissman said the projects were routed through the Highway Engineer in the past, but she is glad if it can be done differently. Mr. Jakab said the Finance Department would take on the tracking work as well.

Ms. Ray reported that the Building Department's web site, www.building.co.medina.oh.us, is now offering the inspections and plan review online via the internet. Residents and contractors can schedule inspections electronically and track plan reviews. Charles Huber, Chief Building Inspector, and Ryan Berthold from the Building Department demonstrated how the system works and she was very impressed. This will be a big improvement and timesaver for people. With the building inspections numbers and income down this past year, they are trying to become more efficient from an economic standpoint. There will be some employees leaving this year that will not be replaced through attrition. This will keep them financially on track and they will be investigating fee increases. Mr. Huber will be bringing a proposal to the next Commissioners meeting on Tuesday for them to review. Ms. Ray will schedule two public hearings for public input.

Ms. Ray said Andre Goe from the Medina Fire Department called and requested the use of the old Prosecutor's Office (house) for a SWAT training exercise. They know that the county is planning to have the Medina Fire Department burn it down in a training exercise. She asked if the other Commissioners had any objections and there were none.

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Hambley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 2/12/07

| NUMBER | RESOLUTION TITLE |
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| 07-116 | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS |

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- 07-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES IN FORCE ACCOUNT IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF ROADS
- 07-118 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE WINDING CREEK SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 16, LOT 1 OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
- 07-119 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON APPROXIMATELY 53.0390 ACRES IN LOT 1 SECTION 16 OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS WINDING CREEK SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 07-120 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 07-121 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
- 07-122 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 7,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 07-123 APPROVING A VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CITIZENS OF MEDINA COUNTY, INC. FOR USE BY MEDINA COUNTY FAITH IN ACTION
- 07-124 RESOLUTION RENEWING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BATCHELDER
- 07-125 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-126 APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD
- 07-127 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR COST PARTICIPATION IN S.R. 18 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
- 07-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT
- 07-129 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 07-130 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF FECHKO EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE PLUM CREEK PARKWAY WATERLINE PROJECT AND PRESSURE REDUCING VAULT IN STONY HILL ROAD IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE #W-500/00-5.1.62
- 07-131 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE BID FOR POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON FOR THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- 07-132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BID FOR TWO (2) REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL VEHICLES
- 07-133 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHAFEE AND TANF INDEPENDENT LIVING FUNDS FOR SFY 07
- 07-134 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CRISIS CASE MANAGEMENT AND COUNSELING SERVICES BETWEEN BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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- 07-135 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ADOPTION ASSESSOR FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-136 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 07-137 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 07-138 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 07-139 RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION AND T&D BUILDERS, INC., AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twelfth day of February, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Sharon A. Ray

OF _____
Patricia G. Geissman

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley