

COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider increasing the county sales and use tax rate by 0.50% pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5739.026 (A)(4) and 5741.023 to fund permanent improvements for Medina County public schools. An attendance sheet is attached as Exhibit A.

Ms. Ray welcomed everyone to the first of two public hearing regarding the county-wide proposed school sales and use tax. She requested that those wishing to speak state their name and address for the record.

John R. Metter, Sr. (7966 Norwalk Road, Litchfield) stated that the sales tax is restricted and he is against it and explained why. He said taxes were raised due to the passing of the park levy. The Commissioners have spent money for township surveys that weren't necessary. The ex-governor raised fuel taxes 6¢ in the last three years, which hurts him. He asked why anyone (school teachers, administrators) gets a retirement based on their last three years IN education; if wages were reduced, there would be enough money for schools. Foreclosures in Medina County are up 30% and that will likely go higher. In today's news, Chrysler announced they are laying off 1,600 more people that will affect people in this area; even second- and third-tier suppliers will have difficulties. Businesses won't locate in Medina County if taxes keep rising, including sales taxes. The City of Medina hired a person last week for \$55,000; it would have been better if they had given that money back to the taxpayers to reduce taxes. There are too many empty industrial buildings and storefronts. Also, the City of Medina placed a truck scale, which is a "cash cow" for the City of Medina, but you can't bring business into the city by driving the trucks away.

Dennis Merholz (3465 Nantucket Cove, Brunswick) stated that he and his wife have lived in Brunswick since 1998 and have been staunch supporters of the schools. He cannot, and will not, support the sales tax. They supported and promoted the last two levies in Brunswick based on the assumption that taxes wouldn't be increased until 2010. He is concerned about the many elderly neighbors they have who are taxed out. He believes that the confusion created by the levy will make it difficult, if not impossible, to pass the many renewals that lie ahead in Brunswick and other districts. Since there is no immediate need for an additional tax levy in Brunswick, he assumes that they are subsidizing other county districts. He cannot support any levy that gives the schools (or any organization) a blank check for 30 years without regard to performance; it's not a prudent business decision. There is no guarantee that the next generation of school board members will be good stewards of the money and wonders when the next sales tax increase will be proposed. The property tax increase they face in 2008 (a result of the state-mandated re-appraisal), will be a shock for many and will drive many families "over the edge". The sales tax is a property tax by another name. He applauded the schools for making Medina County schools a "poster child" for all good things in education; however, the stark reality is that citizens can no longer afford to, and won't, pay to educate the children of every family from the surrounding counties who want to move to Medina County. The bubble has obviously burst because Medina City is overcrowded and needs three new schools. Until school officials and board members "stop the bleeding", there will never be enough money regardless of the number of levies that are passed. He mentioned that he has four grandchildren attending Brunswick schools and he appreciates the education they receive and doesn't want their education jeopardized.

Walter Tabar (1278 Pearl Road, Brunswick) stated that he can't understand how the Community Improvement Board (CIB) is going to be paid, who will pay them, and if they are appointed by the Commissioners. Ms. Ray said the representatives are volunteers and will not be paid. They will be selected by the County Commissioners and there are geographical breakdowns to be sure that the board is balanced throughout the county.

Susan Vlcek (3126 Sharon Copley Road, Medina) stated that she is a Medina City School Board member. They have appreciated the opportunity to work with school boards across the county to look at another option for school funding. They have been hearing for many years that people want to have an option for school funding other than their property taxes. She appreciates the Commissioners following up with the next step of accepting the possibility of this going forward. This is a new method to Ohio and there are a lot of questions. They are appreciative of

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the opportunity that, perhaps, would open the doors to community members (not only in Medina County but also across the state) to make a decision on whether this is the way they want to fund their schools. The Medina School Board has had quite a bit of discussion about this issue and she read their resolution of support. They amended their list of permanent improvements plans previously submitted to the Commissioners to indicate that they would refrain from issuing indebtedness based on the sales tax revenue until a firm legal basis has been established that supports the issuance of such debt. They were the one school in the county that had mentioned they might like to use those funds for building new buildings because they have a crowding issue in Medina. Due to the unresolved legal question, they withdrew that from the issue to help re-clarify things.

Stan Koplan (3888 N. Huntington Street, Medina Township) said he saw on television that Medina was going to have a couple more property tax levies in the next ten years and asked if this would eliminate the levies in the future. Ms. Vlcek said this is not a panacea and these dollars do not answer all their questions; they will help. She said school funding is so complex. If they hadn't had H.B. 920 thirty years ago, they would never have had to come back to the voters and they would still be collecting the same amount of money. They are looking at not allowing the drop-off on the levy collection so they can retain that level of funding rather than coming back for new money. The way the funding system works, there is a drop-off when they have an increase in their property value. He asked if that means there will be no additional levies for additional money in the next ten years. Ms. Vlcek said she did not say that. They do not have a plan for that at this point. If they could work out the drop-off then that is a possibility in addition to the sales tax. Mr. Koplan asked how many principals and assistant principals they have at Medina High School. Ms. Vlcek said there is one head principal plus a house principal for each of the four individual high schools at MHS, each having over 500 students. Mr. Koplan said he worked for the City of Cleveland and administrators do not hesitate to waste money and never look at the dollar value to the taxpayers. He always said he worked for the taxpayers and strived hard to save money for the taxpayers. He went to West Tech High School, graduating in 1968, and they had one principal and one assistant principal for over 4,000 students and they had all kinds of gangs at school. Ms. Vlcek invited him to visit the school of 2,300 students and to a school board meeting so they can sit down and answer some of his questions. Ms. Ray said his questions are specific to one school district and their staffing levels.

Mr. Hambley pointed out that the proposal is not that they are going to end any kind of levies forever. This shows specifically that they are offsetting reliance on a property tax by the amount of the sales tax. In communities such as Brunswick or Wadsworth, their school boards have already said, that should this pass, they are not going to be collecting the current permanent improvement levies. Brunswick has passed this in a resolution. Unfortunately, Medina has such increasing demands because of its growing size that they don't have that ability, but it means they would need less local property tax should they get that. The \$2.4 million in sales tax would mean \$2.4 million less in property taxes would be needed. Residents have the latitude and right to hold them accountable for any of the money they are spending, whether it is the sales tax or the property tax. They have the right to vote against their levy and even run for school board where they can actually make those decisions. School boards will still have to remain accountable every time they have a levy. This just provides them with another funding source, but it doesn't "let them off the hook" in terms of accountability to the public.

Bob Kelly (4200 Beach Road, Granger Township) stated that he is on the Ohio Board of Education. He said they don't have any control over how their schools are growing. They can't stop people from moving into Medina County and this causes the need for more money to educate children. Nobody likes higher taxes, but it is going to take more buildings and more operating money. They are trying to find a way to start to minimize property taxes with this proposal. The total amount of money that would be brought in by the sales tax is a small percentage of what the schools have to spend to educate children in this county, but it is a start. They are going to have to ask for more school taxes, and more levies will pass in every district in this county eventually. They could take some of the property tax and alleviate it with sales tax; a tax that is the best bargain for schools that there is. A decent percentage of sales tax money that is spent in this county, Medina County residents don't pay for. Local property taxes are all paid by local constituents. Taxes are going to come some time; it may take five tries, but schools, as they grow, have got to have more money. All they are asking is that the Commissioners give them an

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opportunity to put this on the ballot and let the voters of this county decide. They try the best they can to be as efficient as possible with tax dollars.

Sally Poe (8564 Friendsville Road, Lodi) said she is on the Cloverleaf School Board. She thanked the Commissioners for considering the sales tax, which would be a great help to the schools. If the levy passes, the money would be used not necessarily to educate children, but to provide the place to educate the children. Permanent improvement money can only be used for buildings, fixing buildings, buses, and books. She discussed the old building utilized in the Cloverleaf School District and how much the sales tax would help to keep those buildings maintained and to replace busses as they age. She pointed out that there are four major truck stops in Westfield Township and Prime Outlet Mall that generate a lot of sales tax and a large percentage is paid for by people that do not reside in Medina County.

Jack Poe (8564 Friendsville Road, Lodi) (*spouse of Sally Poe*) stated that he paid \$200 per month for his first house, which included taxes, principal, interest, and insurance. Now he pays more than \$200 and his children are out of school. Just like everybody else, he does not like paying taxes, but he doesn't like the thought that the schools are going to provide less than the best education that they can provide. They need educated people to generate the income and the wealth necessary for his property values to increase; that will make his taxes go up, but will also increase his personal wealth. About 65% of the people in the Cloverleaf School District do not have children in school any longer and many are on fixed incomes so it is very hard to pass property tax levies. This sales tax would be a tax paid for by people from other places. He is going to have to pay 1/2% more for everything that he buys, but he is not a truck driver putting \$1,000 worth of fuel in his truck as passes through Westfield Center. A 1/2% or 1/4% of that will go to help the schools, which helps us all; even those of us that are worried about paying that tax bill that is higher than what the entire payment was every month on his first house. As long as the taxes that are collected from the sales tax actually go to the schools, he supports the proposed sales tax for schools and encouraged others to support it also. Mrs. Geissman said she does not believe there is a local sales tax on gas. Mr. Poe said he assumes there would be sales tax on the dinners and truckers would be paying taxes as they pass through that he wouldn't have to pay.

Beth Raftry (6410 Greenwich Road, Westfield Center) (*Cloverleaf School Board member*) stated that many Medina County residents choose to go to other counties for purchasing, such as malls and retail establishments in Strongsville, Summit County, and Columbus. Their sales taxes are far exceeding what Medina County is asking local residents to pay at local stores. As a community member, she feels that the sales tax is an equitable way to fund schools. She has worked on levy campaign committees since 1996 and the over-reliance on property tax is the #1 issue why people will not support their schools. They have come up with a way to eliminate some of the burden, but it will never eliminate the entire burden. However, they could minimize what they have to go back to the voters for. She feels the sales tax is a viable option for Medina County. She is very proud to be a part of the opportunity to see something new in school funding that can take care of schools locally versus waiting for the state.

Tracy Mattern (7710 Stone Road, Medina) stated that he is a member of the Buckeye School Board. He said what is great about the system is that they can all gather together and have their respective opinions. He commented that he was also a West Tech alumni (the same as Mr. Koplan), but those were different times; before state funding really put a freeze on the opportunity for schools to have growth. They are currently paying off a bond issue in the Buckeye School District that was passed six years ago. They levied a property tax to build a new elementary complex, provide an addition and improvements to the Junior High and High School, and Litchfield Elementary School (that is now closed due to a lack of operating money). He pointed out that if the revenue stream had been in effect 6-1/2 years ago, their residents would not be paying a permanent improvement bond issue for their facility improvements. He said some think that the State of Ohio is going to save them, and there has been statewide activity for 4-1/2 years to look for a true Constitutional change that is equitable to residents and fair in funding schools. There has been very little agreement and schools in this state are literally "going out of business". This is not a "silver bullet", but they can start Step #1 this year in alleviating the continued and increasing burden on property tax. He asked why they don't take care of their own children and grandchildren in Medina County.

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Mr. Merholz said he votes for every school levy. He was talking about the perception of this tax to the general public and the misunderstandings. Brunswick had a plan, they all voted for it, and he is gladly paying his higher tax bill. He is concerned with Brunswick's renewal levies failing when they are put on the ballot with this sales tax. Mr. Mattern said they have a job to educate the constituency of Medina County. They cannot fix the system overnight. All they were asking is that the Commissioners to put this on the ballot, let people exercise their Constitutional right, and let the voters of Medina County decide whether they want to contribute to helping education in this form with the potential of alleviating the continued reliance on property tax, or do they sit and do nothing again.

Bill Grenfell (3663 Autumn Tree Drive, Medina Township) said he is a parent and is active with the schools. He was the volunteer levy chairperson for the last operating levy for Medina City Schools - and it was the hardest thing he ever did! All of the comments this evening have been exactly correct. The system is not fair and there are people that are tapped out, but there are people who can afford to pay more. He realized that the levy he worked on was a hardship on many people and told the board members that they needed to do something different. They needed to shift the burden from property taxes to a system where, if you could afford to pay more, you paid more. This is the first step down that path. It's not how much the schools are going to spend; it's about how they are going to generate the money for them to spend. This is a more equitable solution that was given by the state legislature to use as a tool to fix the problems locally. There are too many issues with the 688 school boards across the state for them to come up with a "silver bullet" formula that is a solution to all their problems.

Mrs. Geissman stated, "The State of Ohio has not given school boards the authority for sales tax. That's why they are asking for the commissioners' sales tax. You have the authority for real property taxes and income taxes and this is the county's sales tax."

Mr. Grenfell stated, "It is still one of the mechanisms at the disposal of the community of Medina County that we can use to help our school funding problem."

Mrs. Geissman answered, "We are in unchartered waters."

Mr. Grenfell asked, "Are we going to lead or are we going to follow?"

Mrs. Geissman stated, "I, for one, cannot give away 30 years down the road our sales tax and I have expressed that to the Board at the meetings. Five or ten years – I could do that. But I could not do that for 30 years."

Mr. Grenfell asked, "Is there such a thing as a recall on the sales tax?"

Mr. Hambley said there is a repeal opportunity on a sales tax. Commissioners can resubmit the issue to the ballot and it would, once again, be up to the voters, according to the Ohio Tax Commission. People give it, and they can take it away.

Mr. Metter said it was Governor White, in 1936, who started the sales tax and said it would only last six months. His parents said it would save the schools, but nothing is going to save the schools until they can get an administration that is tightfisted with the taxpayers' dollars. The sales tax will hurt the merchants in this county because people from other counties might be inclined to shop in Medina County because they pay less sales tax. The tax inflation is not stopping and they need to force the people running the schools to get a "better bang for the buck".

Mr. Koplan said he is supportive of the community, but people are tired of being taxed to death. He said the governor was just elected and asked if they could wait a year to see what the state will do for the schools. He heard the state is considering increasing the tax by 1 or 2% on sales to support the schools. Gas went up and Ohio is #3 in the country in state taxes. Ohio lost 36,000 families last year and only 6,000 families moved to Ohio. He has friends that shop in Medina County because of the low sales tax. He commented on the low number of people attending this public hearing and also about the small ads the Commissioners placed in the Gazette. He said people can't afford these taxes and that is why they are moving out of Ohio. Mr. Koplan asked how many people were affiliated with school boards and said there were more people from

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the school boards than there were taxpayers present. He asked the Commissioners to take out a full-page ad next time. Ms. Ray said that would cost about \$10,000. Two notices were placed in the Gazette in addition to many newspaper articles published and notification on the web site. Unfortunately, sometimes advertising doesn't make much of a difference in public hearing attendance. Mr. Hambley added that a week has not gone by where there hasn't been a letter to the Editor on this issue and they tried everything that they could to promote the times and dates. There is a second public hearing next Monday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., and every citizen has the opportunity to write a letter, phone, email, or comment and those can be included as part of the public record. They hope to educate the public and a fact sheet is on the county's web site. Medina County is one of three counties that has the 6% sales tax rate so if they raise it to 6-1/2%, a person would have to drive to Stark County or Hancock County to get 6%, which is quite a bit further to drive. His experience is that Medina County is not Cleveland, and not like Cleveland (thank goodness). They are not like Cuyahoga County and that is why they have so many people wanting to live here. The governments do not operate anyway near close to the same. They try to do their best to give value for the dollar; every school is rated excellent. They are a good town, good communities, and good people elected to office that are accountable to the voters.

Mr. Koplan expressed his unhappiness with the Medina High School addition and the recreation center. He said, "I'm letting you know – you're going to find out that this thing is going to go down and a lot of you are going to down the boat with it. You're not going to be voted back in if you keep doing this stupid stuff. And you're not going to get school levies passed if this keeps going on. People are tired of it."

Mr. Mattern reminded everyone that this sales tax for schools idea was not original. Summit County proposed the exact same type of issue two years ago that went to the ballot and lost by less than a point. The Summit County voters had the opportunity to vote and decide whether they were going to support permanent improvement revenue streams for their county. That is all they are asking Medina County Commissioners for.

Mr. Merholz spoke again about his concern with the Brunswick levies being defeated and the 30-year life of the sales tax. Mr. Kelly explained that no Brunswick School Board members attended the public hearing because they had a school board meeting. Mr. Metter expressed concern about the overall economy in the next few years and that there would be a large downward trend. He's not voting for any new taxes.

Mr. Mattern said for the record, last year Buckeye returned one mill of capital improvement that residents were currently being assessed due to the fact that the Treasurer was able to finance their capital improvements at a more favorable market rate.

Ms. Raftrey said there has been discussion about waiting to see what happens with the state. Mr. Lee Fischer said during the fall campaign that, while school funding was going to be a priority for their administration, it was clearly no "silver bullet" for improving school funding. They have a plan, and a plan to pull people together to come up with ideas, but they would be kidding themselves if they think they could wait and get an answer from Columbus that was going to bring money, particularly to Medina County because of its property wealth. Mr. Koplan said the state was talking about 1 or 2% tax by the end of the year to help school funding. Mr. Hambley said if the state were to increase the overall sales tax by tax by 1%, which would be about \$18.5 million dollars coming out of Medina County going to Columbus. He asked how much Medina County would get back and audience members said, not much. Supreme Court has pointed out the gross inequity due to the property valuation and the use of that for funding of schools. That is the Constitutional issue and the political issue that the legislature has to face. They would have to change the rankings to make everybody equal before Medina County would see that money comes back to the county. Of this proposed sales tax, 100% would stay in this county.

Norm Christopher (1475 Strawberry Lane, Granger Township) stated that he is on the Highland School Board and his four children attend Highland Schools. He moved to Medina County because of the good schools. This evening somebody asked what would happen if school funding collapsed and Mr. Kelly suggested that class sizes would go up to 40 or 45. That will solve the problem of growth because Medina County would no longer be a desirable place to live. New business would not come to the county and families would not bring their income potential,

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or spend their dollars here. This is a capitalistic society that we live in and people come here because it is worth coming here. He doesn't like paying taxes, just like everybody else, but the fact is – they have to take care of their schools because as their schools go, is the way our communities are going to grow. If they don't find a good, equitable way to take care of the schools, they are going to see a big change in Medina County. He invited people to attend school board meetings and said the beauty of a school district is that if they don't like the way it is being run, vote your board members out.

Mrs. Geissman said she appreciates the school board members being there to answer questions that the general public has. It would be so easy for her to join her two colleagues and put this issue on the ballot. They have dealt with the sales tax issue three times since she and Mr. Hambley have been on the Board of Commissioners. Each time it has gone down for various reasons. Mrs. Geissman stated, "When this issue was brought to my attention, the first I thought of was 30 years and taking the tax authority that we have for capital improvements or things that fall under the commissioners' responsibilities. As I have pointed out (and some of my commentary has been in the newspaper), I was not elected to deal with school funding; I was elected to care of the activities of the county. It would be so much easier to go along with this and let the voters vote on it. But with a clear conscience, I cannot do that. I cannot tie the hands of future boards of commissioners that may need this ½% sales tax for something down the road. As I said, already in the past ten years, we've had sales tax issues on the ballot and two or three years from now, we may have another request. I know senior citizens would like more funding. I know that the agencies with mental health issues would like to see a levy or a tax. So there are things that are going to be coming toward us. I know that Mr. Hambley has mentioned several areas that we have authority to raise taxes, like increasing the cost of the courts or adding onto to our RPTT or utility taxes. But we've never gone that way – that's a real muddy way to try to bring in the same amount of millions of dollars that a sales tax brings in."

Mrs. Geissman continued, "I did ask school board members that are on this committee a couple of weeks ago if they would consider five years. I was hoping they would come back and say no, but they would consider ten because I could do that. And I think there's an amount of accountability that comes with something that you can put on the ballot and show the people that you've pulled back the real estate taxes, show the people that it's working. And I don't think you'd have any problem with it passing again if the accountability is there. But to take this for 30 years – I don't think people are going to support that. That's what I'm hearing and I'm getting a lot of e-mail, I'm getting a lot of telephone calls, and this is an issue with residents of the county – a 30 year tax with no accountability."

Mrs. Geissman said four of her sons went through the Cloverleaf School system; four grandchildren are presently in the Cloverleaf School system and one is at the Achievement Center. She truly supports the schools and believes some of the points the school board members have made are very relevant. What she is concerned about is (and she did tell this to the board members a couple of weeks ago), "I think you're setting yourself up for failure. And the reason is that when you see all these tax issues of the ballot, they're going to vote no for all of them. They're going to be very confused. One of my biggest concerns is what I'm hearing when people really and truly believe that if they pass the sales tax, that there won't be any other real estate taxes on the ballot and we all know that's not going to happen. And then it going to be those damn commissioners (because I've already heard it) that have put us in this position and now we've got these other taxes and they're not going to pass any taxes that you need to keep your operations going. I am very concerned about that. And it's one of the reasons that I just can't support this. I just wanted you to know (those that are here, as well as the people from the school boards and the school board members) that this is a real concern. I just see down the road, from what I'm hearing, that you're not going to get your real property taxes passed in the future." People will say it is just like the lottery. She doesn't know what the answer is and what is going to happen on the state level. She knows there are a couple plans being considered now and one requires a sales tax to be on the ballot this fall and the other one deals with millage. She cannot support 30 years and putting it on the May ballot before they know what the state is going to do. It is the state's responsibility to provide school funding – not the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley asked Mrs. Geissman to share the emails with the other Commissioners and give them to the Clerk. They needed to be included for the public record (all the correspondence

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received). He said any of the state funding plans, even those most pronounced in terms of the amount of dollars being allocated for education, all require local taxes for education; this is about that local portion. They hope they are able to resolve the state part of it and if they approach it tomorrow the same way with a sales tax going equally for every student regardless of school district, then they would be talking. But, in talking with local state legislators, other state legislators, and former state legislators (he spoke with Senator Eric Fingerhut and Representative Jim Trakas) that is not likely and that is not the scenario and will never happen. Medina County is a wealthy county, will continue to be a wealthy county, and they will be lowest on the list for state funding because of that. For the county’s portion, he asked how they wanted to pay for it; just property tax or also provide some other revenue sources. That ought to really be determined by the voters.

Mr. Merholz asked about the Prosecutor’s opinion on the web site. He thinks the Prosecutor said they needed to get an opinion from the Attorney General. He asked if they were going to spend any money before the opinion comes in. Mr. Hambley said he is talking about the most recent letter of a recommendation because, primarily, of the issue of borrowing. The Medina City School Board has tried to address that issue and today he has asked the Prosecutor to revisit that recommendation that he made on January 29. What was motivating was the issue of sustaining debt and, as Commissioner Geissman pointed out, this is “uncharted waters”. Unfortunately, the Ohio Attorney General is not going to give them anything that is authoritative that will reduce their liability, improve their liability, or even answer their question. It would give them a legal opinion, probably no more than what they have received from Squire Sanders’ legal counsel and, likewise, what they have received from the County Prosecutor. There is no basis that it is illegal. In the Prosecutor’s review, he believes that there is a sufficient amount of analogous law to support the county’s case and they have the ability to restrict the funds for the purpose of school districts. They are asking the Prosecutor to examine the additional legal information they provided, as well as some case law, the changed conditions with the Medina City Schools, and to revisit that issue as to whether to seek an Ohio Attorney General opinion. Upon questioning if Medina City Schools would ever borrow on the sales tax, Mr. Hambley said maybe in the future, if the state legislator becomes more definitive in this, or if there is some other legal mechanism in place. If the court would decide they couldn’t collect the sales tax, they would stop collection.

Ms. Ray stated that Medina County is in the enviable position of having all the school systems in the county rated excellent, but also in the unenviable position as being considered one of the wealthiest counties in the State of Ohio. What that means, basically, is that they are helping to subsidize both the urban and the rural counties. That is not going to change no matter how much additional money the state raises. They could take the position, as County Commissioners, that the schools are not their responsibility, but there are a variety of reasons as cited this evening. Many people moved to this county because of the excellent school systems and these are the children we hope do very well so that they can fund our social security. We need to make sure they get a good education. It is important to us as a community and it is important to us as a government. She has never been afraid of letting people vote on something; after all, it is their money.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

OF

MEDINA COUNTY

Pam Vereb, Clerk

Sharon A. Ray

Patricia G. Geissman

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EXHIBIT A

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