

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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 minutes of December 19, 27 and January 3 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE on December 27 and January 3, and Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray voting AYE on December 19 with Mrs. Geissman abstaining.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution authorizing the Commissioners to participate in ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of various equipment and dump trucks. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the participation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Asst. County Administrator/Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions authorizing agreements with various veterinarians for dog spay & neuter services for the Animal Shelter, approving an optional second year for supplemental transportation services for Job & Family Services (JFS), authorizing submission of a Building Careers in Support of Homeland Security Grant, approval of an agreement with Dr. Jon Sokol for dental services for the Jail, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$591,549.81. The resolution authorizing agreements with veterinarians has a list of those that have submitted applications to participate. Others will be added as their applications are received. The supplemental transportation services for JFS are contracted through the Transit Department with Foxx. This continues the contract through 2006 at the same rates as 2005. The grant application for building careers is the third for Workforce Development and will run for the next 1 ½ years. The grant is in the amount of \$143,800, and there are no matching funds required. The dental services agreement will run from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The dentist will be paid \$1,350/month. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 5 resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. 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 resolution approving rate increases in conjunction with the agreement with the Teamsters Local 293 and Job & Family Services. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the rate increases; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the collection of a portion of the sewer benefit charge from Liquid Resources of Ohio LLC on a bi-monthly basis. Liquid Resources now have the money for the down payment. This action will increase the flow to the company. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the bi-monthly collection; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented their December and year-end report. Permits for December matched December 2004 for residential at 68 and commercial was higher than 2004. The trend for both residential and commercial continues. The average cost of a new home is based on what the contractor says the construction value will be. Based on that, the average cost of a new home increased in value 6.48%, but they had 10% less in the total number of

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homes being built. Permit costs are based on square footage and although the total number of homes went down they increased in size. From the projections he has seen residential and commercial will be close to the same in 2006. It was noted that Brunswick Hills Township had 229 homes built, which are the smaller homes, followed by Montville Township with 199 and Medina Township at 75.

Mr. Hambley noted that there are now 2 resolutions to allow expenses of county officials. When the travel policy was being discussed it was noted that elected officials can adopt their own travel policies. The County Engineer adopted a policy and it was determined that those falling under a different policy will be listed separately by resolution.

The Clerk read a resolution allowing expenses for county officials and a second expense resolution for the County Engineer. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses on both resolutions; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman.

Mrs. Geissman asked if the 2 conferences under the Sheriff were the ones questioned last week because of the difference in costs.

Ms. Ray stated that they were and that the one with the larger amount is for the employee that is covering all of the room charges.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call on the motion and second to allow the expenses showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment and there was no one present wishing to comment.

Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/appointment following the discussion session; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting to move to the conference room for the discussion session.

Commissioners reviewed a draft resolution approving the annexation petition for 4.6302 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The township did not appear or have counsel at the hearing to oppose the annexation or indicate either way on this petition. Ms. Ray noted that in a phone conversation Trustee Dennis Kreider stated they weren't opposing to this annexation. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution as drafted to approve the annexation petition; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed a draft resolution approving the annexation petition for 81.6673 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The Board is required to take action today.

There was a discussion relative to a newspaper article that the court had ruled the City basically made procedural errors in the use of eminent domain to run a transmission line from Chippewa Township. It is up to the City now whether to make changes as recommended by the court to start the process over. The newspaper article is "after the fact" since the hearings were closed and there was a question as to whether that information could be used at this time. Also, the City has said they have a new local well and that they can provide water to this territory. The use of the land once annexed will be determined by the city and they will be able to control whether a high user of water is constructed or not. That use is not a county decision. There are alternates available to the City. Commissioners understand that people around the area don't want the annexation. The issue of the impact on public highway was briefly discussed, but the greatest impact on roads will be on existing city streets, and the City said the roads can handle that.

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Mr. Hambley felt the annexation balance of good test meets the criteria.

Ms. Ray agreed, noting that it is difficult for people to separate their uncomfortable feelings of growth.

Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution as drafted for the approval of the annexation petition; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray noted that a woman from Lodi that lost her son asked that donations be made to *Save Ohio Strays*. Ms. Ray contacted her and thanked her for her generosity at a difficult time.

Mr. Hambley noted that Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, had submitted information on the phrase “Chinese Wall”.

Mr. Hambley stated that at the last TID meeting they requested updates to the thoroughfare plan for the intersection of I-71 and I-271. The plan needs to be modified and a hearing will be required. There is a proposed use for adjoining property at the interchange, but there are not plans prepared. This is not on ODOT’s or anyone’s schedule at this time. He will coordinate this with Planning Services as well.

Mr. Hambley noted that last week the Sheriff discussed 911 and the rotary fund used for payments by the townships. There are some that pay less than others and the area of mutual aid was the area of major complaints and may need changed. The complaint is that the mutual aid townships responding to 911 calls and providing that aid are also being charged for 911 services. He proposed that those townships shouldn’t be charged.

Chris Jakab stated that his office handles the billing and that when they started breaking the numbers down on mutual aid about 4 years ago the Sheriff’s Office asked that they be billed. He feels it is important to continue to keep track of the number of mutual aid calls. He agreed that those charges could be dropped from the process, and noted that the Sheriff is the one that sets the policy for 911 billing. About 5% of the calls are for mutual aid.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the Sheriff was not aware of this billing for mutual aid calls and would like it stopped.

After a brief discussion and agreement about not charging for the mutual aid calls, Mrs. Geissman agreed to communicate their recommendation to the Sheriff. She will also let him know that they would like to continue seeing in the report when those calls occur.

Chris reported that MCDAC and Diversion moved on Thursday to the Professional Building; that the jury box reconfiguration is complete and the carpeting will be done over the weekend; that the new counter at the Animal Shelter will be coming this week, which will give them better working space; that the Verizon information is together and ready to be picked up; and, that budget hearings are tomorrow, Thursday and next week.

Mr. Hambley noted that MCDAC passed a recommendation to place their levy back on the May ballot. Their recommendation is for a partial replacement with a reduction, which was attempted in November. The consensus was that people didn’t understand what their funds are used for and they agreed that they will need to work on better educating the public. Karl Cetina, MCDAC, will be here next week to make the request.

Ken Hotz presented copies of an agreement with the City of Cleveland that was negotiated last year with a map attached showing the areas of water service around Brunswick City and Brunswick Hills Township. The areas on the map covered by the County are highlighted in blue (Hinckley), service will start from the Granger tank in the dark blue area, Babcox and Crystal Brook will be picked up soon, the pink area will be served by the County via

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the City of Cleveland, and areas “E” and “D”. Cleveland will provide water service on the east side and area “F”. He noted that the pump station for Hinckley is on-line.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 a.m. for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier.

At 10:54 a.m. Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

- 06-0029            RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
  
- 06-0030            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
  
- 06-0031            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VETERINARIANS FOR DOG SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
  
- 06-0032            RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPTIONAL SECOND YEAR FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
  
- 06-0033            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BUILDING CAREERS IN SUPPORT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT
  
- 06-0034            APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL
  
- 06-0035            AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 7,900 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
  
- 06-0036            RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 06-0037            RESOLUTION APPROVING RATE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 293 AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
  
- 06-0038            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO COLLECT A PORTION OF THE SEWER BENEFIT CHARGE FROM LIQUID ESOURCES OF OHIO, LLC ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS
  
- 06-0039            RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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06-0040                    RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

06-0041                    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 4.6302 ACRES OF LAND  
KNOWN AS BEING PART OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH,  
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

06-0042                    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 81.6673 ACRES OF LAND  
KNOWN AS BEING PART OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH,  
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

**MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

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Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Patricia G. Geissman