

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup> was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, County Engineers Office, presented a resolution to extend the completion date to May 31, 2002, of the South Gateway Drive improvement contract with Fechko Excavating Co. because of weather conditions. He also presented a resolution authorizing a change order to Fechko's contract for an additional \$5,887.75 for the same project. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 2 resolutions and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the Weekly Permits List.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 7 resolutions involving a revenue adjustment, approving the request for an advance of collected taxes for the Drug Abuse Commission, various fund transfers, authorizing the purchase of gasoline, approving a legal services agreement between Child Support Enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office, approving the county's consulting services agreement with Maximus, Inc, and payment of the bills that total \$947,067.42. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the finance resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger Harris, Human Resources Director, presented the Personnel Resolution that included a leave of absence, several rate changes, a certification, a lateral class change, and a name change. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the personnel resolution. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution amending the table of organization for Medina County Job and Family Services and the table of organization for the Building Inspection Department. He explained that it was necessary to create these 3 "Training Position Only – Social Service Worker 1". Once a person is in the 1 position for a year they become a 2. The state said that they could not put a 1 in a 2 so the only solution was to create these training positions. The regular SS Worker 2 position will not be filled at the same time as the training position so it will not be additional employees. The Building Inspection Department is deleting one Full Time Clerk 2 and adding one Full Time Clerk 1 and a Part Time Clerical Specialist to better meet their needs. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, from the Sanitary Engineers Office, presented a resolution authorizing a change order for underground utilities for the Ledge Road and Ridge Road Waterline Project. Some residents on Stoll Drive are requesting water so they are extending water to them. They are trying to be responsive to other water requests in the Granger area so they are having a meeting Thursday evening with Remsen Chase on Wilbur Road. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the change order. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Bahr asked Jim what the impact would be to the overall capabilities of the line if they extend to the additional areas they hadn't planned on. Jim said that it is a 24" line out to the tower and a 16" line down Route 18 so they had planned to move a lot of water through these lines to serve this area. Mr. Hambley added that the only reason they had not planned for these areas was because there was no interest from the residents until they saw the waterlines being put in around them. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Louis Sharpe, the Director of the Department of Planning Services briefly recapped 2001 for the Commissioners. Over 616 lots were created and the highest percentage of them was in Brunswick Hills Township with 110 lots, then Hinckley with 94, Lafayette Township with 88, Montville Township with 85, and Liverpool with 53. His staff is visiting with various township officials. The Planning Commission met January 9th and elected new officers. Jim Dudek from Sharon Township was installed as the President; Lynda Bowers from Lafayette Township is First Vice President; and Charles “Buck” Adams from Wadsworth is the Second Vice President. There will be a Subdivision Technical Review Committee meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The Zoning Inspector’s Mutual Assistance meeting is Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Lou commented that if January is any indication of what to expect in 2002 – it will be hectic. There are 8 new subdivisions as of the first of the year. In conclusion, he said that their part-time secretarial assistant resigned and they will be looking to fill that position.

Mr. Bahr asked Lou where the 8 new subdivisions are located and if they are scattered throughout the county. Lou said that 3 are in Montville Township and the rest are scattered throughout the county in Liverpool, Sharon, Litchfield, and Granger Townships. The waterline extension will also generate some activity in Northern Medina County.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, stated that there were some minor changes to the lease agreement that they have been working on with John Stricker. He will present the final copy to the Commissioners when he receives it. They are in the first couple of months of dealing with the Governor’s program to review all assistance cases. He feels that they are moving along quite nicely. Cross-referencing with the master list will assure that no case is missed. Mike said that they had a false fire alarm due to the dust from the Hospice remodeling.

Art VerDoorn, Chief Building Inspector, gave the Building Department monthly report for December 2001 as compared to December 2000. There were 51 new house permits in December and 871 for the year as compared to 33 and 801 the year before. This is about a 9% increase. The value of the homes continues to fall slightly because of the high-end houses. The commercial permits are lagging up. The Homebuilders Association remains optimistic and predict that the building trend would remain the same or up for 2002. Art said that they had some mini-workshops with some testing agencies, contractors, and supply companies regarding cold weather concrete replacement. There is another open forum on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Engineering Center for contractors, architects, and engineers. Mr. Bahr praised the Building Department for their open door policy.

Mrs. Geissman read the resolution approving the Code of Regulations of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). Mr. Hambley, who is the Commissioners’ representative on the NOACA Board, explained the revisions to the Code that they have been working on for the past year. The benefit to Medina County is that it increases the weighted vote from 3 to 4 votes. When they vote by population, they have grown in proportion to the rest of the region and this would increase Medina County’s voice. This type of voting is not common though. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which is where all transportation projects go, has been restructured to reduce the membership from 50 down to the more manageable size of 38. It has guaranteed seats for the County Engineer, County Transit, County Planning, and Economic Development. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman thanked Mr. Hambley for serving on NOACA and being instrumental in the changes. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman read the resolution supporting the supplement to the Chippewa Creek Watershed Work Plan. Medina County Board of Commissioners was one of the principal sponsors of the plan back in 1960. The Park District, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service will bear the cost of the rehabilitation of the Hubbard Valley Dam and Lake. Mr. Bahr moved to approve supporting the plan supplement. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Bahr added that the work is nearing completion. The retention basin had eroded and the rehabilitation was badly needed. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The meeting was opened to Public Comment. There was none.

The Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. for Discussion Session. Debra Radecky discussed the Office for Older Adults Needs Assessment project. She passed around a sample from Lorain County and the “Handbook for Needs Assessments in Ohio’s Aging Network” that shows the requirements by the Ohio Department of Aging. She also had available the Cuyahoga County Needs Assessment that was mostly statistics and she did not recommend patterning after. Debra explained that the purpose is to identify older adults needs because people are living longer and their needs have changed. She is on the Advisory Council for the Technology Group at the University of Akron/Wayne College. Since other counties have had their assessments done by colleges, she is pursuing having Medina County’s done by Jane Roberts who is on the faculty at Wayne College. They have no vested interest in the outcome. Mr. Bahr suggested that she check with the other counties that she has done assessments for. Mr. Hambley said that it would be good to see a proposal from Wayne College, and who would be a part of the team and their background. Mrs. Geissman stressed the importance that all levels of Senior Citizens were interviewed for their input. Mr. Stricker made some suggestions as to the internal steering committee to make sure that the end product was valid. His suggestions were a Commissioner (Pat Geissman), the Administrative Assistant that deals with Community Development Block Grants (Dianne Ranftl), and Debra Radecky. Mr. Bahr said that he would like to see a Senior Citizen on the Committee.

Mrs. Geissman said that she would like to see Debra Radecky and the Office for Older Adults featured on the “Your Medina County” cable access show in March and Debra agreed.

Mr. Hambley discussed the NOACA revision saying that the President would confer with the Board of Commissioners to represent Economic Development interest. Not every county has an Economic Development Board like Medina County does. He presumes that NOACA will extend membership to Jim Doust and the MCEDC Board to nominate 2 people. All of the Medina County municipal representatives have responded. Skip Trimble will be the appointed member and Jane Leaver will be the alternate. Jim Dudek will be the Township’s representative and Linda Hudson will be his alternate. That will need to be presented in a resolution next week.

Regarding the Ohio Department of Transportation’s letter of January 17, 2002 announcing an open house public meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mr. Bahr said that he had a conflict and wanted to be sure that Commissioners were represented. Both Mr. Hambley and Mrs. Geissman said that they would be attending the open house to discuss the Route 18/I-71 Interchange at the Best Western Hotel.

Mr. Bahr referred to a letter to Wayne County’s Judge Weist from Medina County’s Mediation Coordinator, Bruce Francis. He told the Commissioners that there is some confusion as to whether Wayne County will stay in partnership with Medina County to defray expenses. Judge Weist wrote back that Wayne County “will go it alone beginning 7/1/02”. The other Common Pleas Judge is happy with the current program. Bruce should find out the program’s status at the Advisory Committee on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bahr asked Bill Thorne, Assistant County Prosecutor about the status of the annexation law. Mr. Bahr said that the referendum did not have enough signatures in the allotted time, and they said that they did not have enough time to obtain them. There is a pending lawsuit. Mr. Hambley said that according the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Wayne County is using the new law. Mr. Stricker added that one of the issues

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was about some of the signatures thrown out and they questioned the ability of the Board of Elections. Mr. Thorne said that he would check out the facts and get back to them.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.