

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 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 minutes of January 22 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 a resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for the purchase and installation of 2 new dump bodies and hydraulics for the Highway Department. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the advertisement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Dave Miller, County Engineer, stated that a public hearing is needed for the Foote Road improvement project in the 3rd week of February.

After a brief discussion, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. was agreed to for the hearing.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 9 resolutions involving various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Tri-State Petroleum, authorizing a change order for the exterior trim painting project at the Historic Courthouse, accepting and awarding bids for Recorder's Office microfilming services, approving a lease agreement with Highland Court, LLC, for office space for the Child Support Enforcement Agency, authorizing an agreement of contract terms with the Center for Regional Economic Issues, Case Western Reserve University for a workforce retention and expansion survey, approving Title IV-D agreements for court services with Juvenile Court and Domestic Relations Court, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$509,850.50.

The change order for painting is a deduct of \$876.00 for damage done by the contractor. Advertising was done and bids accepted for microfilming services on January 16. Nancy Abbott, Recorder, reviewed the bids and recommends award to Casnet. This is for a 2-year contract starting February 1 and the services will be paid through the Recorder's computer fund. The lease for Child Support is a renewal for a reduced rate for 2002-2005, with an optional 2-year renewal. The contract terms for the workforce survey are for an extension of the timeframe to April 15, 2002. They have had trouble getting responses back. The Title IV-D contracts are for 2002.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 9 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 changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, reported that they had meetings last week involving Foote Road with the County Engineer, Remsen Chase Subdivision in Granger Township, and a general meeting in Montville Township. There are a lot of requests for waterlines and they are monitoring the requests, as they have to have a majority before they can proceed. Currently the projects being worked on are for Remsen Road, Ridge/Ledge Roads and Weymouth Road. They are also working on plans for lines for Chatham and Lafayette Townships. This is based on requests. Through questioning, Jim stated that they are doing smaller sections in Lafayette first that will tie into the Chatham lines because there is a need for the larger line from the Spieth Road pump station. LMI surveys are being done as well as surveys for the best location of the lines. They are projecting completion of this project for the spring of 2004.

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Mr. Hambley noted that the LMI (low-moderate income) surveys are being done to see if they are eligible for CDBG funds to assist with the project. He also noted that there were a lot of questions at the hearing last week about Foote Road and last week's meeting was to respond to those questions by the residents.

Jim noted that they are responding through the County Engineer. He believes the general tone of the meeting was positive.

Mr. Bahr noted that the section of waterline in that area is owned by the City and is not in good repair.

Mr. Hambley added that the line is being replaced at no cost to the residents. The line will be connected back to the City and the Issue 2 grant will pay for these costs.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, stated that his office coordinated the county employees *Coats for Kids* program this year and collected over \$1300 that was used to purchase 94 coats. He presented a graph about the food stamp program in response to a question by Mr. Hambley last week. The program is population and economic sensitive and we had a 30% increase in families receiving food stamps last year. Approximately 1/3 of the recipients are older adults. The increase appears to be due to reduction in hours than layoffs. A lot of families have experienced a reduction in hours that puts their income in the level of eligibility.

Mead presented and reviewed 4 resolutions. The first resolution allows for expenditures to purchase child safety seats for use with Transit through Medicaid Outreach. Medicaid assists with healthcare and this enables mothers to ride transit with their children for this purpose. The second resolution amends the Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC) Plan to allow for mortgage payment reimbursements for families that are working to resolve their financial problems, allow for WIA/TANF funds to be dispersed and to allow for community based diversion for youth. The third resolution is for the annual foster care training. A lot of the training will be done in-house this year. The fourth resolution is the annual resolution to allow expenditures for employee recognition. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley thanked Mead for being able to come up with money for the child seats for Transit. Transit's funding is scarce and they have child safety seats available, but there is only 1 per bus. This funding will enable 2-3 safety seats to be available for mothers that have more than one child that needs a seat. Some mothers can't use Transit because seats were not available.

Mr. Bahr asked if the response is still good for foster parents.

Mead stated that the number of foster children increases and they can always use more parents. A lot of foster parents adopt a child they are caring for and then they get out of foster parenting. The cities are pretty well covered in this area. They particularly need parents in the Buckeye and Black River school districts to keep the children in their schools.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 4 JFS resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy Yuzwa, MCDAC Director, presented 2 resolutions making appointments to their Board. The first reappoints Emil Stecki as Brunswick's representative with Cliff Nowak as their alternate. The second appoints Lawrence Hering as the Village's representative. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the reappointments and appointment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy stated that the program for educating parents about hosting parties is in the planning stage and will run in April-May. The Family-A-Fair planning is also going well. On May 7 a DEH agent will be at Black River Schools for a presentation to parents and students about drug issues. On the evening of May 6, ShareCluster is hosting a countywide meeting with this gentleman in the Administration Building auditorium. ShareCluster's breakfast meeting is

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May 17. They have received a grant for \$4300 from the American Cancer Society for a program in the schools to prevent tobacco use. The National Guard and Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction is developing an Ohio early warning network to receive concerns about violence and drug trafficking and to release alarms about these and how they transcend across the state. MCDAC handles a number of calls monthly for information on who provides services, etc. The next MCDAC Board meeting is February 4 starting at 6:30 pm. Starting at 7:30 grantees will be making presentations to the Board, which will continue on February 5.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution appointing representatives and alternates to NOACA for 2002. The Commissioners representative is Mr. Hambley, with Mr. Bahr as alternate; the Townships representative is James Dudek with Linda Hudson as alternate; and, Robert (Skip) Trimble is the Municipalities representative with Jane Leaver as alternate. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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 and there was no one present wishing to comment.

Commissioners took a short recess at 9:54 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 9:58 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley noted that Jeff Neidert, Brunswick Cable, stated that they are moving their studio in a couple of months and requested that the *Your Medina County* tapings be done ahead so they won't need the studio during the move.

Mr. Hambley noted that a letter regarding liability on Foote Road was sent to Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor. He asked Bill to get back with Commissioners prior to the next hearing.

Mr. Bahr noted that he is sending a letter to the Planning Commission members and alternates regarding Louis Sharpe's resignation and appointment of Susan Hirsch as Acting Director.

Mr. Bahr asked Bill if he has done any more research on the annexation question regarding use of the old law or new law.

Bill stated that he hopes to be in Columbus on Thursday or Friday and he hopes to find out some facts at that time.

Through discussion it was noted that some counties are using the new law. If there is a stay on the new law, it can't legally be used. However, the procedures can be used under the new law as long as decisions are not made using that law. The procedure for the expedited annexations would not be able to be used. The new law doesn't change the law for decisions when the owner and city agree and there is no opposition. It is possible to start charging fees for annexation filings. The County Administrator and Clerk will be working on the procedures later this week.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she has asked Chris Jakab to prepare something for an increase in fees at the County Home in accordance to actual costs. At this time it looks like the cost is \$1650/month. It takes 60 days from the adoption date for the new rates to be affective. Through discussion it was noted that those through Alternative Paths would pay the full amount, and there is only one resident that is truly indigent and can't pay anything. There are 2 veterans and the amount they pay should be checked into. Also, the expiration date of the agreement with Alternative Paths is in question; it either expired on December 31 or will expire this spring.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she received a call from Sheriff Neil Hassinger. They have 260 inmates and 32 in the women's section. These are all Medina County people and the only

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beds available to rent out are in the women's section. It was noted that they have 17 cots set up in the isolation area. The Jail being full is a continuous problem. The feds aren't proceeding with their proposed expansion of the Jail. There was a brief discussion about the liaison officer, home arrest and other programs that would help to alleviate some of the Jail population. It was noted that sentencing laws changed right after the Jail was built. Statistics may be needed to see if the changes are the only problem causing the overcrowding or if there is a need to discuss the problem with the judges. The Jail opened in July 1996 and was supposed to last 20 years.

There were no further items for discussion.

Bill requested an Executive Session to discuss a pending case and get some direction from the Board. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0060 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0061 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF 2 NEW DUMP BODIES AND HYDRAULICS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

02-0062 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

02-0063 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,200 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,300 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

02-0064 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE EXTERIOR TRIM PAINTING PROJECT AT THE MEDINA COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

02-0065 ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR RECORDER'S OFFICE MICROFILMING SERVICES

02-0066 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COURT, LLC, FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

02-0067 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT OF CONTRACT TERMS WITH THE CENTER FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY FOR A WORKFORCE RETENTION & EXPANSION SURVEY

02-0068 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING COURT SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE IV-D OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

02-0069 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING COURT SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE IV-D OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

02-0070 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0071 RESOLUTION ALLOWING EXPENDITURES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF CHILD SAFETY SEATS FOR USE WITH MEDINA TRANSIT

02-0072 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

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02-0073 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR ONGOING FOSTER CARE GIVER TRAINING ON BEHALF OF MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

02-0074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES RELATING TO EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

02-0075 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0076 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0077 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEDINA COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) FOR 2002

02-0078 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley