

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray and Patricia G. Geissman present.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of December 26 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. The minutes were tabled for further review.

Mr. Hambley presented the reorganization resolution & setting dates of sessions for 2007. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray took over as President of the Board.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution approving the Annual County Highway System Report prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits lists for December 28, 2006 through January 3, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for Title IV-D Juvenile Court Magistrate and Prosecutor's services for the month of November; (2) authorizing a contract for the professional services of a beautician for the Medina County Home; and, (3) approval of an agreement between the Medina County Office for Older Adults and the Oaks Family Care Center for wellness and youth pregnancy prevention services. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$509,081.13. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no 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.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution amending the table of organization for the Department of Job and Family Services to delete the position of Interim Full-time Protective Services Worker. Mrs. Geissman made a motion to approve the amendment and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution approving a settlement and release with former Transit Department driver John Clement to resolve a disciplinary matter. Mr. Clement filed an appeal of suspension with the State Personnel Review Board. He will be paid \$325.71 less appropriate deductions representing back pay from the 30-day suspension. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving the transfer of seven properties to the Village of Gloria Glens. These were previously acquired properties related to the FEMA Flood Mitigation Program. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the

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resolution; seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Jakab presented a resolution approving a renewal agreement for county network backbone support services with Mirifex, LLC, for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Payment and scope of services would remain the same as 2006. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the bid of powdered activated carbon to be used at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Troike publicly thanked the Brunswick Hills Police Department for helping with the waterline leak last Friday night during the storm. The computers alerted the Sanitary Engineer's foreman that there was a leak, but they could not find it. He notified the Brunswick Hills Police Department and they found it. Mr. Troike also thanked his department.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, reported on the programs for the month of January as follows:

- January 10 Bingo
- 12 Health discussion with Medina Village
- 17 Craft project
- 19 World War II Memorial presentation
- 24 Bingo
- 26 Program on how to choose a Home Health Agency
- 31 Elmcroft Bingo and movie "Da Vinci Code"

Ms. Radecky said they would be taking appointments for the AARP Tax Program starting January 16. They will be closed on January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. For December, they had 5 health units, 78 supported, 33 Alzheimer's respite units, 1,147 congregate meals, and 4,792 home-delivered meals.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported he attended a four-day intensive training for imaging last month that he found very informative. He explained that they are converting data and operating that is like a snapshot in time. As time progresses, they find it necessary to add or delete categories and change things around a bit. This training allowed him to learn the system from the inside out so that when they decide to make changes in the future, he can do it. He praised their new sophisticated imaging system and said they will always be assessing their needs and making changes as required. Mr. Pataky said the state is offering training for federal tax information that he will also be attending to make sure tax information does not end up in the wrong hands. He will pass this information on to the courts and the Prosecutor's Office.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Village of Lodi and another one with the Village of Westfield Center for enforcement of the Residential Building Code to modify existing agreements with the Building Department to provide services for one-, two-, and three-family residential construction. These revisions were required by recent changes in the state law that provided statewide uniform codes. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Chief Deputy Thomas Patrick Miller for his ten years of service with Medina County. Mr. Miller will be resigning on January 12, and has

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accepted a position as Director of Protective Services at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Commissioners said they would miss Mr. Miller and wished him the best. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution appointing County Commissioners to various committees and areas of direct responsibility. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman said she could not support this resolution and she is very disappointed that her two colleagues chose to remove her from the areas that she has been working on and chooses to work in: the Office for Older Adults (OOA), Sheriff's Office, and Economic Development. She does not mind change at all; she has accepted change many times and been given different departments through other Commissioners. She has ongoing projects and she will be continuing the ongoing projects. As an elected official, she can work in areas she wants to and she will do that and serve the public. Mr. Hambley said that, recognizing they have certain departments, boards and relationships to which they represent the Board of Commissioners, certainly Mrs. Geissman is correct saying she can have a continual role with them as an elected official. Those organizations will have to recognize that she is representing, at that point, herself and not the Board. A couple of weeks ago, the Board discussed the need to balance the workload and he explained his rationale for his requested changes. For example, he has been the liaison to Planning for about ten years and it involves attending evening meetings and zoning workshops on a regular basis and the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) involves evening meetings as well. He plans to be teaching some evenings and there would have been conflicts with County Planning Commission meetings on a regular basis. As an individual Commissioner, he would also like the opportunity to get involved with some of the other departments such as OOA and the others he requested this time. He feels there is a benefit to having Commissioners alternate and be involved with other departments. He said that is why he supports the President's changes. Ms. Ray said she was sorry that Mrs. Geissman is upset about this year's liaison assignments. She got some of her requested areas assigned, but just not all of them. Like these Commissioner seats, the liaison assignments are not lifetime appointments. Commissioners should be operationally familiar with all the areas under the Commissioners' control. The realignment of the liaison assignments will help to make them a stronger Board of Commissioners and, therefore, a stronger organization. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray voting AYE and Mrs. Geissman voting NAY.

Clerk Pam Vereb read the resolution to allow expenses of County officials. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment. No one wished to speak at this time.

Ms. Ray introduced and welcomed Colleen Swedyk. She said the Medina County Republican Party's Central Committee voted her the County Recorder on Saturday, January 6, 2007 (to replace the seat left vacant by Nancy Abbott). She is the Chief Fiscal Officer for Hinckley Township. Ms. Swedyk said hello to everyone and thanked Mr. Jakab for his assistance. She invited the people to visit the Recorder's Office and said she looks forward to her duties. The Commissioners congratulated her.

Ms. Ray said they needed a motion for an Executive Session following the Discussion Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and pending litigation. Mrs. Geissman moved to schedule the Executive Session which was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:55 a.m.

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### Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said it was time to prepare another annual report and asked if the other Commissioners wanted to do one for 2007. They have been doing a Guide to Services every two years. The Clerk would send copies of what the elected officials and department heads had submitted two years ago for updating and information to new officials. She approximated the cost to be about \$2,000, but it is a booklet that the general public uses and enjoys. The other Commissioners agreed to proceed.

Mr. Hambley presented a timeline for the proposed sales tax increase for public schools to go on the ballot. It shows the event, last date for action, legal requirements, and proposed target date. Two public hearings are required that are targeted for Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m. All agreed to the schedule and for the Clerk to proceed with the required duties.

Ms. Ray said she received an email of thanks from a person that utilized the services of the Neuter Scooter for their cat.

Mr. Jakab said he sent a memo and an analysis to the Commissioners regarding the services continuation for the employee healthcare plan. He asked them to let him know soon how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Jakab said he also sent them a memo regarding the New Horizons Facility. He was formally notified that Beech Brook (an agency headquartered in Pepper Pike that offers help to children and families) has opted not to provide services or programming from that location at this time. The Juvenile Court, however, is interested in resuming programming at the facility for "non-New Horizons-type" programs including the Drug Court and other associated programs. New Horizons was the youth shelter next to the Jail that closed August 25, 2006. He would like to work with the Juvenile Court and give them the information and get it started as quickly as they can. They have reclaim dollars that are available for that purpose. There was no contribution previously for the retirement of that debt other than the inside millage that they used for the bond retirement fund. This would allow them to take some of that inside millage and utilize it for some of the other building projects that they need. The Commissioners gave Mr. Jakab permission to proceed.

Mr. Thorne said CORSA said they have still not received appropriate service. They will appoint someone to handle it whenever they ever get good service.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, reported he will be attending the Seville Village Council meeting regarding their version of the agreement similar to the ones passed today for Westfield and Lodi.

Clerk Pam Vereb asked the Commissioners if they wanted to have a booth at the April 21 Earth Day celebration in lieu of greeting speeches that no one could hear last year. The Commissioners agreed to a booth.

The meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m. for the Commissioners to go into the Executive Session to discuss property acquisition that was voted upon earlier. They recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 11:04 a.m., Mrs. Geissman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED 1/8/07**

| <b>NUMBER</b> | <b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>   |
|---------------|---|
| 07-010        | RESOLUTION COMMENDING THOMAS PATRICK MILLER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH MEDINA COUNTY   |
| 07-011        | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS   |
| 07-012        | REORGANIZATION RESOLUTION AND SETTING DATES OF SESSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2007   |
| 07-013        | RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM REPORT PREPARED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  |
| 07-014        | AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE AND PROSECUTOR'S SERVICES |
| 07-015        | AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BEAUTICIAN FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME   |
| 07-016        | APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THE OAKS FAMILY CARE CENTER FOR WELLNESS PREGNANCY PREVENTION SERVICES                                   |
| 07-017        | RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  |
| 07-018        | RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES   |
| 07-019        | RESOLUTION APPROVING OF A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND FORMER TRANSIT DRIVER JOHN CLEMENT  |
| 07-020        | RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF SEVEN PROPERTIES TO THE VILLAGE OF GLORIA GLENS  |
| 07-021        | APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY NETWORK BACKBONE SUPPORT SERVICES   |
| 07-022        | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO BID POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON TO BE UTILIZED AT THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY                         |
| 07-023        | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE            |
| 07-024        | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF LODI FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO   |

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07-025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO VARIOUS  
COMMITTEES AND AREAS OF DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YEAR 2007

07-026 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen D. Hambley

OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Ray

MEDINA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia G. Geissman