

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley 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 June 28 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Salay, Assistant County Engineer, presented 2 resolutions to close sections of Hamilton Road for culvert repairs. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the road closings; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike presented a resolution requesting ODOT to declare a speed limit reduction on State Road in Hinckley Township. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the request; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike presented a resolution approving use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance fund for repair work in Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase 2 in Montville Township. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the use of these funds; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike presented a resolution determining an emergency exists and authorizing the Engineer to solicit quotes for repair of Bridge No. 8 on Friendsville Road. Damage to the bridge occurred during the course of repair work and they would prefer to upgrade rather than just repairing the bridge structure. The bridge needs to be completed prior to school re-opening. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve soliciting quotes; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions authorizing various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Cuyahoga Landmark and for the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, declaring county property as excess property, approving submission of a proposal for Alzheimer Respite Grant Program funding for the Office for Older Adults for FY2005, approving agreement for Information & Referral Services for the Family First Resource Center, approving submission of an FY05 Family First grant application, approving an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health for Operation of the Family First Council Help Me Grow Program, approving an Amendment to the Agreement relating to WIA Adult & Dislocated Worker Services for the Department of Workforce Development, approving a sublease renewal for office space at the Workforce Development Office, terminating the agreement for the inmate legal research assistance program for the Jail, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$673,309.49.

The excess property is broken down into 2 lists with the first list being items that are deemed broken and unusable that will be discarded and the second list being items that will be placed online for auction. The proposal for Alzheimer Respite is a renewal beginning July 1 in the amount of \$20,125. The agreement for Information & Referral Services is for the Lodi Resource Center with Catholic Charities for a total of \$45,000. The FY05 Family First grant application is for \$18,800, which reflects a 6% reduction at the State level. The agreement for the Help Me Grow Program is in the amount of \$67,746. The amendment to the WIA agreement is for a 1-year renewal with Goodwill with a budget of \$259,764. The Workforce Policy Board has recommended this renewal. The sublease renewal is for office space for Manpower from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. There is an increase in the rate due to utilities costs. Termination of the inmate legal research assistance program is due to the attorney accepting a

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position with the Medina City Law Department, which would be a conflict. There have been no services under this agreement since January and a replacement attorney will be needed.

Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 13 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. 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 Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving an agreement with Integrated Benefits Management LLC to develop and implement the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's Transitional Work Grant Program. The company will analyze jobs for transitioning employees that are hurt on the job to get them back to work. This is being done through a \$5600 grant from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. This will be done for all county departments. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution authorizing continued participation in the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan for 2005 and execution & delivery of a renewal agreement. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution to submit application for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for FY2004. The projects will be for Fair Housing, Transit, door openers for the Building and Jail, a chairlift for the Administration Building, sidewalk replacements in York and Chatham Townships, and the Society for Handicapped Citizens. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the application; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Ms. Ray thanked Dianne Ranftl for the time spent with the entities involved.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the CDBG application showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, reported that the painting contractor that was injured while painting the SR 18 tower has been walking. The contractor is working with a reduced crew until the investigation on the accident is finalized. Through questioning, he stated that OSHA will be doing the investigation. The worker stated that he had his harness on and thought that he had it locked into place.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Belinda K. Cool for her years of services with the Recorder's Office. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation; 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.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mrs. Geissman moved to allow the expenses; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley asked about the amount listed for Leadership Medina County and whether this falls within the county's policy.

Gary Berkowitz stated that the cost is \$1250 per person plus the employee pays \$500.

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There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to allow the expenses showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 9:48 a.m. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion property acquisition and personnel/compensation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the County Engineer's Office received bids for the resurfacing of Hamilton and Windfall Roads from Kokosing Construction Company Inc., Kenmore Construction Company, The Shelly Company, and Karvo Paving Company. The Engineer's Office will review the bids for recommendation.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the discussion session.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she asked the Clerk to prepare a resolution for next week to appoint Millie Fedeckyj as Judy Hardesty's replacement to Community Action.

Mr. Hambley presented documentation on eliminating the flood hazard and floodplain regulations. A committee that had been established to look into floodplain regulations has been stalled. We have problems with flooding in existing structures and there is the potential for more of this to occur. A 100 year floodplain is divided into a floodway and a flood fringe, with the floodway being the main area needed for flood waters to pass through. Flooding is a natural process and problems are occurring when structures are built within the floodplains. Every year there is a 1% chance of a home flooding that is in a floodplain, which comes out to a 26% chance over the life of a 30 year mortgage. At this time there is a proposed development in Medina Township that will have 36 units and a road within a floodway. There are also proposed developments in Liverpool Township within floodplains, and in York Township there are lot splits being done that avoid the Subdivision Regulations to allow for homes to be built within a floodplain. Under the current Subdivision regulations there is no basis for denial of these. Montville Township is looking to acquire 11 houses for \$540,000 and 10 of those homes are within a floodplain. Montville is seeking funding through the Natural Resources Council, which oversees public money for parks, etc. that have more public value. If this is granted and the development in floodplains continues there will be more applications for funding through this type of Council. Licking County, through their regulations, prevents construction of new buildings in flood hazard areas. There are options available such as drainage mitigation for individual lots. A benefit of having regulations is that flood insurance for county residents in existing homes in floodplains can save 20% on their flood insurance. HB549 also allows for the creation of local stormwater utilities for flood water retention. Lake County created their stormwater utilities by townships. These can be set up to assess the properties within a subdivision so those creating the problem are paying for the county to purchase land that is in the floodplain. There can also be a requirement within the building code for permanent benchmarks on the foundation of all structures built within a 100 year floodplain. He suggested that a Flood Damage Prevention Committee be created to update regulations for a countywide prevention program. The committee would make recommendations with the community rating system, about partnering with FEMA to allow for modernization of floodplain maps, and other suggestions or recommendations such as zoning codes. If this is agreeable, he would like to have a resolution prepared listing proposed members.

Through discussion Mr. Hambley stated that the Home Builders Association is interested in working on this because they view the regulations as a benefit to them. Establishing regulations will not keep 100% of the floodplains from being developed but it will protect most of those areas.

Buck Adams, EMA Director and member of the Planning Commission, stated that he just received information that if there is repeated loss of a structure and damages have been paid over

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\$20,000, the homeowner will see their insurance premium increase 50%. He noted that owners in Gloria Glens currently pay \$1500/year just for flood insurance.

Mr. Hambley also noted that there is a lack of uniform zoning in the county and that some townships don't have open space zoning. He has already met with Mike Salay, Assistant County Engineer, and he has selected Dan Willhoite to be on the new committee.

There was a brief discussion about inviting the cities to participate on this committee as well. This issue was added to the list of topics to be discussed in a joint meeting with city council members. Commissioners agreed to proceed with establishing a County Flood Damage Prevention Committee.

There was a discussion with Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, relative to applying for membership with the Joint Office of Economic Development (JOED) so the county can join NEOTEC. Participation with NEOTEC will help the county in creating federal trade zones. Membership on the JOED would be a commissioner and it was recommended that this be the President of the Board. JOED meets quarterly and oversees NEOTEC. The county would then have 2 representatives and one alternate on NEOTEC. A recommendation was made for one representative to be from the Port Authority and the other be from the private sector. Our membership would be \$30,000/year for 5 years and then drop to \$25,000/year. As companies go into federal trade zones they would pay a percentage fee. There are financial benefits to the companies and they have certain fees that are charged with CRA's, Enterprise Zones and federal trade zones that come from their savings of being a part of these. Federal trade zone agreements have a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) structure. The process to develop a federal trade zone takes 12-14 months. The townships and schools will be involved with the development of these trade zones. A meeting is scheduled with the school superintendents to explain these zones on August 13. Greenfields that are not producing much in taxes would be the first considered for designation of federal trade zones. Companies can participate in more than one type of tax abatement area. After further discussion, Mrs. Geissman stated that she has no problem with proceeding and Ms. Ray agreed based on the fact that the zones will not be created without community and school involvement. Chris Jakab will work with Jim on the application and preparation of a resolution.

Mr. Hambley presented a memorandum from John Baker regarding what they see as the benefits for the White Road relocation. Relative to the site for Parks, Baker Sand can be asked to do more site preparation as they leave the property. A resolution is being prepared to approve the relocation.

There was a brief discussion relative to the interviews that were conducted for the advocacy services. A statement has been received from the ADAMH Board regarding one of the companies and other references still need to be contacted. It was agreed to wait for a final review of the RFP's until other references are checked.

There was a brief discussion relative to a joint meeting with the councils of the 3 cities. Brunswick and Medina agreed that July 27 was good; however, Wadsworth is not able to participate at that time and has suggested waiting until the fall. Commissioners agreed to set the meeting for July 27 at 7 p.m. in one of the Balcony Rooms. The agenda will include Transit, a presentation by EMA, Fair Housing and the county flood damage prevention committee. It was agreed that the cities should be asked if there are any issues they would like covered at the meeting.

There was a discussion relative to setting up a department head meeting in September. The main focus will be a review of the budget process. This will be set up for department heads as well as elected officials, with attendance being stressed to the Commissioners' departments. Coffee and donuts/cookies will be supplied. Gary Berkowitz will also be asked to review workers' compensation issues. They will also be asked if there are any "generic" issues that they would like discussed. Ms. Ray and the Clerk will work on setting this up for a morning meeting.

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There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 04-0578 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 04-0579 RESOLUTION COMMENDING BELINDA K. COOL FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

- 04-0580 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE HAMILTON ROAD (C.H. 76) BETWEEN HAMLIN ROAD (T.H. 115) AND FOSKETT ROAD (T.H. 109)

- 04-0581 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE HAMILTON ROAD (C.H. 76) BETWEEN FOSKETT ROAD (T.H. 109) AND PLUMCREEK PARKWAY (T.H. 203)

- 04-0582 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DETERMINE AND DECLARE A REASONABLE AND SAFE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY #44, STATE ROAD, BETWEEN C.H. 135, LEDGE ROAD AND S.R. 303, CENTER ROAD, IN MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 04-0583 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 04-0584 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR THE REPAIR OF BRIDGE NO. 8 ON C.H. 35 (FRIENDSVILLE ROAD)

- 04-0585 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND

- 04-0586 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM

- 04-0587 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES

- 04-0588 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

- 04-0589 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE

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- 04-0590 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 04-0591 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR ALZHEIMER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS FOR FY 2005
- 04-0592 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY FIRST RESOURCE CENTER
- 04-0593 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN FY05 FAMILY FIRST GRANT APPLICATION
- 04-0594 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR OPERATION OF THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL HELP ME GROW PROGRAM
- 04-0595 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO WIA ADULT & DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- 04-0596 APPROVING A SUB-LEASE RENEWAL FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
- 04-0597 RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE INMATE LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL
- 04-0598 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 04-0599 SELECTION OF INTEGRATED BENEFITS MANAGEMENT LLC TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION'S TRANSITIONAL WORK GRANT PROGRAM
- 04-0600 AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE CCAO WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PLAN AND EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT
- 04-0601 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004
- 04-0602 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley