

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 15, 2002

Thomas R. Bahr called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. Mrs. Geissman was attending the National Association of Counties (NACO) Conference as the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) representative.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the July 8th minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented two (2) resolutions. The first one was a road closing for culvert replacement on Neff Road between Lester Road and Columbia Road for all of this week. The next resolution Doug presented was accepting and awarding the bids for the Culvert 27 and 28 Replacement Project on Marks Road. The award went to Liberty Excavating for \$131,783.15. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed seven (7) Finance resolutions involving amending the annual appropriation resolution, cash transfers, fund transfers, gasoline purchase authorizations, and the weekly bills that totaled \$600,880.00. Chris said he would be presenting a resolution for the adoption of the 2003 tax budget at 10:30 a.m. today. Mr. Hambley moved to pay the seven (7) Finance resolutions and pay the bills. Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented and reviewed the personnel changes resolution with employee rate changes and a certification. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the personnel changes. Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The next resolution John presented was amending the Table of Organization for the Sanitary Engineers and Human Resources Departments. The Loss Control Coordinator position was deleted from the Human Resources table and moved under the Sanitary Engineer. They are adding the positions of Project Manager and a full time Permit Technician II to the Sanitary Engineer's Department as well. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer presented a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing the Northwest Water Southern Supply Lines and Storage Tank Project, approving the specifications, and authorizing Ken to advertise for construction bids. This project will complete the loops to get the water down to the Chatham tank. Ken showed the Commissioners a map where the lines would be located. He said this does not get water into Chatham itself but they should have county water by fall. They are also working on providing an emergency water connection to Lodi. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for the Wilbur, Remsen Chase Subdivision, Baker, Watkins, and Smith Roads Waterline Project. Bids were accepted on Thursday and awarded to the low bidder, Fechko Excavating for \$554,747.21. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. Mr. Bahr asked Ken why there was such a big difference in the bid amounts that went as high as \$759,958.00. Ken said that Fechko must have really wanted the job and needed the work. There was no further discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

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The last resolution Ken presented was to authorize advertising for bids to purchase two (2) semi tractors and two (2) trailers for the Solid Waste District. They will not be trading in two (2) tractors and trailers because they want to keep them available. Although they are on a two (2) year replacement schedule, they need them as spares due to increased volume. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice Theken, Director of the Department of Planning Services, updated the Commissioners on their progress with the county's subdivision regulations revisions. She said they held a planning session last Wednesday and a few revisions were suggested. They are in the process of making those changes, which will be put into a document for the Planning Commission members to review. They set a tentative meeting for September 4th for the Public Hearing but it will not be certain until after the August 7th regular meeting to see what the agenda looks like for September. In the mean time they will send out notices to the townships to let them know that the document has been revised and provide them with a written summary of the revisions showing the current regulations compared to the proposed regulations.

Patrice stated that the Planning Commission scheduled a work session to review a map that was prepared by the Task Force. The map shows routes that need improvement and future potential roads. These will be put in a document for review when planning for future subdivisions.

Mr. Hambley added that this Task Force is made up of members from the City of Medina and its four (4) surrounding townships. The map Patrice referred to is a thoroughfare plan with designated areas that communicate clearly to the property holders and developers the intent of the public sector as to where major thoroughfares and roadways should go as the opportunity arises. There is no money for the roads at this time but the intention is communicated as to where they would like to see the roads and developers and property owners can take this into consideration.

Mr. Bahr said that there has already been some land purchased that would allow this to be accomplished. He asked Patrice if they have had any upcoming workshops.

Patrice said that they have a workshop scheduled for July 18th. Unfortunately it conflicts with other meetings so only one person has signed up for it so far. They will probably cancel this one and start up again in the fall.

Art Verdoorn, Building Inspector, gave the Medina County Building Department's June 2002 Monthly Report. They issued 81 residential building permits this June, which is only eight less than last June. Through the month of June 2002 they issued 440 new home permits as compared to the 460 issued in 2001, which was a record year. Art said that they are still keeping pace with last year by only being down 20, which is only about a week's worth. The valuation of homes has remained basically the same as last year. There was a significant increase in commercial permit revenue and commercial valuations because of the High School addition and new elementary school being built in Medina this year. They are still waiting for the approval for the proposed Wal-Mart in Wadsworth, which would bump up this year's numbers.

Art said that they began using their new computer program this month. There is a learning curve for some inspectors that are not very familiar with computers but it is going very well. The computer software instructors will be in today to give instructions. The Building Department will have the ability to accumulate much more data now.

Mr. Bahr asked if there are a lot less "spec" homes being built this year. Art said that most homes permits were issued to builders with owners. He thinks there is a bit more conservatism on homes built on speculation but it is hard to tell. With only a 20 permit difference from last year's record year of 460 permits, any month could easily make up that difference. The county's building is still very active and he feels things are positive.

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Mr. Bahr asked Art if all was well with his staff. Art said that he could use additional part-time inspectors to fill in on occasion for their diligent electrical inspector who has had back problems.

John Jones, Transit Director, reviewed the Monthly Service Performance Report for June 2002. They transported 8,851 riders in June, which is down slightly from May. There have been a total of 55,379 trips this year, which is on track to meet their goal for the year of 110,000 trips. They have used 37,035 gallons of combined diesel fuel and gasoline through June that works out to 8.14 miles per gallon. Other facts of note were a 1.01% trip denial rate, a 99.62% billing accuracy, and they had a good accident rate. They have grown 21.02% for the year overall. The Medina "L" has grown 29.47%. They received three new buses a few weeks ago but one of them is back in the factory for repair of some defects. The state approved the purchase of six new vehicles next year. All routing and scheduling will be based on GIS soon.

Mr. Bahr said that it looks by the pie chart demographics that the general public is riding the Transit Medina "L" busses more and more.

John agreed that they are getting more of the general public ridership. Since they do not do the actual ridership by agency and they can get on and off at will, they do not know their riders exact demographics. The Medina "L" gets a higher ridership of the elderly individuals than they get disabled people.

Mr. Hambley asked if the slight decline in ridership in June was due to the heat. John said that it could have been a factor but ridership historically drops down in June and July and goes back up in August in four years that he has been tracking it.

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

Mr. Bahr opened the floor to Public Comment and there was none.

At 9:52 a.m. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel/labor negotiations. Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

At 10:29 a.m. the Commissioners recessed the Executive Session for personnel/labor negotiations and at 10:32 they reconvened the meeting for the Public Hearing for the tax budget.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented the resolution for the adoption of the 2003 tax budget. He explained that the budget needed to be adopted by July 15th to set the tax rates for 2003 for the General Fund, General Bond Retirement Fund, the Achievement Center Operating Fund, the Drug Abuse Commission Fund, and the new County Home Operating Levy. He passed out a comparative sheet showing the 2002 certified tax rate millage and what the Budget Commission certified for amounts for collection purposes. There is a slight switch between the General Fund and the General Fund Bond Retirement for 2003 due to some issues dropping off or requiring less millage. There is an approximate 2% increase estimated in the overall tax duplicate for calendar year 2003. The tax duplicate will increase from \$3.67 billion to \$3.745 billion dollars and that is what the collection amounts are based on. Once this is approved it is sent to the Auditor's Office for review. Towards the end of the year the final values will be established. The Budget Commission will certify the final collection amounts. They will have one opportunity between now and then to make the final adjustments. The 2002 estimate in the General Fund in the Tax Budget document reflects the budget year-end balance estimate. There is an approximate \$500,000 decline in the balance shown for next year's estimate based on the tax budget requests that came in that were based on the individual departments' preliminary estimates. If they grant the full amount of those requests there would be about \$500,000 dip in the cash balance.

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Mr. Hambley moved to close the Public Hearing at 10:37 a.m. and Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adopt the 2003 Tax Budget. Mr. Bahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:38 a.m. for the Discussion Session.

Mr. Hambley stated that Commissioners received a letter from the Sheriff asking for three (3) additional surveillance cameras at the Jail. They will wait until the return of Pat Geissman, the Commissioners' liaison to the Sheriff's Office, and discuss it next week with John Stricker, the County Administrator. John will have some cost estimates.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that they received a contempt action regarding the city/county case on the Prosecutor's salary. They did not appeal it but they are challenging the calculations. They county gave them the full amount that they asked for but they are challenging that figure now.

Chris Jakab said that the county paid them last week for the retroactive amount for those previous years. He said this was based on a conversation with Bill Thorne siting that the appeal period was over.

Mr. Hambley asked Bill if the city was disputing the method of calculation or the dollar amount. Bill said that the city did not give them anything to back up the figures for the three years in question so Chris just used the amount that they requested. Now they are saying that amount is insufficient. He said he would review the case and report back to the Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley asked Bill if there had been a hearing on the Greenhaven annexation. Bill said that there was a hearing but it was reset to give both Mr. Schrader and Mr. Palecek an option to look at the transcript and see if they had any problems with it and needed a hearing. If no hearing is needed, Bill said he would rule on the transcript. Mr. Hambley said that he had heard that there was a problem finding the transcript or the recording. Bill said that either there was no recording or it got destroyed so they had no verbatim transcript prepared. There were minutes of the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Hambley and a second by Mr. Bahr, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The Assistant Clerk and Linda Kemp from the Highway Engineers Office opened and accepted bids at 1:30 p.m. for CC treated rock salt. The Highway Engineers Office will review the bids.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0603 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0604 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128) BETWEEN LESTER ROAD (C.H. 56) AND COLUMBIA ROAD (S.R. 252)

02-0605 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR THE C.H. 22, CULVERT 27 & 28 REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER

02-0606 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-0607 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

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02-0608 CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM

02-0609 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE JUVENILE COURT IV-D FUND

02-0610 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE FIRST STOP FUND

02-0611 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2,900 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,100 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

02-0612 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE

02-0613 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0614 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS AND MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

02-0615 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION THE NORTHWEST WATER SOUTHERN SUPPLY LINES AND STORAGE TANK PROJECT..DETAILED PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS...COMMENCE ADVERTISING FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS W-500/00-5.1.55.1 W-500/00-5.1.55.2

02-0616 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BID FOR WILBUR, REMSEN CHASE SUBDIVISION, BAKER, WATKINS AND SMITH ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT W-500/00-7.1.22

02-0617 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BID TO PURCHASE TWO (2) SEMI TRACTORS AND TWO (2) TRAILERS TO BE UTILIZED AT THE MEDINA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

02-0618 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

02-0619 ADOPTION OF THE 2003 TAX BUDGET

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela M. Vereb, Asst. Clerk

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