

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray 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 minutes of July 13 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. The minutes from July 3 and 17 were tabled for further review. Ms. Ray moved to approve the July 13 minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed Ms. Ray abstaining and Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Handley voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) resolution determining the necessity to close Stony Hill Road (C.H. 48) between Babcock Road (T.H. 142) and Mattingly Road (C.H. 62); (2) resolution determining the necessity to close Acme Road (C.H. 100) between the Rittman City limits and Harpster Road (T.H. 186); and, (3) resolution to extend the completion date of the resurfacing of various roads contract by and between Perrin Asphalt and the Medina County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the three resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for July 13 through July 19, 2006.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for Title IV-D Domestic Relations Court Magistrate and Prosecutor's services; (2) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (3) resolution amending the Annual Appropriation Resolution; (4) resolution amending the 2006 Appropriations Resolution by transferring appropriations; (5) revenue adjustment for the General Bond Retirement Fund and the General Fund; (6) resolution authorizing the purchase of 5,500 gallons of diesel and 1,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage; (7) authorizing the purchase of 8,300 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center; (8) approval of agreements for service coordination and intake and referral services for the Medina County Family First Council Help Me Grow program; and, (9) authorizing the establishment of a six-member Audit Review Committee. Mr. Jakab requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$976,019.07. Ms. Ray moved to approve the nine finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain easements for various sanitary sewer improvement projects; (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain easements for various waterline improvement projects; and, (3) resolution releasing a portion of an existing water line easement. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job and Family Services Director, stated that the Coats for Kids campaign has begun; \$4,000 was raised at Rally in the Alley and 100 coats have been purchased so they will be ready when school begins. This project is supported by many community organizations. The Jail Project is going well – the jail is currently working with some of the

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prisoners and three people from the Career Center are working with people on probation. At the 2-1-1 meeting, there was discussion about the earned income tax credit (negative income tax for low-income families) and Betty Miller will take over this project.

Mr. Wilkins presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) resolution amending the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services; (2) resolution amending an agreement between Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and Medina County Job and Family Services for tutor travel expenses; (3) resolution authorizing an agreement for an adoption assessor between Parceanur Jones and Medina County Job and Family Services; (4) resolution amending an agreement between Smart Solutions and Medina County Job and Family Services; (5) resolution authorizing an agreement relating to Help Me Grow between Medina County Family First Council and Medina County Job and Family Services; (6) resolution authorizing an agreement for Access to Better Care (ABC) non-behavioral case management services with Medina County Family First Council for Medina County Job and Family Services; (7) resolution authorizing an agreement for Access to Better Care (ABC) non-behavioral case management services with Medina County Family First Council for Medina County Job and Family Services; and (8) resolution authorizing the use of Quality Daycare Funds for FY07. Ms. Ray moved to approve the eight resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Mr. Hambley asked if there was a tutor available in Knox County; Mr. Wilkins answered that Medina County Job and Family Services doesn't have a contract with the Knox County Board of Education. The student had a relationship with the local tutor and this resolution covers mileage expenses. The Knox County Schools do not have a program such as Medina County's. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that the ERC contractor has met almost all of the goals. The number served was 137%, registered staff assisted was 117%, number in training was 92 (caused by fund limits), number of placements exceeded by 19% of the goal, average wage was \$12.68, and foot traffic is up 25% from a year ago (even though the unemployment rate has continued to drop; in May, it was 3.8%). Regarding the earmarked grants, the two-year healthcare grant goal was 40 students and 24 have gone through the professional level and 21 in the assistant level – this exceeded the goal by 5 students. A small amount of residual money remains and he will work with the Finance Department to shift the money from supplies and advertising to train one or two more students. Regarding the two-year building trades grant, the goal was a total of 50 – 25 out-of-work residents (currently have 18) and 25 incumbent workers (currently have 19). They are only half-way through the two-year cycle and they will definitely exceed expectations in building trades. Regarding the homeland security grant that began June 30, the career centers are gearing up. Finally, they completed an audit report from the U. S. Department of Labor that was very positive in their findings. There was a breakfast on July 19 at Hinckley with the student interns and their sponsor companies (sponsored by CRM and Victoria Tiffit). The University Center's Director Susan Loucher has occupied space at Workforce Development.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, reported that fare collection for June 2006 was higher than the fares collected for June 2005. They have hired a part-time dispatcher to replace someone who resigned. Ridership for the month of June was down slightly compared to June 2005, although ridership on the Medina Loop is up. Mr. Uhas has attended meetings with various agencies throughout the County, including Alternative Paths and Office for Older Adults, and has met with the Transit Advisory Board and the Transit Consortium to discuss the needs of various agencies and residents of the County. He attended two Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meetings to discuss transportation needs for the Republican National Convention. The second quarter 2006 report to ODOT was issued.

Mrs. Geissman told Mr. Uhas that she attended a reception at Lodi Hospital and an elderly woman (Eleanor Boda) told her that she has been picked up on time, every time and taken back home on time, every time from therapy. She wanted everyone to know how much she

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appreciates everyone at Transit. Mr. Uhas stated that he appreciated the positive feedback and will share it with staff.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, distributed a written report of monthly permit activity. The first page compared construction costs for permits June 2006 to June 2005 and June 2006 year-to-date compared to June 2005 year-to-date. The second page contained a breakout of building permit and other revenues the Building Department collects. For June 2006, revenues are down 18% compared to June 2005. The third page contained revenues year-to-date through June 2006; compared to year-to-date June 2005, they are down less than 1% because of stronger revenues earlier in 2006. The fourth and fifth pages showed a breakdown of permits by township, with Brunswick Hills and Montville being the strongest. The sixth page contained a breakdown of commercial building permits (except one-, two-, and three-family residential); Medina Township is the second strongest for June permits (36 year-to-date). The final page contained a synopsis of Ohio Building Code commercial, industrial, and four dwelling unit and larger building permits.

Mr. Hambley presented the resolution appointing an alternate representative for Commissioners to the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC). This fills a vacancy that was created when a person moved out-of-state. The resolution appoints Roger Ingraham and the appointment will expire December 31, 2006. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented Resolutions of Commendation for the 2006 4-H Outstanding Court members. The individuals are Joanne Brietkrenz, Jennifer Chapman, Ashley Criss, Caitlin Disbrow, Kimberly Eaken, Abigail Fabich, Katie Frank, Roger Hillson, Jaimie Jurkowski, Kelly Kall, Elizabeth Newmeyer, Heidi Santelmann, Erin Smith, Tyler Sniff, Katie Trase, Alison Ungar, Hallie Wolff, and Michael Woolsteen. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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.

Mr. Hambley read the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new liquor license application for Route 94 Inc., DBA Ridge Road Marathon, 2968 Ridge Road, Granger Township. They have requested a C1 permit class, which is "Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only". There were no comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Hambley requested an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel/appointment. Ms. Ray moved to allow the Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley noted that a regular annexation hearing (continuance) is scheduled for 10:30. He stated that they anticipate that it will be continued until next Monday at the request of Wadsworth Township through the Prosecutor's Office.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion Session

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Mrs. Geissman noted that she received a notice that the Commissioners should arrive at 6:00 p.m. for the opening ceremonies for the Medina County Fair.

Ms. Ray stated that since the Audit Review Committee resolution has passed, an advertisement should be placed in the newspaper for applicants for the three Commissioner appointments. A formal letter should also be sent to the Treasurer and the Auditor asking for the name of their appointees no later than September 1, 2006. Mrs. Geissman suggested that it also be placed on the web page.

Ms. Ray reported that she had spoken with Judge Lohn. He will be present at next week's Discussion Session to talk about his proposal for New Horizon and the direction he's moving in for Family Court. Mr. Hambley reminded that next week's agenda will include two annexation hearings, one at 10:15 and one at 11:30; therefore, discussion time may be limited.

Mr. Hambley reported that Bernice Kammiller had called him because she wants to make a presentation to the Board regarding aquifer replenishment systems – reinjecting into well fields to replenish the water table. A grassroots organization has encouraged individuals to do this; however, if it's done incorrectly, it can ruin everyone's aquifer. Basically, an absorption pit (full of gravel) is filled with water (from a roof). Massive well fields could be done publicly using treated water. Ken Hotz noted that at least three-fourths of the County is tied into a central water system. Mr. Hambley stated that everything north of the Divide gets water from Lake Erie. Mr. Hambley will contact Ms. Kammiller to make a short presentation.

Mr. Hambley stated that he and Chris Jakab have worked on a resolution draft regarding the County Home levy issue. This is intended to be an accompanying resolution providing a financial guarantee to the County Home for the purposes of the capital improvements portion of their budget. As he mentioned last week, he is proposing that they utilize block grant money if possible and make up the difference with the General Fund. This provides a financial guarantee that the line item will be taken care of, making it possible to place on the ballot a renewal levy instead of a replacement levy.

Mrs. Geissman proposed that there not be an accompanying resolution to the resolution for renewal. She can't support a carte blanc resolution stating that the Commissioners will take care of expenses from the General Fund if there aren't enough funds. She met with Chris Jakab and reviewed the finances and she doesn't think there is any problem with a renewal when using the CDBG funds. Mr. Hambley stated that they know there is a difference between the renewal levy and replacement levy and there is a need for additional funds. Ms. Ray stated that, realistically, they don't know if the CDBG funds are being continued and they can't financially gamble with the figures.

Mr. Hambley stated that in the five-year capital budget, some items aren't covered by CDBG funds and would have to come from some other fund. If they are to come from a levy fund, a replacement levy wouldn't generate enough. Mrs. Geissman said that when she looked at it, out of the \$130,000 that is projected over this levy, only about \$21,000 would not be covered by CDBG funds. We have enough to get through with the improvements that are needed. If an emergency comes up, just common sense tell you she would support that. Mr. Hambley asked when Mrs. Geissman had last visited the County Home; Mrs. Geissman didn't recall. Mr. Hambley stated that the County Home Advisory Council has reviewed the figures. Mrs. Geissman asked what her last visit to Council Home had to do with the discussion. Mr. Hambley answered that she is saying what is needed physically and what is needed in terms of capital improvement and she is willing to make an arbitrary judgment based on a list. Mrs. Geissman stated that in reading the County Home Advisory Council minutes, Ken Miller said the County Home is in good repair now and that there had been major improvements made; she trusts that it's in good repair. Of course, it's going to need continual maintenance – many County buildings do (i.e., windows at the Court House) and the maintenance is put off until

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there are sufficient funds. Mrs. Geissman said that she doesn't feel it's necessary for any kind of resolution to be attached to the renewal levy; there's enough funding in the renewal to take care of all the needs. Mr. Hambley stated that Mrs. Geissman is the only one who feels that way – the Advisory Council doesn't agree with that, he doesn't agree with it, and Ms. Ray doesn't agree with it.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the Advisory Council doesn't know about the CDBG funds. Mr. Hambley said that, as previously stated, the block grant funds won't cover everything. The accompanying resolution states that in the five-year period, \$125,000 will be available either through block grant or the General Fund to cover capital improvements. Mrs. Geissman said that they don't have to put \$25,000 as the amount – it can be adjusted and do what is necessary to be done like they do for any of the other buildings. She said that they have never attached a guarantee of any sort to any levy ever put on the ballot. The three present Commissioners may not be serving during the duration of the levy and she is not going to agree to the attached resolution.

Ms. Ray stated that this is what makes the attached resolution even more important – to be financially responsible. She stated that she has never seen Mrs. Geissman question expenses that were presented regarding budgets that the County Home Advisory Board gave the Commissioners regarding the renewal/replacement issue. If they go with a renewal, there is a shortfall. Mrs. Geissman said that Mr. Jakab told her the figures are very conservative and he feels that they'll be alright. Chris Jakab said there will be some leeway if capital improvements are removed. Mr. Hambley said that through the attached resolution, they are saying that capital improvements will be taken care of either through CDBG or General Fund or a combination of both. Mrs. Geissman stated that using the CDBG funds is taking them from that formula. Mr. Hambley said that it's not enough because it doesn't cover all of the capital improvement budget items. Mrs. Geissman said that Mr. Jakab is very conservative with his figures and he has told her that. Mr. Hambley said that Mr. Jakab has said that it is not adequately funded if it is just the renewal and a block grant; Mrs. Geissman said that she believes it is. Mrs. Geissman said that if it is not, unless it is an emergency, they can wait a year or two.

Mr. Hambley stated that there are items on the budget that shouldn't wait until it is an emergency (i.e., re-tile floors) because it would be a danger to the residents. Mrs. Geissman said that it doesn't need to be an emergency and that if there is an emergency, common sense would tell them to take care of it from General Funds and she has said that she is willing to do that. However, she is not willing to pass a resolution that carte blanc says they will take care of these things when they come up if there aren't enough funds because she doesn't know that any of them are an emergency.

Mr. Hambley said that he thinks it is irresponsible. Ms. Ray said that it is financially irresponsible to the voters to ask them to pass a levy for the operation of something that you know is inadequate. Mrs. Geissman said that it is not inadequate. Ms. Ray stated that Mrs. Geissman's main concern is over the rate. The rate has been set by this Board. If Mrs. Geissman is angry with Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley, be angry with them, but do not punish the County Home residents. To force them to ask for a levy that is inadequate for the operation of the Home is illogical and makes no sense.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she sincerely believes that the renewal is enough funds to operate the County Home. Ms. Ray said that if Mrs. Geissman believes that to be true, she and Mr. Hambley are willing to compromise with her as long as she says that she understands that if the CDBG monies go away, if something needs to be improved that it will be covered through the General Fund. She and Mr. Hambley are trying to compromise around Mrs. Geissman. Mrs. Geissman said that they don't need to compromise around her. Both Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley wanted to go with a replacement levy (it was said publicly twice), but last week said

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that they didn't want to increase taxes. If funds are taken from the General Fund, taxes are being taken that were not obligated toward the County Home; the budget needs to be lived in.

Mr. Hambley stated that the General Fund funded the County Home in 2002. Mrs. Geissman stated that in 2002, there wasn't a levy. Mr. Hambley stated that the General Fund, historically, has been used for that and there is no reason it couldn't be used in some way to pay for some of the things that the levy doesn't cover in the event of an emergency. He thought that they had an agreement that if an emergency were to happen today and there weren't funds, the General Fund would pay for it. Mrs. Geissman agreed that she would support that. Mr. Hambley continued that in terms of a budget, they are saying to the taxpayers that this is what the Commissioners believe. The County Home Advisory Council has reviewed it, Superintendent Lynn Remington has reviewed it, and this is what they believe is required to run the County Home, including capital improvements. Ken Miller, Chairman of the Advisory Board, have said that the Board is not even sure that \$25,000 is enough. Mr. Hambley stated that Mrs. Geissman is willing to cut it even more. He's also certain that \$25,000 is enough, but is willing to go along with that and work with it the best they can, but wants to give at least a minimum guarantee. It totally misstates the case of the County Home to put it on the ballot as a renewal and, thereby, say it is sufficient for everything for the County Home.

Mrs. Geissman said then they should put the replacement on, as originally wanted. Mr. Hambley said that he would; Mrs. Geissman said that she wouldn't support that at all. Mr. Hambley stated that he was sorry she felt that way, because what it comes down to is the County has a group that has spent time reviewing the budget and the operations, they have a budget, they know what they need to work with, and Mrs. Geissman isn't willing to fund it. Mrs. Geissman said that a couple of the Advisory Board people don't understand the finances and have said so at our meeting. Mr. Hambley stated that it was out of context; Mrs. Geissman said that she doesn't believe so. Mr. Hambley asked if she was saying that the majority of the County Home Advisory Council doesn't understand the finances; she said she wasn't saying the majority. Mr. Hambley said that the Advisory Council and the Superintendent understand the budget and what is required to fund the County Home; therefore, Mrs. Geissman is challenging those people and she is the only one who appears, at this point, to believe that it's sufficient to run the County Home.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she felt comfortable, in talking with Chris Jakab, that there would be enough funding with a renewal. Mr. Hambley said that Mr. Jakab has said, on record, that funding would be sufficient if capital improvements are taken out. Mrs. Geissman stated that there would only be about \$9,000 and he (Mr. Jakab) was confident that enough money would come in and they would be alright. Mr. Hambley said that they have agreement that they would need to find other funding. He wants to say to the voters that they don't need to worry because the County Home will be provided for, regardless of Board members' disagreements – there will be sufficient funds to run it.

Chris Jakab was asked to summarize the fiscal information. He stated that his projections to the Board and to the County Home Advisory Council show that a renewal would generate about \$828,000 a year over the five-year period. The unsubsidized budget amount that is being tried to be covered is about \$10,000 higher than that over the same five-year period. That five-year projection included \$25,000 a year for capital improvements. Obviously, if this was deducted out, they'd be about \$15,000 below the average annual levy collection amount. Ms. Ray asked for clarification – that this means that there would be a \$15,000 shortage annually. Mr. Jakab answered no – it meant that there would be an additional \$15,000 a year if all capital improvement expenses were taken from the budget; if left in, there would be a \$10,000 shortage on average per year over a five-year period.

Mrs. Geissman stated that when CDBG funds are used, they would be o.k. Ms. Ray said that what they're trying to say to her is that there is no guarantee that CDBG funds will

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continue and that they have no guarantee that everything that needs to be done at the County Home will qualify for those funds. Mr. Jakab is telling them right now that it's \$10,000 a year short over a five-year period; that's \$50,000. Ms. Ray stated that Mrs. Geissman is advocating that they ask for less money than the realistically know they need to operate the County Home.

Mr. Jakab said that there are a couple of other issues. He had originally forecasted \$155,000 in capital improvement expenses over the current five-year levy period. They have expended more than \$300,000. He didn't think that anyone expects that the level will need to be sustained. He said that he made an error in the forecast. Mrs. Geissman said that even though \$300,000 was spent, the levy was sufficient. Mr. Jakab stated that on the revenue side of the levy, collections have exceeded his fairly conservative estimates. This year, he stated that he thinks it's still a conservative estimate; however, he knows that the County Auditor's office is saying that the further decrease in public utility and personal property taxes are going to negatively impact collection amounts. Some of that will be reimbursed by the State through other resources, but they are being more conservative than he is as of the past Friday. Mr. Jakab said that this is his best guess.

Mr. Hambley stated that they can only go to the voters with a plan. The County Home Advisory Council projected what budget they would need and absent some other funding, a replacement levy is needed; if there is a guarantee that the capital improvements will be funded, a renewal levy would be placed on the ballot.

Ms. Ray asked Mrs. Geissman that if she verbally agrees with this, why isn't she willing to pass a resolution that says it. Mrs. Geissman said that she doesn't think they should be passing resolutions for any of the levies placed on the ballot that would guarantee something. Ms. Ray said that Mrs. Geissman is forcing them to ask for less than what is actually needed. Mrs. Geissman said that her interpretation of the Finance Director's statements is that they can operate the County Home with a levy that is only a renewal, not a replacement. Ms. Ray said that the comment the Finance Director said after that was that there would be a \$10,000 a year shortage and if the CDBG monies continue to be available for the entire five-year duration of the levy and if all of the qualifying expenses of the County Home are applicable under that program, you may "skinny by". Ms. Ray asked if that was fair because if any of those factors don't "line up", there will be a shortage and all she and Mr. Hambley are asking is that there be a guarantee that it be covered from the General Fund and Mrs. Geissman won't do that. Mrs. Geissman said that she won't but that she will guarantee that if there's an emergency, she would certainly take care of it and she had said that repeatedly. Going with a renewal so that they can pass the levy and operations can be continued and if there is a problem with capital improvements and it's an emergency, it would be taken care of like any other building.

Mr. Hambley said that, according to the list, items may not be considered an emergency. Mrs. Geissman said that maybe they could be postponed just like they do with many other buildings, postponing them until there are funds. Mr. Hambley asked why they should be postponed if they have the funds. All they want to do is to guarantee that some portion of the block grant or General Fund be used, which they can afford to do.

Mrs. Geissman said there is no need for further discussion because she is viewing what the Finance Director is saying is that what is needed is a renewal and that she doesn't feel that a resolution is needed guaranteeing using monies from the General Fund. Mr. Hambley stated that Mrs. Geissman will not guarantee enough money to run the County Home to run it safely and efficiently. Mrs. Geissman said that is not what she's saying – she believes that a renewal levy will do just exactly that.

Ms. Ray said that she knows that Mrs. Geissman struggles to be unbiased on this issue and have heard her say repeatedly that she would follow the recommendations of the County Home Advisory Council. The Council came to the Commissioners with a recommendation for a

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rate increase. This Board took into consideration Mrs. Geissman's feelings and raised the rate higher than what the Advisory Council recommendation because the Board knew Mrs. Geissman had concerns (so they compromised). Ms. Ray continued that they are willing to look at the renewal versus replacement issue, are willing again to compromise with her – all they want is a guarantee that she understands that if the funding runs short (a very real possibility), that the General Fund guarantees it. She and Mr. Hambley have compromised at every turn and Mrs. Geissman seems inflexible and unwilling to do that.

Mrs. Geissman said that she is telling them that she doesn't need a resolution to be responsible. Mr. Hambley said that the voters might. Mrs. Geissman asked what the voters would need a resolution. Mr. Hambley said that she voted to close the County Home; Mrs. Geissman said that he had also. Mr. Hambley stated that he publicly recanted that and has said that they were wrong and that it should have been funded from the General Fund, but it required a levy instead. At this point, they are saying while no Commissioner wants to raise taxes, they do need to run the County Home and there are insufficient funds if they go with a renewal and it will need to be offset.

Ms. Ray said that no Commissioner knows whether or not they'll be in office during the five-year levy period. This would protect the County Home no matter who the Commissioners will be. Mrs. Geissman stated that she didn't know if another Board would be obligated or not – they could just pass another resolution or do something by emergency. Mrs. Geissman stated that she didn't feel it was a good practice to put a levy on and then have something in the form of a resolution to go over that levy. Mr. Hambley said the resolution doesn't say that – it says how they're going to reconcile the differences. The County Home Advisory Council, after reviewing all of the financial documents and trends, made a recommendation to Commissioners (more than once) and Mrs. Geissman has challenged it. An analysis has been made by the Finance Director that basically says that a certain amount of money is needed. We know that a renewal doesn't produce sufficient funds. All the resolution says is that there are two sources of revenues to offset the difference – the block grant and the General Fund. That's being responsible to the voters before they vote for a renewal. There are supporters for a full replacement and those on the Advisory Council who would prefer this because they don't trust the present Board or future Commissioners. At least they know that if there isn't a replacement, they will get enough to run the County Home. It is a compromise to say where the Board believes the source of income can come from and for the Commissioners to make a commitment. It's possible that a future Board of Commissioners could overturn the resolution, but they would have to pass a resolution to ignore it or overturn it. He is trying to be as reasonable as possible. Mrs. Geissman said that she, too, is trying to be as reasonable as possible, and she can certainly support a renewal but cannot support a resolution that is carte blanc. Capital improvements can be accomplished without a resolution and it's a poor practice to begin. Mr. Hambley said that it justifies why they would go with a renewal instead of a replacement, as recommended by the Advisory Council – it's that simple.

Mrs. Geissman said that she knows that Mr. Hambley couldn't go along with their recommendation for the rate increase and now he feels that he can't go along with the recommendation for a replacement. Ms. Ray said that they compromised with Mrs. Geissman on the rate. Mr. Hambley said that Mrs. Geissman was the one who voted against the rate increase and he went along with the recommendation. He had reservations from day one and he compromised. It is a separate issue. But he is willing to try to find a middle road that still guarantees that the County Home will operate. Mrs. Geissman's scenario would put them "cash poor" and they would need to come to the Commissioners looking for additional funds. Mrs. Geissman said that she doesn't believe she's putting them in any danger of not completing capital improvements. Ms. Ray said that she feels they would be put into danger; she has looked at the numbers repeatedly and it's irresponsible to ask for less money than what is realistically known needed to operate – it's not fair to the taxpayers and it's not responsible financial practices. Either they pass the resolution guaranteeing the perceived shortage from the

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General Fund, or go with a replacement levy. She stated that she has an obligation to the taxpayers and feels very strongly about that.

Mrs. Geissman said that she, too, has an obligation to the taxpayers and that when a levy is placed on the ballot, you operate within the levy. Ms. Ray said that it what they're saying – if you know that you're forcing them to ask for less than what is needed, it's irresponsible. Mr. Hambley said that Mrs. Geissman is basically setting them up for failure; Mrs. Geissman said that she wasn't. Mr. Hambley said that she received the numbers. Mrs. Geissman stated that she has said repeatedly that if something comes up that needs to be done, she would support it and she has in the past. Ms. Ray said that Mrs. Geissman had said that she would agree with the Advisory Council's recommendations and she hasn't done that. Mrs. Geissman stated that she did go with their recommendations or operations and policy; Ms. Ray said she hadn't and that she was very much against what they had recommended for the rates. Ms. Geissman stated that when they came with a replacement, she was very much against it. Also, she was against their rates because they had told the Board that they needed one more year to try to get more people in the County Home in order to reduce the annual costs for residents. Ms. Ray stated that the statement Mrs. Geissman had made regarding taking their opinions and supporting them was wrong – what she is saying is that she will support the opinions that she likes and not support the opinions she doesn't like – it's one or the other.

Mrs. Geissman said it sounds to her as though Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley are the same way – they aren't agreeing either with what they're doing. Mr. Hambley said that he is agreeing to compromise – there is an identified problem; they didn't give them the latitude and say there were other fund sources. Only County Commissioners can determine how to use block grant or how to use money that's not in levy funds. The Council's task was to determine how much was needed to operate the County Home for the next five years – renewal or replacement. They determined a replacement. They discussed that question in more than one meeting and decided they needed the full amount. The resolution shows to the voters the intent of the Board – to offset the funding. Commissioners control capital improvements because it's their building; Mrs. Geissman agreed. He asked then, where is the problem guaranteeing to the voters before they vote that a renewal will provide sufficient funds to run the County Home.

Mrs. Geissman said that anytime a levy is placed on the ballot, they are considering it to be sufficient funds and that they live within those operating revenues. It's done for MCDAC. She sees no problem with going with a renewal, she believes there will be enough funds, and if something comes up that needs to be done, she will vote (as she has done in the past) responsibly to make sure that everything is taken care of at the County Home. She is not going to pass a resolution guaranteeing. Mr. Hambley asked if Mrs. Geissman was saying that she wouldn't support a resolution guaranteeing supplementing the levy to guarantee sufficient operating funds; Mrs. Geissman said that she would not. Mrs. Geissman stated that she feels they will have the funds to operate. Ms. Ray said that Mrs. Geissman is basing her feelings on CDBG funds being continued through the five-year duration of the levy and no other extraordinary expenses happening – that's not responsible.

Mrs. Geissman asked them to look at the expenses they had in capital improvements - \$318,000 – more than was anticipated and it's still coming out even. More monies were collected than anticipated and they've come out even. They're not asking for that many improvements. Ms. Ray said that many changes have been made since then (increased wages to fully staff the County Home) and that's part of the new levy, not the old levy. Using the old levy (pre-dating Ms. Ray's existence on the Board), there were many capital improvements not done. The numbers must be looked at realistically and she can't believe that Mrs. Geissman doesn't see what she and Mr. Hambley sees. Mrs. Geissman said that she doesn't see it and that she feels that in five years she will be shown to be correct and that there was enough money collected to cover expenses. Ms. Ray said that is only if the CDBG funds continue and there are no expenses at the County Home that are extraordinary.

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Mr. Hambley asked how Mrs. Geissman would propose to pay for items that the block grant won't pay for. Mrs. Geissman said that the block grant is available and it can be used. Mr. Hambley said that there are a number of projects that aren't eligible; Mrs. Geissman stated that she realizes that and she's marked all of those. Mr. Hambley stated that he has marked them, too, and there are a number of projects that aren't eligible. Mrs. Geissman said that she realizes that, also. Mr. Hambley asked how she would, then, make up the balance and if taken from the levy, what line item would be reduced. Mrs. Geissman said that she didn't think anything would need to be reduced and that there is enough money there.

Ms. Ray said that they needed to move on. Mrs. Geissman said that she agreed, that everyone has tried to make themselves clear and she still can't support the resolution, but she can support a renewal. Mr. Hambley said this is what Mrs. Geissman has said all along.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:30 for the Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 a.m. for the Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel/appointment that was voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:40 to return to the Hearing Room for the Annexation Hearing.

Annexation Hearing

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:41 for the annexation public hearing on 139.6205 now 91.0765 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Hambley said they had a motion to continue due to an illness of the representation for the Township. Trina Devanney will be representing henceforth.

Ms. Ray moved to continue the annexation hearing next Monday, July 31, at 11:30 a.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The annexation hearing was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and the discussion session was resumed in the conference room.

Mr. Jakab said he received the feasibility report from the architect on the relocation project for Data Processing and he presented the report to the Commissioners. He said they retained an architectural firm to do both the feasibility report and if possible and appropriate, to proceed with the construction phase of the project. \$75,000 was budgeted from the General Fund this year, which was inclusive of architect fees. The estimate presented plus the architect fee equals about \$235,000, which is substantially higher than anticipated. There was a short discussion about the configuration and Mr. Jakab said there is a possibility that the burster could be put elsewhere. Ms. Ray commented that this price did not include any reconfiguration of the old Data Processing Center. Mr. Jakab that it includes removal of the old Center's equipment, a pillar and the raised floor. In terms of reutilization of that space for the Treasurer's purposes, there is no cost included for that so that is additional and would have to be covered by another source. Obviously the money is not available in the current budget.

Mr. Jakab said there will be a kick-off meeting of the real estate tax upgrade on August 9 at 9:00 a.m. The Treasurer and Auditor will be contacted.

Mrs. Geissman asked if they got anything back on the Courthouse and Jail pod renovations. Mr. Jakab said they had the architect send them a site plan for the Courthouse, but they do not have the space diagrams for the interior yet. He will pass that on when it is here. He got the additional cost estimate on the Jail. Ms. Ray said they would send the letter of support to the CCAO for State jail funding.

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Mr. Thorne said there were two motions pending on the continued annexation. Commissioners will need to rule whether it can be amended or as is.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to go into the Executive Session to discuss personnel/appointment voted on earlier.

Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 15:00 a.m.; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 7/24/06:

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-0678	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOANNE BRIETKRENZ ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0679	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JENNIFER CHAPMAN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0680	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ASHLEY CRISS ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0681	RESOLUTION COMMENDING CAITLIN DISBROW ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0682	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KIMBERLY EAKEN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0683	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ABIGAIL FABICH ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0684	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KATIE FRANK ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0685	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROGER HILLSON ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0686	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAIMIE JURKOWSKI ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0687	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KELLY KALL ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0688	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELIZABETH NEWMAYER ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0689	RESOLUTION COMMENDING HEIDI SANTELMANN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0690	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ERIN SMITH ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0691	RESOLUTION COMMENDING TYLER SNIFF ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0692	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KATIE TRASE ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0693	RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALISON UNGAR ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0694	RESOLUTION COMMENDING HALLIE WOLFF ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0695	RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL WOOLSTEEN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2006 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
06-0696	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

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- 06-0697 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE STONY HILL ROAD (C.H. 48) BETWEEN BABCOCK ROAD (T.H. 142) AND MATTINGLY ROAD (C.H. 62)
- 06-0698 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE ACME ROAD (C.H. 100) BETWEEN THE RITTMAN CITY LIMITS AND HARPSTER ROAD (T.H. 186)
- 06-0699 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN PERRIN ASPHALT AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0700 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR TITLE IV-D DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT MAGISTRATE AND PROSECUTOR'S SERVICES
- 06-0701 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 06-0702 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 06-0703 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0704 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND
- 06-0705 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 06-0706 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 8,300 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 06-0707 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICE COORDINATION AND INTAKE AND REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL HELP ME GROW PROGRAM
- 06-0708 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0709 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 06-0710 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 06-0711 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0712 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY SCHOOLS' EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0713 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ADOPTION ASSESSOR BETWEEN PARCEANUR JONES AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0714 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SMART SOLUTIONS AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0715 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO HELP ME GROW BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0716 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO BETTER CARE (ABC) NON-BEHAVIORAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0717 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO BETTER CARE (ABC) NON-BEHAVIORAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0718 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF QUALITY DAYCARE FUNDS FOR SFY07
- 06-0719 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE
- 06-0720 RESOLUTION RELEASING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING WATER LINE EASEMENT
- 06-0721 RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMISSIONERS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

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06-0722 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 twenty-fourth day of July 2006.

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk