

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

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.

The reading and approval of the July 21 and July 25 minutes was delayed to next week.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented 2 resolutions to accept and award the bid for "CC" treated rock salt and authorizing the Engineer to proceed in certain instances by force account in the reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and culverts. The resolution to proceed in certain instances by force account was approved earlier this year; however, needs re-adopted due to changes in the law regarding bid limits. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 2 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 7 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations by increasing or decreasing appropriations, various fund transfers, expenditure adjustments for various funds, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, creation of the MCDAC-Tobacco Use Prevention Fund for the recently awarded \$43,800 grant, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$793,688.55. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. 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 Ms. Ray. 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 Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Fund Program for the Medina County University Center. The discretionary funds are available to pay for sewer and water improvements for the University Center and Technology Park. The application is in the amount of \$840,500 to pay for improvements on and off of the site as well as administration of the program funds. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve submission; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing acceptance of an easement for a sanitary sewer improvement project. This accepts an easement from Ann Tubbs Housing for an existing sewer that the county will be taking over. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept the easement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, presented a packet regarding foster care and adoption that will be used to help recruit foster parents. These will be given out at their booth at the County Fair. He also reported that they are working on an amendment to the PRC to help low-income, elderly or disabled people with flood damage. If things work out he will be back next week to have the PRC amended.

Mead presented a resolution allowing the pass thru of tuition reimbursement relating to the enhanced tuition reimbursement program for Child Welfare staff under Title IV-E. Tops was an educational reimbursement program with State and federal funds that were matched for up to 48% reimbursement for those working in child welfare and seeking a masters in social services. During the budget process the federal match for this program was lost. The minimum qualifications were raised under this program and now there are a couple of people in college that are caught in the middle with no funding. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the tuition reimbursement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented a resolution authorizing a contract for staff development services with Stark State College. In the past they have done Leadership programs and with this contract Stark State will take over the curriculum and do the Leadership development. If people need 12-15

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hours of college credit they can go through Leadership and get it. This was all set to go through TOPS, but that funding was discontinued. They felt this was a valuable program to continue for different reasons. This resolution makes it a self paid program rather than a state write-off. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead also presented a resolution authorizing an agreement for professional services relating to staff development with the Red Bird Center. This approves a contract for a speaker for their September all staff meeting. This person trains throughout the country and will make a presentation to the staff. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, stated that the first quarter disbursement of funds for grantees has been processed. He is in the building stage of the Tobacco Use Prevention grant and the steering committee has been formed. The first coalition meeting will be around Labor Day with all of the schools, which will bring 18 MCDAC organizations on board to target tobacco use. The next step is an RFP to hire someone to do a survey of youth and those dealing with youth. There have been some changes at the state level and he will be attending a meeting about this on Wednesday in Columbus.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution changing the name of 0.5 mile section of Dunham Road west of Yost Road to West Dunham Road in Litchfield Township. The northern part of this road is in Lorain County and the Lorain County Commissioners passed a resolution last month to make the road name change. There are no objections from our Tax Maps Office regarding this change. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the road name change; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented resolutions commending individuals on being selected for the 2003 4-H Outstanding Court. The commendations are for Kim Engelhaupt, Tug Gulliford, Jennifer Kerschner, Brandy Lengacher, Bill Santelmann, Jenna Simmons, Brittney Smith, and Betsy Williams. These individuals will receive their commendations tomorrow morning. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendations; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution authorizing the Emergency Management Agency to coordinate Homeland Security issue within Medina County. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve this authorization; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed a notice of a new D5 liquor permit for the Medina Country Club Mgmt Company in Lafayette Township. No questions or comments have been received.

Lou Vetter, Budget/Finance Director for the Health Department noted that there are concerns about the West Nile Virus and trying to fund a program for mosquito control to fight the disease. They have been unsuccessful at coming up with any funding from the Commissioners or Township Trustees at this time. Some townships have participated in the current program and there has been some money coming in from those townships. At this time they feel that in order to be successful in the county it is necessary to have a countywide program rather than a voluntary township by township program. They would like a levy for 1/10 of one mill to fund a program, and asked that Commissioners pass a resolution of necessity to get the levy on the ballot.

Janet Rickleman-Apisa, Health Department, stated that she was present to answer any questions regarding their current statistics.

Through questioning by Mr. Hambley, Mr. Vetter stated that the Health Board passed a resolution at their last meeting to request the issue be put on the ballot and that a copy will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

Through questioning by Ms. Ray, Mr. Vetter stated that they do not have any information with them today about the program or the need for a levy.

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Ms. Ray noted that she would like a copy of all of the information that leads them to believe an issue is necessary for the ballot.

Ms. Rickleman-Apisa stated the information would be provided.

Mrs. Geissman believed she recently read that there was one confirmed case in Medina County.

Ms. Rickleman-Apisa stated that she was not aware of a confirmed case in the County, noting that there is one confirmed in the State. She added that they have been collecting mosquitoes as part of their surveillance and positive pools were found in Chatham and Montville Townships. One crow was also found to be positive with the virus. Thus far, to her knowledge, there is only one confirmed case in Ohio and that was near Toledo. There was a news release last week about the positive mosquito pools that were found. Through questioning, she stated that the surveys of pools are taking place in the entire county, including the cities, and not just the townships that currently contract with the Health Department. She noted that it is still early in the season and the higher statistics probably won't come in until mid-August.

Mr. Vetter added that as the program stands now the Health Department is subsidizing the program with their own personnel and the hiring of the people from Barberton to do the larvicide in the townships participating in the program. Those townships generated \$58,000 and they are looking at needing all of that for the larvicide just to get through this summer. Through questioning, he agreed the proposed program would involve an educational portion, surveillance and larvicide. At this time people are not interested in a spraying program and so that is not included in their proposed program.

Mrs. Geissman noted that there are quite a few that object environmentally to a spraying program.

Through questioning by Mrs. Geissman, Mr. Vetter stated that 1/10 of one mill will generate \$368,100 in the County. At this time they do not have a final figure on what the project will cost, and if there is money left over they would ask that it be used for operations.

Through questioning by Mr. Hambley, Ms. Rickleman-Aspisa stated they have 11 townships participating in the current program. There have been some discussions about the cities and there has been some contact with them. She talked with the City of Medina a couple weeks ago and they are struggling, and there are some that are spraying. She believes the Health Commissioner has talked with the Seville Village Mayor and said the Health Department would pick up their program if a countywide program goes through. There is a lot of talk, but there aren't any definite answers as far as what would happen to other programs. The programs she's aware of are not all inclusive. There is no surveillance or educational taking place in the County other than that being done by the Health Department.

Through questioning by John Stricker, Mr. Vetter stated that the Board of Elections said the last time they were on the ballot in a general election their share of the expense was \$2,000. Their current budget would have enough money to absorb that cost. He agreed that the proposed program is for next year since this will not be on the ballot until the November election. This year's program was with voluntary participation and there were 11 townships signed up and paid \$1 per citizen of their township. That money is for the larvicide and the staff has been paid out of Health Department funds, which is their subsidy of the program. They do not feel they can subsidize the program in the future because it would jeopardize their other programs. The levy is for additional funding to be set aside for a separate program.

Ms. Ray asked if after the packet is received the levy will be discussed as part of a discussion session before it goes through.

Mr. Hambley agreed that would be done. The Health Board's resolution and additional information is needed in terms of outlining their proposed program. That information will also help them in preparing the levy issue to convince the public of the need for a countywide program and to show how the County would benefit from such a program. The information is needed in order for the Commissioners to start the process. He believes the levy has to be filed by the third week in August.

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Mr. Vetter agreed that August 21 is the deadline to have the levy filed with the Board of Elections.

There was no further discussion relative to the Health Department’s proposed levy.

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

Mr. Hambley noted that there were no items for discussion and the discussion session for the afternoon was cancelled.

At 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session to discussion personnel/compensation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Clerk received bids at 1:30 p.m. for micro-surfacing of various county roads. Bids were received from Strawser Inc. and American Pavements Inc. The bids were turned over to the County Engineer’s Office for review and recommendation.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

- 03-0587            RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
  
- 03-0588            RESOLUTION COMMENDING KIM ENGELHAUPT ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0589            RESOLUTION COMMENDING TUG GULLIFORD ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0590            RESOLUTION COMMENDING JENNIFER KERSCHNER ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0591            RESOLUTION COMMENDING BRANDY LENGACHER ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0592            RESOLUTION COMMENDING BILL SANTELMANN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0593            RESOLUTION COMMENDING JENNA SIMMONS ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0594            RESOLUTION COMMENDING BRITTNEY SMITH ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT

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- 03-0595 RESOLUTION COMMENDING BETSY WILLIAMS ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2003 4-H OUTSTANDING COURT
  
- 03-0596 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR "CC" TREATED ROCK SALT FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
  
- 03-0597 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES BY FORCE ACCOUNT IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS
  
- 03-0598 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
  
- 03-0599 CASH TRANSFER FOR THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND
  
- 03-0600 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE PROSECUTOR TITLE IV-D FUND
  
- 03-0601 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
  
- 03-0602 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,400 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
  
- 03-0603 CREATION OF THE MCDAC - TOBACCO USE PREVENTION FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
  
- 03-0604 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 03-0605 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISCRETIONARY FUND PROGRAM FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY UNIVERSITY CENTER
  
- 03-0606 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR A SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
  
- 03-0607 RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE PASSTHRU OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT RELATING TO THE ENHANCED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILD WELFARE STAFF UNDER TITLE IV-D
  
- 03-0608 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH STARK STATE COLLEGE FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
  
- 03-0609 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE RED BIRD CENTER FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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- 03-0610            RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF 0.5 MILE SECTION OF DUNHAM ROAD (T.H. 6) WEST OF YOST ROAD (C.H. 124) TO WEST DUNHAM ROAD IN LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
  
- 03-0611            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO COORDINATE HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES WITHIN MEDINA COUNTY
  
- 03-0612            RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

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Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Patricia G. Geissman