

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Sharon A. Ray present.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the June 27 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Salay, County Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing a change order to the Item 448 & Item 402CS resurfacing project with Kokosing Construction, 7 resolutions approving the use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Funds for repair work in various subdivisions, a resolution requesting ODOT to determine a safe speed limit on a section of Ryan Road, 4 resolutions to close sections of roads for culvert repair work prior to the next round of resurfacing. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 13 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolution amending the annual appropriations by increasing/decreasing appropriations, expenditure adjustments, creating the Workforce Development FY05 Fund for their fiscal year that begins July 1, declaring county property as excess property to be discarded or auctioned on-line, transferring funds, creating a Subdivision Review Rotary Fund corresponding to the new fee structure program for the County Engineer that is effective July 1, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Petroleum Traders, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$568,810.96. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 7 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. Mr. Hambley 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, and Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, had no resolutions for today.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, stated that in June they had 7 inquiries for admission and one is being processed. They currently have 52 residents. They had lightening strike and their internet and air conditioning was out for about a month. She thanked Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent, for window air units that he was able to set up at the Home during that time. Repairs were done on their truck brakes, checked on the air conditioning and rotated tires on their van, replaced some alarm detectors, and a leak in the ceiling was repaired along with fixing the ceiling and painting. Some of the training they have attended includes a Hospice presentation, tornado training & drill, employee fire extinguisher training, and some in-service training by the Fire Marshall. The LPN program through the Career Center is working out well for the Home and they are doing great work. The new peacock is sitting on 5 eggs. The Medina Rotary donated tickets for an upcoming Akron Aero's game, rugs from a family in Arizona as well as donations of money, 100 lbs. of tomatoes, and gravel for their parking lot. Community service individuals have done a lot work in the yard and should have the new sign for the Home painted by next week.

Frank Ehrman, York Township, asked if the Home residents will be going to see the Litchfield band.

Lynn stated that they are planning to attend and are looking for volunteers.

Dr. John Waddell, MCTIP Coordinator, presented a resolution renewing contracts for 4 entities that are part of the Tobacco Information & Prevention Program, which is paid for through a State grant. There is a slight increase in the contracts with the total amount being

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awarded at \$167,000. Medina County is one area of the state that the program is seen to be making a difference with programs in the public schools and 2 private schools as well as the program by Medina General Hospital to help pregnant women quit smoking. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the renewal contracts; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Hambley 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.

Frank Ehrman commended Mrs. Geissman for her work with the Local Government Funds (LGF) Committee, noting that the Daily Record Newspaper reports that the LGF will be frozen. The article mentions several Commissioners that made the local entities' voices heard. He asked about the progress of the Access Management Plan.

Mr. Hambley stated that after the meeting with Township Trustees, Mike Salay took back their comments and is reworking the plan. Dave Miller, former County Engineer, has been hired by the Engineer's Office for special projects and he believes Dave is working on the plan. The intent was to have the plan reworked using the comments from the Township meeting, and to hold another meeting when it is revised.

Mr. Ehrman thanked Commissioners for the Transit services, particularly the assistance that is given to the Amish that allows them to take care of business in Medina.

Mrs. Geissman announced that a letter was received from the PUCO stating that funding at 75% is being awarded for all 3 railroad crossing projects. The crossings are on Wolff Road in York Township, Kennard Road in Westfield Township, and Carlton road in Lafayette Township.

David Civittolo, OSU Extension Service, noted that the County Commissioners' Days will be held in Muskingham County in August. He heard they were looking to hold next year's event in the Northeast Ohio area and, after talking with Mrs. Geissman, Medina County has been put on the list to host next year's event. The Outstanding 4-H Court breakfast is August 2nd. OSU Extension has conducted over 200 programs with over 2,000 participants, and about 1500 walk-ins with various questions. They are on target to be above last year's numbers.

Mrs. Geissman thanked David for being chairman of the Farmer's Market. Every month through October there will be a farmer's market held. More vendors are expected in July.

David noted that the next one will be held this weekend.

The meeting was recessed to move to the conference room for the 9:55 a.m. discussion session.

Ms. Ray noted that written comments were received from Treasurer John Burke regarding the draft out-of-state travel policy and Prosecutor Dean Holman has requested further time to review the proposed policy. Others have been supportive in their responses. She suggested waiting an additional week for the remainder of comments.

Ms. Ray stated that the SPCA is looking for additional locations to house animals that they have taken in. They would like to rent a certain amount of space immediately, and the possibility of renting kennels at the Animal Shelter is being explored. She feels this will help strengthen the relationship with the SPCA.

Jim Troike noted that there has been an agreement with Broadview Heights for sanitary sewage that is accepted at the Hinckley treatment plant. Our sewers are located at the low-end, and there have been issues with the Boston Road pump station involved. Sewer backups have

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occurred into homes and some homes were taken care of by re-plumbing. Last year it was suggested to Broadview Heights that they upgrade the pump station. They have ignored the suggestion and said the problem is with Medina County's system. The problem has been that when something happens, such as a power outage, the pump shuts down and does not come back on until someone from Broadview Heights goes out to manually turn it back on. Over the weekend the pump was shut down between 4 to 8 hours causing sewage to discharge onto properties and into the Rocky River, which flows into the Hinckley Reservoir. The EPA has been notified about the problem. He proposed a moratorium on any further connections to the system until Broadview Heights upgrades the pump station. After a brief discussion it was agreed that a resolution be prepared for next week and that a letter be sent to Broadview Heights issuing the moratorium with copies of the letter going to all residents in the area involved.

There was a brief discussion relative to holding a meeting next week between Jim and Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, with Curtis Perkins who is about \$600,000 in arrears on tipping fees at the CPF.

Mrs. Geissman asked if everyone had received the letter from John Burke about the misdirection of funds. The letter was received, but no one had thoroughly reviewed the letter at this time.

Ms. Ray feels the State Auditor's management letter addresses some of the procedural changes that were prepared from last year's audit.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

At 10:15 a.m. the public hearing was convened regarding the FY2005 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Dianne Ranftl, Frank Ehrman, Bill Thorne, and members of the press were present.

Mr. Ehrman stated that he appreciates what the county has done for York Township with the CDBG funds. The last fiscal year was the first time they went through this process and Dianne was very helpful in getting them through the process.

Dianne stated that CDBG works well with the county working with the townships and villages. Frank did the "legwork" for the project, such as going door to door for income surveys to qualify the project. Their project was for replacement sidewalks from Columbia Road to their cemetery. The county received \$221,000 last year and will receive \$208,000 for FY2005. Applications were received for over \$1 million and some projects were not eligible. Sidewalks for York and other communities are not recommended for funding for FY2005.

Mr. Hambley noted that the State is becoming stricter on the projects receiving funding.

Dianne stated that 50% of the funding is to correct a community assessment need. The recommendation for funding is for Fair Housing, Chatham Township ADA compliance, Transit fair subsidy, Habitat for Humanity to purchase property, new construction for the ADAMH Board, and an emergency housing repair program. Administration money is also included in the application. Medina County has historically used CDBG to identify and assist with deficiencies within a community.

Mr. Hambley stated that he supports the purchase of property for the Habitat for Humanity, noting that it is an ambitious program for them because they are required to purchase the property and complete construction within the fiscal year of the grant.

Dianne stated that 2 of the activities, Habitat for Humanity and the emergency housing repair program, will also be addressed if funding is received for our CHIP application that was filed earlier. Under the housing repair program, people would need to apply through our office,

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must meet the income guidelines, and the repairs have to be an emergency situation. These funds will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

There was no further discussion.

Mr. Hambley moved to close the public hearing on the CDBG funding recommendations and application; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution to submit an application for funding for the CDBG program for FY2005; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the County Engineer’s Office received a bid from Kokosing Construction Company for the 2005 Highway Department Various Hot Mix Resurfacing. The bid was opened in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room and will be reviewed by the Engineer’s Office for recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0632 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DETERMINE AND DECLARE A REASONABLE & SAFE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT ON C.H. 40, RYAN ROAD, BETWEEN S.R. 126, WEDGEWOOD ROAD, AND THE B&O RAILROAD CROSSING IN MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0633 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0634 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1-A TO THE 2005 MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ITEM 448 & ITEM 402CS RESURFACING PROJECT...KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC...

- 05-0635 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN WINDFALL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0636 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0637 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN NORTHAMPTON HIGHLAND ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0638 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN BOSTON COMMONS SUBDIVISION PHASE IV IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0639 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN EAGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

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- 05-0640 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2A IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 05-0641 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2C IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 05-0642 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE ERHART ROAD (C.H. 7) BETWEEN ELYRIA ROAD (S.R. 57) AND NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128)
- 05-0643 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE ERHART ROAD (C.H. 7) BETWEEN ELYRIA ROAD (S.R. 57) AND NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128)
- 05-0644 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE ROOT ROAD (C.H. 58) BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD (S.R. 162) AND SPENCER LAKE ROAD (C.H. 45)
- 05-0645 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE LESTER ROAD (C.H. 56) BETWEEN SPIETH ROAD (S.R. 57) AND WOLFF ROAD (T.H. 94)
- 05-0646 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 05-0647 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 05-0648 CREATION OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FY05 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 05-0649 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 05-0650 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D PROSECUTOR FUND FOR PROSECUTOR SERVICES
- 05-0651 CREATION OF A SUBDIVISION REVIEW ROTARY FUND AND APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION
- 05-0652 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,700 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 3,900 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 05-0653 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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05-0654 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR RENEWAL CONTRACTS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY TOBACCO INFORMATION & PREVENTION PROGRAM (MCTIP)

05-0655 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

05-0656 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Hambley

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Sharon A. Ray