

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas R. Bahr and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the July 1<sup>st</sup> minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed six (6) resolutions. Three of the resolutions were approving the final plats for subdivisions – Northhampton Highland Estates Phase II, Ridgewood Falls Phase II, and Turnberry Phase IV. The next (3) resolutions were to approve the annual assessment on improvements in subdivisions - Laurel Crossing Phase II, Ridgewood Falls Phase II, and Northhampton Highland Estates Phase II, and establishing them as public watercourses. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the six (6) resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Beverly Valentine, Finance Department, presented and reviewed seven (7) resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, transfers and expenditure adjustments for various funds, authorizing a contract for a quarterly financial information consolidation system called "QuiC" between the Department of Jobs and Family Services and Maximus, Inc.; approving the lease for office space for the Medina City Board of Education at the Professional Building; and the weekly bills totaling \$638,184.64. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the finance resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman noted that the Medina City School Board is asking for less space but the lease amount remains the same. All Commissioners voted AYE and the resolutions were passed.

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

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to accept an easement for a waterline installed on S.R. 3 for a project located by Highland Schools. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the easement and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra Radecky, Director for the Office for Older Adults, presented a resolution authorizing expenditures for the Med\$ave Program volunteers. She said that it is the end of a three-year program that they have been working on with the Western Reserve Area on Aging and the Ohio Department of Aging to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The funds are for an appreciation luncheon and to purchase gift certificates for the volunteers. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the OOA expenditures and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all of the Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra reported that they will be having an intern from the University of Akron for six (6) weeks and she will be doing a statistical study on people receiving Home Delivered Meals. They deliver 201 meals each day. Mrs. Geissman asked what the intern would be looking for. Debra said she would be doing aggregate data such as how long the clients have been receiving meals, demographics, age, and why they need them. They are serving the maximum amount of meals possible with the amount of available drivers. Mrs. Geissman said that she does not want to see anyone on a waiting list. Debra read a list of the month's interesting programs and their trips that the Office for Older Adults offers.

Mark Schindewolf, Workforce Development Manager, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement for Workforce Development Services with Cornerstone Wellness Center. It is for

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follow up services for youth who have exited the Links for Success Program. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the WD resolution. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mrs. Geissman opened the floor to Public Comment.

Matthew Galla, 3503 Hamilton Rd. asked Commissioners how the newly formed Railroad Safety Task Force would work.

Mrs. Geissman explained that the Task Force would identify dangerous railroad crossings and take pictures of them like a driver would see a train approaching. They will work with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and The Angels on Track Foundation. A couple that lost their son to a rail accident where there were no lights or gates formed The Angels on Track Foundation that gives matching funds for the PUCO. It takes about a year to get all of the crossings identified as to their danger. Medina County had more accidents in 2001 at railroad crossings than any other county in the State of Ohio. They are hoping this will reduce the accidents by getting up lights or gates or whatever is deemed necessary and at no cost to the county. The first year that Wayne County formed their Task Force they were able to improve three (3) crossings at no cost to their county. Mrs. Geissman said that she hopes they can get all Medina County rail crossings made safe eventually.

Mr. Galla said that he thinks the problem is with the drivers. The train has the right-of-way. He told them about some incidents that happened on South Court Street and stressed the importance of increasing public awareness about railroad safety and drivers slowing down their gas pedals. It is his opinion that the Railroad Safety Task Force is a noble idea but he is not holding out much hope for its success.

Mr. Hambley said that crossing safety is a matter of implementing both solutions – drivers' education and signaling devices. Many people move to rural Medina County from areas like Cuyahoga County where nearly every crossing has a signaling device. They have not learned that in rural areas they do not often have them. There are crossings where it is very difficult to see an oncoming train that need to be better identified.

Mr. Galla suggested that the Commissioners visit Lakewood, Ohio to see how they handle their crossings since they have so many.

Mrs. Geissman thanked Mr. Galla for his comments and asked if anyone else had any.

Sonny Strong, from Lodi, said that she was here to voice her concerns on the Child Support Enforcement Agency strike. Being a veteran, she feels that it is the government's responsibility to support the needs of its people. She feels that the ongoing strike is dramatically affecting the well being of her children. She relies on her caseworker to obtain her children's child support on a regular basis. She claimed her phone calls were not returned; she is becoming frustrated, and would like a successful resolution to the wage dispute. If it is not settled soon she said she would seek alternative sources to assist her to receive the services her children are entitled to. Mrs. Geissman asked the Clerk to check on the messages she did not receive.

There were no further comments.

At 9:55 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel/labor negotiations. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Commissioners noted that there would be a Public Viewing and a Public Hearing followed by a Discussion Session after the Executive Session.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioners recessed the Executive Session for the Public Viewing for the extension of Orrin Drive.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened the meeting for the Public Hearing for the Orrin Drive extension request. Dave Miller, Highway Engineer, read his report pertaining to the possible extension of Orrin Drive (T.H. 654) in lot 149 of Harrisville Township. He said that the owner has filed a petition to have approximately 200 feet of the existing private road made public. The existing conditions are that during the filing of the plat for Willow Pointe Commercial Center Phase I there was a cul-de-sac built and a 70-foot right-of-way access provided to the Prime Retail property where there is an Outlet Mall. Since then, a 24-foot private drive has been constructed with reinforced concrete from the cul-de-sac to the Prime Retail property. His conclusion is that it would make a good public road because it provides a second means of access to the Outlet Mall. This would give better response time for fire, rescue, and law enforcement, plus allows for better traffic flow. The County Engineer recommended that Orrin Drive be made a public road if the following conditions are met; the pavement be widened to 29 feet back-to-back of the curb; the pavement transition at the cul-de-sac where there is a 1” drop be removed; they should provide a tee-type turn around if Harrisville Township Trustees request it; and it is the responsibility of the owner to do a dedication plat of the area. Mike Salay, Assistant County Engineer, will notify the property owners of the Engineer’s conclusions and recommendations.

Mrs. Geissman asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the hearing and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley gave an update on the applicants for the recently created County Home Advisory Council. He passed out a list of those that have applied for the positions to date. He had them broken down into eight (8) categories – Mental Health or Health Care Professional, Job and Family Services, Ministerial Association, Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority, Senior Citizen and General Public, County Home Resident, Non-profit Agency, and Veterans Services Commission. Mr. Hambley asked if the other Commissioners were agreeable that the last call for applicants is the end of the week and they agreed. The Clerk will send out applications to a few more people that had expressed an interest in being on the Council. Mr. Hambley commented that they have a good list of applicants from which to choose.

Mr. Bahr said that he would be attending a meeting hosted by the Akron Regional Development Board (ARDB) on the July 23<sup>rd</sup> and asked the other Commissioners if they would also be attending. The reception begins at 3:30 and the program will be held at 4:00 at the Fairlawn Hilton. The Akron and Cleveland Mayors will be speakers and he felt that it would be in Medina County’s best interest to attend since Medina County is strategically located between those two communities. All of the Medina County Commissioners will be in attendance along with Jim Doult, the Director of Economic Development.

Mr. Bahr was pleased to report that the construction of the new county buildings, New Horizons and the FSA Office Building, is progressing on schedule. He and John Stricker visited the sites today and they are coming along very nicely.

Ken Hotz said that they would be taking bids this Thursday, July 11, 2002 for the Wilbur Road, Remsen Chase, Watkins Road, and West Smith Road Waterline Project. They plan to have the project done before the end of the year. Ken will present the resolution to accept and award the bid at the next Commissioners’ meeting.

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Ken announced that the Medina City water station had been partially turned on and should be completely turned on by tomorrow. The city's water source switched from Lake Medina to Lake Erie and it is coming from the opposite direction. There were no breaks in the waterlines and no dirty water. The city should be taking the sprinkling ban off soon.

Mr. Bahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

The Assistant Clerk and Doug Miller from the Highway Engineers Office opened and accepted bids at 1:30 p.m. for the C.H. 22 Culvert 27 and 28 replacement project. The Highway Engineers Office will review the bids.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0585 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE NORTHAMPTON HIGHLAND ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN LOTS 23 AND 24 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0586 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0587 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN LOT 88 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0588 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE TURNBERRY SUBDIVISION PHASE IV LOCATED IN LOTS 63 AND 64 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0589 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 ORC ON APPROX. 22.3708 AC. IN TRACT NO. 1, LARGE LOT 1, SMALL LOTS NOS. 16 & 17 OF LAFAYETTE TWP. KNOWN AS LAUREL CROSSING SUB. PH. 2 & ESTAB. WATERC

02-0590 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 ORC ON APPROX. 13.5364 AC. OF LAND IN LOT 88 OF MONTVILLE TWP. KNOWN AS RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBD. PHASE II & ESTAB. PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-0591 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 ORC ON APPROX. 24.5396 AC. OF LAND IN LOTS 23 AND 24 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS NORTHAMPTON HIGHLAND EST. SUBD. & EST. PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-0592 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-0593 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND

02-0594 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM

02-0595 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

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02-0596 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE QUARTERLY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED SYSTEM (QUIC) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MAXIMUS, INC.

02-0597 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OFFICE SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

02-0598 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0599 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

02-0600 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR MED\$AVE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

02-0601 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH CORNERSTONE WELLNESS CENTER

02-0602 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela M. Vereb, Asst. Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley