

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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 June 10 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 5 resolutions involving finding that public convenience and welfare requires the replacement of Bridge No. 3 on Westfield Road, to close a section of Neff Road on Wednesday, approving use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Whispering Woods Subdivision Phase I and Forestview Estates Subdivision Phase 2 in Medina Township, and accepting bids & awarding the bid for centerline striping and pavement markings of various county roadways to Aero-Mark. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 5 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed 6 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, approving an agreement with Wayne County for the continuation of the Court Mediation Services Program, approving an agreement with the City of Brunswick for financial participation in the construction of the I-71/SR 303 interchange ramp, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$796,846.16. The agreement with Wayne County continues the operation of the Mediation Services past June 30 and Wayne County agrees to pay \$25,000 a year. The agreement with the City of Brunswick is a commitment on behalf of the Transportation Improvement District (TID) of \$200,000. This was discussed last week and the Brunswick City Manager felt no changes were needed to the agreement. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 6 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Through questioning by Mr. Bahr, Chris stated that he's not sure why 3 companies didn't bid on the fuel, but he is aware Terry George was struggling to get bids on this.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 6 Finance resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger Harris, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel changes resolution. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the personnel changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger presented a resolution approving pay changes for union employees of Job & Family Services (JFS). The increases are effective January 6, 2002. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the pay changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution entering into a lease with MCPAF for joint use of the Administration Building auditorium. They have been working under a 15-year lease, and this resolution replaces that lease agreement with a 20-year lease. The 20-year lease allows MCPAF to apply for more funding. The other terms and conditions of the agreement stay the same. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 20-year lease. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mrs. Geissman noted that this has been a good partnership in use and upgrading the auditorium.

Mr. Bahr added that they have some plans to do some improvements such as painting that have been discussed with Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent.

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There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 20-year lease with MCPAF showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution agreeing to extend waterlines on a portion of State Route 3 and Poe Road in Montville Township. There are 2 developments that will install their own lines, and extending our lines will complete a loop. This job will be included in the next bidding in early fall. When ODOT re-does the intersection of SR 57 and SR 162, they'll take that waterline out of service and the loop created by this project will get water around the other direction. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman noted that Ken and Bill Strazinsky, Solid Waste Coordinator, are in the upcoming *Your Medina County* cable show featuring the Central Processing Facility (CPF).

Mark Schindewolf, Workforce Development Department Director, presented a resolution accepting and awarding the proposal relating to WIA Youth Services for the Workforce Development Department. This is a renewal for State Fiscal Year 2003 to Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates. The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Operations Committee, the Youth Council and the Workforce Policy Board, and reviewed by the County Finance Director. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the proposals. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mark presented a resolution authorizing a renewal agreement for Workforce Development Services with Goodwill Industries of Akron Inc. This is for services for adult and dislocated workers with the Employment Resource Center, a division of Goodwill Industries. This is a second year extension of their first contract. The Workforce Policy Board and the Finance Director have reviewed this. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, reviewed their statistics for May. They are staying equal to last year, with one less single family home permitted versus last May and 12 for the year. Commercial is still up a little with basically the same number of permits but lower costs. From April of this year the average price of a home is \$194,000. This price is based on the contractor's estimated cost.

Mr. Bahr asked if this is reflected in the *Parade of Homes*, which even exceeded Summit County with the number and quality of the homes.

Art thinks it could for year-to-date. He's hoping they'll have good sales with the *Parade of Homes*. He did review about a dozen of the homes and there are some very nice houses there.

Mrs. Geissman stated that many of those could be considered more than the average homebuyer's homes. When you get into the price range of \$194,000 and that is only the cost of building the home, not of the land, you're looking at well over \$200,000 for the average home in Medina County.

Art stated that there were several in Sharon and Hinckley Townships in the \$400,000 range. It's really hard to tell exactly what the numbers are, but activity-wise the department is still on track. That's good news in comparison to what's happening in other aspects of the business world. The county does have a good cross section of homes. There are builders that are into more affordable housing. A permit that was pulled this month was for a new elementary school and the Highland High School should be coming in this month.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she doesn't see any reflection on homes being built for low-income families.

Art stated that the cost of the land dictates the costs for new homes. It is difficult to have a \$40,000 to \$60,000 lot and then put a \$100,000 house on it. In other areas of the department, he noted that the new computer system was purchased and they have started issuing permits and

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the inspectors are using a portion of the system. The inspectors weren't able to use the old system.

John Jones, Transportation Service Director, reviewed the statistics for May. They had 1462 on the "L", 41 on the Homerville Route, 8428 on the demand response, and 213 on the Southwest Circulator. This is the first time they have had over 10,000 trips in a month. They traveled 52,028 vehicles miles and used 5959 gallons of fuel for a combined average of \$8.87 miles per gallon. They had 3060 revenue hours for demand response and 571.75 for the "L". The denial rate was .88%, noting that the Cleveland RTA has a trip denial rate of 5.9%. There were no accidents and 3 customer complaints. Billing accuracy was 99.69% and the fare box recovery rate was 42.46%. They had expenses of \$106,752.07 and he noted this was a 3-pay month. The on-time performance rate was 95.26%. The cost per passenger was a little over \$10, but the average is still \$7.88. Overall they had 2.79 passengers per service hour. This is an efficiency measure and the industry standard is 2.8 to 3.0 passengers per hour. They've had 3.1 vehicle breakdowns and .4 accidents per 100,000 miles. They are up 22.83% on passengers for the year with the "L" being up 32.53%. Medina City Council approved funding for the "L" for the rest of the year and into January 2003. The advertising revenue hasn't changed since the month before. The advertising company has not been doing their job and their contract was terminated. An agreement has been entered with the Metro Regional Transit of Akron to handle the advertising. They have signs in production for some Akron area businesses that want to advertise in our market and they are soliciting many business and programs in Medina County. The Literacy Program and hospitals want to continue their advertising.

Kathy Yuzwa, MCDAC Director, presented a resolution appointing Joseph Destro as the City of Brunswick's representative to MCDAC. This is his first term and it will run through December 2004. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Kathy McFarland, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) employee, stated that the employees are trying their best and they respect their clients. She's glad Medina County is doing so well. The average pay at CSEA is \$10/hour and it is not equal to the wages at Job & Family Services (JFS). The CSEA handles the same caseload as JFS and requires more education and training. She believes the Commissioners have not heard the full story and they should sit behind the desks of these employees and get an idea of what they do. The majority of CSEA employees are working 2-3 jobs to make ends meet. She asked that Commissioners take it into consideration that the employees are trying their best for the county.

Jennifer Wallace, CSEA employee, stated that she chose her major based on being able to help people. The clients deserve to have a nice house, car and make a living. She feels that nobody is backing the employees and they are required to write support for other people to get more money, while the employees are being cheated on spending time with their families, having a nice place to live, and going on vacation. Imagine living on \$10/hour and they aren't living in \$250,000 homes. She feels Commissioners should look at agencies that do equal work and look at them the same all around.

There was no further public comment.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley noted that every year NOACA holds meetings in the outlying counties. Medina County will be hosting a meeting on August 9 at the Wolff Creek Environmental Center in Sharon Township. The Park District has applied for enhancement funds for trails and this will give them an opportunity to show what they are doing.

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Mr. Hambley asked for verification that there will be help on Friday with the delivery of the bell items for Old Fashioned Days.

John Stricker stated that they have also arranged for a frame to be delivered with the bell. Otherwise the bell would sit on the ground. He asked Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, to check with Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, about the status of a financial agreement for communities that want to display the bell.

Mr. Hambley noted that Liverpool Township Trustees are interested in displaying the bell and Seville has indicated an interest.

Mr. Hambley noted that the City of Brunswick, Brunswick Hills Township and Brunswick Chamber held their second meeting last Friday. They are moving along with an agreement for a corridor study for Routes 42 and 303. The county is somewhat involved because of the Journal Entry involving water. They are working on an agreement for extension of water service to part of the township without annexation being required. Their next meeting will be in July and they will start rotating the meetings between the City Hall and Township Hall. Chuck Calvert was at their last meeting and talked about the possibility of the state assisting them once they come to an agreement in terms of infrastructure improvements or planning initiatives.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she met with Sheriff Neil Hassinger in regards to pay-for-stay. Chris Jakab and Mr. Baker from the Sheriff's Office went to Ashtabula County to review their program.

Chris noted that Ashtabula is using software that they've used since 2000. They are happy with the program and make more revenue than originally anticipated. Due to budget cuts they have laid off some staff and closed part of the jail by restricting some jurisdictions that have their own jails. They only have 50 out of 100 beds open at this time. They did clarify some issues about the program and said that it doesn't involve much additional work for the jail staff. A demo is being scheduled in the booking area of our jail and hopefully the Sheriff will recommend starting this program by September.

Mrs. Geissman believes that changes to H.B. 170 relieved the Sheriff's mind about the program and she is looking forward to a program being started.

Chris noted that the Battered Women's Shelter lease has expired. The information that was requested has been turned in required by the lease and the Ohio Revised Code. He presented copies to the Commissioners and if they are satisfied with the information he will prepare the lease for next week's meeting. He feels the information does meet the reporting requirements.

Mr. Bahr noted that the parking lot at the Shelter has been completed.

John stated that the 2 construction projects, New Horizons and Farm Service Agency (FSA), are both under roof. The windows and roof are on at the FSA building. Both projects are at a point that rain should not halt their progress. He is pleased with the progress. He noted that there will a couple of change orders coming in. One is for a sidewalk along Route 42 (next to New Horizons) that is being required by the City of Medina

Through discussion, Mr. Bahr noted that the requirement is to get part of the sidewalk done in that area.

Mr. Hambley added that cities will require that and as they get in-fill the sidewalks will link together, even if a sidewalk sits for years before future development.

Ken Hotz stated the last station for the pump station/Avon Lake project will be online by the end of the month. Avon Lake may want to have a ceremony. Our station has been running for 2 months, but the Medina station wasn't complete.

The Clerk presented copies of the minutes of May 28 regarding an annexation hearing for 4 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. A couple of people have called asking about the status. There wasn't much said during the hearing. After a review of the

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minutes Commissioners agreed to have the Clerk prepare the resolution for approval for next week.

Mr. Hambley noted that this annexation was under the old annexation law.

The Clerk added that this is the last one under the old law.

There was no further business before the Commissioners for discussion.

Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel/labor negotiations.

Mr. Hambley noted that pending litigation needs to be discussed as well.

Mr. Bahr amended the motion to recess into Executive Session to include pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 11:22 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0522 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0523 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE REPLACEMENT OF BIRDGE NO. 3 ON WESTFIELD ROAD (C.H. 15) IN WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0524 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128) BETWEEN COLUMBIA ROAD (S.R. 252) AND STEIGLER ROAD (T.H. 165)

02-0525 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN WHISPERING WOODS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0526 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FORESTVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0527 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED THE BID FOR CENTERLINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

02-0528 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-0529 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

02-0530 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR AND 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEERING CENTER

02-0531 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE COURT MEDIATION SERVICES PROGRAM

02-0532 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK FOR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE I-71/SR 303 INTERCHANGE RAMP

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02-0533 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0534 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY CHANGES FOR UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (JFS)

02-0535 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A LEASE WITH MCPAF FOR JOINT USE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AUDITORIUM

02-0536 RESOLUTION AGREEING TO EXTEND WATERLINES ON A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 3 AND ON POE ROAD IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP MCSE PROJECT #500/00-7.1.21

02-0537 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO WIA YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

02-0538 AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AKRON, INC.

02-0539 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0540 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley