

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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 June 12 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the advertising of bids for the replacement of Bridge No. 25 on Wolff Road in York Township; (2) closing Firestone Road between Jeffrey and Williams Roads in Homer Township; and, (3) closing Greenwich Road between Hulbert Road and the Seville Village limits in Westfield Township. 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.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations for the Family First Council and the Office for Older Adults; (2) amending the annual appropriations resolution for the Office for Older Adults, Juvenile Court and Wireless 9-1-1; (3) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (4) authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the Title IV-D Prosecutor Fund for Prosecutor's services for the month of April; (5) performing a revenue adjustment for the University Technology Park Project for water and sewer improvements; (6) purchasing bulk fuel for the Engineering Center from Mansfield Oil at \$2.1550 per gallon; (7) purchasing bulk fuel for the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum at \$2.3261 per gallon; (8) adopting a revised training-related policy to allow for reimbursement of Leadership Medina participation costs to increase the maximum cost from \$1,125 to \$1,350 per individual; (9) creating the Drug Task Force FY06 Fund and authorizing appropriations to reflect monies from MCDAC for the funding period beginning July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; (10) creating a Community Corrections Act Intensive Supervision Probation/Diversion Grant Fund for FY07 for Municipal Court in the amount of \$115,039; (11) creating a Community Corrections Act Intensive Supervision Probation Grant for the Adult Probation Department for FY07; (12) creating the Felony Delinquent Care FY07 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (13) creating the Office for Older Adults Alzheimer's Disease Network FY07 Fund and authorizing appropriations in the amount of \$20,376 for the grant period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; (14) approving an agreement with Wayne County for the continuation of the Court Mediation Services Program for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 by making available \$32,000; (15) authorizing the procurement of digital scanning services from Digital Data Services for approximately one million documents for the Child Support Enforcement Agency; and, (16) authorizing the advertising for bids for the 2006 roof repairs at the Human Services Building, Administration Building, and the County Home. He also requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$5,776,327.40. He explained that the bills were higher than usual due to the annual Ohio Water Development (OWD) payment requirements. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the sixteen finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE on the Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

moved to approve the personnel changes; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution revising the Table of Organization for Workforce Development to add a part-time summer intern to assist with various projects. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, had no resolutions to present.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented a resolution approving a \$5,000 grant award to Medina Township from the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program. Ten communities have benefited from this grant. The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to help a community decide what they would like their community to look like in the future. Medina Township has not updated their plan completely for about ten years so this will give them the opportunity to re-evaluate the growth that has taken place. Then they can decide if they are going in the direction that they want to be going in, or make changes. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Theken presented a resolution approving a \$5,000 grant award from the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program to Brunswick Hills Township to implement the Comprehensive Plan that they established on March 15, 2004. This will help them set up committees and hold public meetings to gain input to implement the recommendations that include updating their zoning resolution. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The last resolution Ms. Theken presented was approving a \$5,000 grant award from the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program to the Village of Seville to implement their Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of studying the State Route 3 corridor that runs through Seville. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Photographs of the Commissioners were taken with representatives from two communities that were recipients of the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program that was established by the County Commissioners. Representing Brunswick Hills Township were Al Fulkerson, Zoning Commission, and Nancy Leonard, Administrative Assistant. Representing Seville was Keki Vania, Zoning Inspector.

Mr. Hambley commented that a frequent visitor to Commissioners meetings has criticized the Commissioners for providing funding for this type of program and he feels that there might have been a misunderstanding. The intent of the Commissioners is not to tell cities, townships or villages how to plan or what to do, but to encourage them to plan. The grant only pays a portion of the cost of that initiative - up to 50% of the cost with a limit of \$5,000. It typically costs more than \$10,000 to do any type of a plan. The program has been very beneficial for the communities and has made a marked difference in the number of communities that are not only doing comprehensive planning, but are then doing the implementation to their zoning codes. The intent has never been to tell communities what they ought to look like. It is to encourage them to work with County Planning, Highway Engineers, and other County offices to coordinate planning. Mrs. Geissman added that it is important to note that Medina County is the only county in the State of Ohio that is doing this program. Commissioners have been criticized for not dealing with the growth in the County, but people need to realize that there are certain things they can do and certain things they cannot do. The growth and planning for each community is decided by the local officials, not Commissioners. This is the Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

way of providing the ability to do that. Ms. Theken said that Wayne County is going to copy the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program. Mrs. Geissman said that is an example of leadership from Medina County.

Art Verdoorn, Chief Building Official, presented and reviewed the Medina County Building Department May 2006 Monthly Report. He said there were 90 residential permits in May 2006 compared to 96 in May 2005, so the activity level was similar. There were 81 commercial permits issued in May 2006 compared to 59 in May 2005, but there has been a decline in the healthy pace of commercial building activity in the past month. Commercial year-to-date permits issued still remain much higher than last year, with 81 permits in 2006 compared to 59 in 2005. Year-to-date there were 331 housing permits issued compared to 345 in 2005. Mr. Verdoorn expected about a 10% decline this year, but the pace is running higher (only at about a 4% decline in housing permits.)

Mr. Hambley pointed out that Montville Township is in the lead for the most housing permits issued. Mr. Verdoorn said Medina Township is also “picking up the pace”.

Mrs. Geissman said that the average construction costs of new homes do not include the cost of the land. The cost of the average home in Medina County year-to-date 2006 (\$234,560) does not include the lot that is very expensive. Mr. Verdoorn said people spend a lot more money on their homes than previously. A national report said the trend in the 70's and 80's was to purchase a home 2 to 2-1/2 times the family's annual income. Now it is up to 4 times their annual income. It is no longer a necessity – it is luxurious.

The Clerk 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.

The meeting was opened for public comment and there was no one present wishing to comment.

Mr. Hambley said they have a request for an Executive Session following the Discussion Session and Annexation Hearing for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel investigation of complaints against a public employee. Ms. Ray moved to schedule the Executive Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read the notice that the Regular annexation for 7.8465 acres from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick that was originally scheduled for June 19, 2006, was changed to Monday, July 10, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman discussed the Mock Disaster train crash on Friday, June 16, in Lodi. She said it was attended by 300 to 400 people and the television stations and newspapers reported on it. It was very impressive and a good training exercise for the bus drivers and everyone involved. Many people lost their composure when they heard the children in the school bus crying out in pain and fear. When it was over, everyone returned to Cloverleaf High School and some people were invited to talk for a couple of minutes about how they felt about being a participant in the experience. Mistakes were made and, hopefully, they learned from them and would become better responders at the scene of a real disaster.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

Ms. Ray distributed a press release announcing the hiring of the new Chief Building Official, Charles Huber. He will assume his duties with the County on Monday, July 17, 2006.

Ms. Ray discussed the Medina County Courthouse Renovation Project. She said she and Mr. Jakab visited the Wayne County Courthouse to see their internal renovation to utilize their space better. They had more to work with in terms of basement space and they were able to acquire the building that was an old ballroom located next door. Ms. Ray asked Mr. Hambley if he was able to tour the Medina County Courthouse and he said he did last week with Mr. Jakab.

Mr. Jakab distributed Bailosky Partners' Phase II proposal for the all-inclusive expansion and renovation project, which includes site master planning, conceptual planning, and project budget testing. The total proposal amount is \$12,600. The architects/planners will use the original Phase I needs assessments and graphically lay out some of the space requirements and requests and show how those spaces could be incorporated. They will also provide some more detailed pricing information for the cost of both an expansion and the cost of renovating the existing office space. Until now, the employees made the best out of what they had and did it very inexpensively. Some rooms do not have heat, some are being used as both an office and hearing room, and some areas are too small. Expansion could happen in several ways. A shell with unfinished interior courtroom space could be built for future expansion that could still allow certain offices the required square footage now. There was a short discussion about the different offices' needs such as the Clerk of Courts, Adult Probation, and the Courts needing more space, space that is wasted, and lack of an area dedicated to hold prisoners. Mrs. Geissman said she is not anxious to add on to the building because they just built the parking lot, but she is willing to look at the options. Mr. Hambley pointed out that additional manpower is required for the prisoners' entrance due to the way the building is configured. An isolated entrance could help alleviate that ongoing cost. Ms. Ray and Mr. Hambley said they would also like to look at the options to see what would be the best way to proceed, according to the professionals, in order to anticipate the courts' growing needs.

Ms. Ray discussed the letter the Commissioners received from Judge John Lohn that informed them that, effective August 25, 2006, New Horizons Youth Shelter will no longer operate under the control of the Juvenile Court. Mrs. Geissman said she read it in the newspaper and had no advance notice. Also, it's only been two months since they finalized his budget and nothing was said then either: he must have known at that time. She said she is very upset with him.

Mr. Hambley said he has asked Mr. Jakab to start working on a letter from the Commissioners to respond to Judge Lohn as a public record indicating their displeasure and dismay at the lack of notification or willingness to sit down to discuss the situation. They will point out that the judge did not let the Commissioners know by letter or informally that there were some issues. This prevented them from coordinating use of their resources since the Commissioners are responsible for the building and allocations. They could have looked at what other programs might have better utilized that space. For example, Job & Family Services recently built a new building for supervised visitation. They might not have had to build it and those tax dollars could have been better utilized elsewhere.

As Commissioner Liaison, Ms. Ray said she was certainly disappointed that she was not notified that there were any problems at the Shelter and Mr. Hambley expressed concern with the youth runaways that need a safe place, children under JFS and independently. Mrs. Geissman questioned Judge Lohn's letter saying that the numbers had dropped. Ms. Ray said Judge Lohn's concerns may be legitimate, but the Commissioners did not know about any of it, nor did Mr. Jakab. Mr. Hambley said this is difficult, in terms of accountability of public funds, for him to unilaterally make that decision. That is why the County has a Board of Commissioners, as well as the involvement of other partners.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

Mr. Jakab added that not all of the data was factual. He provided the Commissioners with clearer data to help them respond. There would be some funding issues the Commissioners will need to address. Also the grant application has not been finalized for the period beginning July 1, 2006, which is a joint venture between the Juvenile Court Judge and this Board of County Commissioners. They have some authority to utilize those funds and their signatures are required.

Ms. Ray asked if there was a possibility that JFS could take over the building using TANF dollars. Mr. Jakab said he talked briefly with Mead Wilkins, JFS Director, on Friday. Mr. Wilkins said running a group home would take some start-up money and it is not something he has experience doing; however, this does not mean it is impossible. It would have been a great facility for the JFS Supervised Visitation Program.

Ms. Ray said she would like to postpone the discussion about the County Home replacement/renewal levy to make sure the County Home Advisory Council is made aware of the meeting in case members want to attend it. The Commissioners agreed to discuss it at the Commissioners meeting on Monday, July 3.

Dianne Ranftl, Administrative Assistant, presented Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) information. She said Medina County received notice that they are eligible for \$187,000 this year, which is \$21,000 less than last year. There were 11 requests for funding; some eligible and some questionable. Gloria Glens did not complete their income surveys and they have no cost estimates. Chippewa Lake requested more money to repair their roads. The application looks as if it is requesting the funding for engineering for the roads, and that is not eligible; it is also contingent upon additional funding that is unknown at this time. Homer Township's wheelchair lift request would necessitate a second lift because the first one would only go up a few steps to get to the main level, requiring going up two more flights to get to the auditorium level. They would need to commit to all of the lifts for \$65,000+. With the tightening of the budget, the Department of Development would question the number of benefits to one location because CDGB funds already renovated the main area to make it handicapped accessible. Battered Womens Shelter repairs are not eligible. Making the County buildings' drinking fountains ADA accessible and sensors for the elevator doors are eligible requests. Habitat for Humanity received money to buy building lots for three homes last year. Medina County Transit is eligible for signage to mark bus stops at County buildings and some rural driveways at \$100 to \$200 per sign (installed by Transit and the Maintenance Department). Lodi is low income and has many needs – sidewalks, street repairs, a bridge, fire station repairs, etc. They have so many issues that CDBG could not fund them all, so they have applied for a Community Distress Grant. She received assurances from the Department of Development that they would help write the grant request for \$300,000 to \$500,000 that would require match money. Ms. Ranftl recommended funding a planning activity to work with Lodi on the grant next year. Mr. Hambley said it makes a lot of sense to work with Lodi to access other dollars because there are other sources such as OPWC or Issue 2 funding. Ms. Ranftl summarized the housing requests and she said that is the biggest need in the County. After a short discussion, the Commissioners decided to recommend the following funding requests:

Administration	\$28,000
Fair Housing	5,000
Transit (fare subsidy)	28,100
Transit (bus stop signage)	10,000
County Buildings (ADA renovations)	28,000
Lodi (planning)	10,000
Housing Assistance	67,900

Ms. Ranftl said she would publish this list of proposed grant funding and schedule a public hearing.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Hearing Room for the Annexation Hearing at 10:36 a.m.

Annexation Hearing

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:36 a.m. for the annexation public hearing on 91.0765 acres (formerly 139.6205 acres) of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth.

Mr. Hambley announced that there were some motions made. There was a tentative agreement regarding recessing the hearing and continuing it at another date. He opened the hearing for comments.

Amy Bruggeman, agent for the petitioners, introduced Stephen Funk, also an attorney with Roetzel and Andress, as co-agent. She will be out of town for a few weeks.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, said that James Bennett, counsel for Wadsworth Township, agreed to a continuance on July 24, 10:30 p.m. Their only contingency was that the Commissioners rule upon the motion before they start taking testimony. The applicant also agreed to the continuance (no later than July 24) to give them an opportunity to resubmit the revised annexation petition and plat to Tax Maps and the County Engineer.

Mr. Hambley asked if the purpose of continuing the hearing was also to deal with the amendment regarding the size of the parcel from 136.6205 being reduced to 91.0765. Mr. Thorne said that was one of the motions raised needing to be dealt with.

There was no representative present from the City of Wadsworth.

Ms. Ray made a motion to recess the Public Hearing and reconvene on July 24, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Ms. Ray asked Mr. Thorne if it would be sent back to Tax Maps and the Highway Engineer's Department in the interim, and asked who would direct that. Mr. Thorne said Clerk Pam Vereb would direct the process of sending the amended application to the departments. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier for pending litigation and personnel/investigation of complaints against a public employee.

Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 6/19/06:

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-0543	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0544	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 25 ON WOLFF ROAD (T.H. 94) IN YORK TOWNSHIP
06-0545	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FIRESTONE ROAD (C.H. 26) BETWEEN JEFFREY ROAD (C.H. 111) AND WILLIAMS ROAD (T.H. 79)

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

- 06-0546 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE GREENWICH ROAD (C.H. 97) BETWEEN HULBERT ROAD (C.H. 158) AND THE SEVILLE CITY LIMITS
- 06-0547 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0548 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 06-0549 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 06-0550 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
- 06-0551 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT
- 06-0552 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 8,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 06-0553 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 06-0554 ADOPTING A REVISED TRAINING-RELATED POLICY TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEADERSHIP MEDINA PARTICIPATION COSTS
- 06-0555 CREATION OF THE DRUG TASK FORCE FY06 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0556 CREATION OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION/DIVERSION GRANT FUND FOR FY07
- 06-0557 CREATION OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION GRANT FUND FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR FY07
- 06-0558 CREATION OF THE FELONY DELINQUENT CARE FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0559 CREATION OF OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS A.D. NETWORK FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0560 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE COURT MEDIATION SERVICES PROGRAM
- 06-0561 AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF DIGITAL SCANNING SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

- 06-0562 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDINA BUILDING MAINTENANCE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2006 ROOF REPAIRS AT THE MEDINA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME
- 06-0563 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0564 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- 06-0565 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO MEDINA TOWNSHIP FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY
- 06-0566 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY
- 06-0567 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY
- 06-0568 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 nineteenth day of June 2006.

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted, OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

_____ MEDINA COUNTY _____
Pam Vereb, Clerk Patricia G. Geissman