

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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 17 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 4 resolutions establishing viewing and hearing dates as necessitated by requests of landowners for the dedication of a portion of Orrin Drive in Harrisville Township and the vacation of a portion of Maple Heights Drive in Montville Township, authorizing the advertisement for bids for "CC" treated rock salt for the Highway Department, and finding that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement of Bridge No. 32 on Marks Road. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 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 7 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriation resolution, various fund transfers, expenditure adjustments for various funds, revenue adjustments for various funds, approving a renewal of lease terms with the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina County, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$4,428,241.51. The statistical information requested from the Battered Women's Shelter was received. The renewal lease is for May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003. The other terms of the lease remain the same. The total amount for the bill pages is high due to semi-annual OWDA loan payments. There was a request to add 2 bills to the bill pages for the Workforce Development Department. One is to Gateway for new PC's for the one-stop center in the amount of \$7777.00 and the other is to Lastar for wiring for the new PC's in the amount of \$2029. These are being added because the funds are only available until June 30. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 7 resolutions and addition of the 2 bills. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call 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.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing a change order for the Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plan rotating biological contactor replacement project. This is a reduction of \$7950. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the change order. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented statistics report on subdivisions up to June 1st. For preliminary plans they reviewed 363 sublots, which is down from 1000 in 2001 and 1375 in 2000. They have approved 77 sublots in final plats, which is also down from 467 in 2001 and 955 in 2000. Things have been picking up in the last couple of months, but she doesn't feel they will meet the figures from either of the prior years. The Building Department shows that the number of single families homes being built is slowly increasing. Some years there are more sublots approved and these balance out each other.

Mr. Hambley stated that when the farmland preservation plan was done in 1999-2000, there was a 2-3 year supply of approved subdivisions. There is still an adequate supply of planned subdivisions.

Patrice stated that the first workshop on the Northeast Ohio Retail Analysis that was done in partnership by Cuyahoga County Planning and NOACA. The turnout wasn't as good as hoped, but they hope to encourage people to attend future meetings. A workshop is scheduled on July 18 for Planning for Natural Disasters, which is done in partnership with the Emergency

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Management Agency/Project Impact. There will be a number of speakers talking about planning for tornadoes, floods, etc. There was a zoning inspector meeting a couple weeks ago at the Red Cross building. They learned a lot about what Red Cross does. An open house is being planned for November 8, which is “Planning Day” in Ohio. Various projects will be displayed from agencies such as Emergency Management, Soil & Water Conservation, and the Home Builders Association. The June newsletter includes a request for nominations for good planning projects or individuals that have had the “smart growth attitude”. Awards will be presented at the open house.

John Jones, Transportation Services Director, presented a resolution authorizing the termination of the advertising sales agreement with Lamar Outdoor Inc. effective May 31, 2002. A second resolution approves a cooperative agreement with the Akron Metro Regional Transit Authority (Metro RTA) to provide advertising display for Medina County Transit with the same 50/50 terms as the old Lamar contract and they offer various advertising packages, which is a better deal for Transit. A third resolution authorizes the submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Job Access and Reverse Commute grant. The FDA has set aside \$109 million for job access and first commute for federal fiscal year 2002-03. The request is for 2 years for \$137,396 in the first year and \$151,126 in the second year. This is for extending service hours for job access services into and out of the county for Job & Family Services as well as private employers. The fourth resolution approves the submission of a grant application to ODOT for federal and state operating and capital funds. This year the request is for \$727,970 that is broken down to \$292,000 for operating assistance and \$140,000 for state operating assistance and \$296,000 in capital assistance for purchasing 5 new buses and computer equipment. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Hartman, Soil & Water Conservation District, stated that they have had 6 positive responses out of 9 relative to the MPDS Phase 2 proposals. There are 2 townships that are unsure of their participation and the City of Medina may be a designate of the program and has not responded. Contracts are being drafted that will spell out the roles of responsibility in the development of the storm water management plans. They hope to have everything in place by September. They have issued 11 erosion sediment control permits and they are going very well. The office is working in cooperation with the County Engineer. An updated memo of understanding with the County Engineer has been entered for this to make sure everyone is clear on their responsibilities. The District is in the process of hiring an Urban Streams Assistant through a \$40,000 grant from the ODNR for Ripcord, which deals with corridors through the Rocky River Watershed and they hope to complete a study on knowledge about stream corridors and functions. Part of the funding is also being used to hire an Akron University summer intern to complete some GIS work for the project. This intern has done some intern work with the Planning Department and Emergency Management. The District participated in the Parade of Homes with Noble Design & Construction to demonstrate erosion and sediment control practices on home sites. Around 600 people went through that home and Noble is interested in participating again next year. There will be an article about this in the next newsletter of the Homebuilders Association about these practices. A couple months ago he mentioned the Envirothon contest for high school teams. Area 2, which includes Medina County, held their contest in May and Highland High School placed second. The top 4 teams from each area go to the State contest and Highland came in 10th in the state. Only the top team goes on to the international competition.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution approving the petition for annexation of 4.00 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the annexation. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read a 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.

Mrs. Geissman read a Certificate of Recognition for Paul Williams who served on the MCDAC Board for 11½ years and was instrumental in developing the Drug Free Workplace Program. She knows he has been in quite a few workplaces and touched the lives of many people with this program. Commissioners appreciate his dedication and work.

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Mr. Williams stated that he doesn't want his resignation from MCDAC to be taken in a negative view. He feels very strongly about the MCDAC program and the Board is made up of very dedicated people that are doing a great job with not enough money. The programs they fund involve very dedicated people as well. This is why he worked with MCDAC for so many years. In 1998-99, MCDAC started looking at the Drug Free Workplace Program (DFWP) and decided this was a major hole in their programs. He has spent most of his time through MCDAC working on that program. There are many advantages to this type of program, including that for every dollar spent on a program, a company will get \$4 to \$17 back in savings. A few years ago the State estimated that substance abuse costs \$650/year per Ohio resident. MCDAC estimated that because of their programs, our area residents pay around \$500/year. Recently from other sources, the estimate is that substance abuse costs companies \$9/employee per month. That is more than 3 times the estimate for MCDAC's whole program. Also, 85% of kids get drugs from their own families and that 70% of users work. He wishes he could manage working with MCDAC and the DFWP program, however, he feels it is best to dedicate his time to the DFWP. He wishes MCDAC and Kathy Yuzwa, Director, the best.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Chelsea Miller, Sarah Labus, Kathy McFarland, Kristine Kalgreen, Dianne Gerspacher, and Jennifer Walls, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) employees, noted that they are in the 5th week of their strike and that ultimately the responsibility for the CSEA services are the Commissioners. There are open cases for paternity, support, wage withholdings, etc. sitting on desks and not being processed. If Commissioners don't want to chip into financing the agency, then the management should be expected to bring in more dollars through fees or grants. There is a lot of physical and mental stress on every CSEA employee, as they can't control the reactions of some of the clients. Clients are dealing with divorces and their children and they take their anger out on the employees. Most of the employees striking are doing so for equal pay and not against the 3% increase. Medical insurance is costing more in premiums, deductibles and prescriptions, and the employees would have a better chance of making a living if the base pay was a little higher. Mrs. Geissman has been quoted that the turnover rate is very great. That turnover is due to the low pay and \$2-\$4 would make a difference. Mr. Hambley has stated that Medina County is the second richest county in Ohio. They have heard that Mr. Bahr said he doesn't care how long they strike the employees can be replaced. A lot of the employees will go out for part time jobs because they do want to stay with CSEA, and some may leave for other full time jobs. This is the loss of good employees and a lot of turn over. There is a misconception that elected officials need to talk about everything in public, but there are many things that have to be discussed behind closed doors. In the same respect, when questions are asked they should be answered honestly with all of the information. Employees are motivated and do care about their clients. Mr. Jakab said during the fact finding that there is money in the budget to cover the increase. Mike Kovack, Auditor, has stated that the county is doing well. The fact-finder has been quoted many times, but it's not quoted that they did find inequality in the base pay and that because of 9/11 it stated that the increase can't take place. Employees are losing money in their pay with the insurance increases and there is a big discrepancy in pay with JFS employees. Employees go to training constantly and there is no compensation for that. The average caseload per JFS employee is 150 and at CSEA the caseload is 500-550 per employee. Senate Bill 180 completely changed the agency and employees continually further their education. The base pay needs to be increased. Commissioners need to consider the inequality in pay. Some are coming to a realization that the county doesn't really care about the CSEA employees and wonder why Commissioners don't care about the residents when there are over 6,000 cases sitting at this time.

Mr. Bahr noted during the comments that he has never made a comment about not caring about the strikers or that they could easily be replaced.

Mr. Hambley noted that his comment was about Medina County in respect to the region, not the state.

There were no further comments.

At 10:14 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel/labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mr. Bahr had to leave for the day and the discussion session was cancelled.

At 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley left with Dave Miller, County Engineer, for the viewing of White Road.

At 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Geissman called the meeting to order for the public hearing for the relocation of White Road in Westfield Township.

Dave Miller stated that Commissioners should have received his list of advantages and disadvantages, which is what the law requires for him to file. The advantages include wider pavement, improved sight distance, improved pavement build up, and better roadside grading. The disadvantages are the time the road will be closed for through traffic and an increase in the road mileage to be maintained by the township. They do get some money from the State from the license plate tax. There is 5% of the license fees that goes into a big pot for all of the townships and that is divided by the townships mileage.

Mrs. Geissman noted that it can be seen that there is more road being built than is being vacated, but it's new road that should not need as much maintenance.

Mr. Hambley noted that the township hasn't objected.

The Clerk presented a notice from Westfield Township and Harrisville Township stating that they had no objection.

Dave stated that although he's not required to give his opinion, he sees no reason not to relocate the road because they will end up with a safer road even though it is a little longer.

There were no other comments.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0541 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0542 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VIEWING AND HEARING DATES AS NECESSITATED BY A REQUEST BY LANDOWNERS SEEKING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF ORRIN DRIVE (T.H. 654) IN HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0543 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VIEWING AND HEARING DATES AS NECESSITATED BY A REQUEST BY LANDOWNERS SEEKING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF MAPLE HEIGHTS DRIVE (T.H. 318) IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0544 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR "CC" TREATED ROCK SALT FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

02-0545 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 32 ON MARKS ROAD (C.H. 22) IN BRUNSWICK HILLS AND LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIPS, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0546 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

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- 02-0547 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 02-0548 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 02-0549 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 02-0550 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 02-0551 RESOLUTION APPROVING A RENEWAL OF LEASE TERMS WITH THE BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER OF SUMMIT AND MEDINA COUNTY, INC.
- 02-0552 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 02-0553 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE HINCKLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTACTOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 02-0554 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE THE ADVERTISING SALES AGREEMENT WITH LAMAR OUTDOOR, INC.
- 02-0555 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE AKRON METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (METRO RTA) TO PROVIDE ADVERTISING DISPLAY FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT
- 02-0556 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT
- 02-0557 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS
- 02-0558 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 4.00 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF TRACT 1, LOT 11 & ALSO BEING SUBLOT 1 IN THE OLD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 02-0559 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