

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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 19 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) approving the annual assessment on improvements and establishing a public watercourse in Sharon Heights Subdivision; and, (2) closing Wilbur Road between Nichols Road and Granger Willows Drive on Tuesday, June 27, and Wednesday, June 28, for culvert repair. Ms. Ray moved to approve the two 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 funds between line items; (2) amending the annual appropriations resolution and increasing appropriation levels; (3) adjusting expenditures for various funds related to second quarter corrections of accounting charges; (4) authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the Title IV-D Juvenile Fund for Juvenile Court Services for the period of March through April, 2006; (5) transferring funds from the County General Fund to the County Diversion Program Fund for June operating expenses; (6) approving an agreement between the ADAMH Board and the County Home for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, to continue to allow placements at the County Home at the new per diem rate approved by the Commissioners; (7) authorizing the submission of a 2006/2007 State D.A.R.E. Grant Program application to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$70,560 for the period of August 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; (8) authorizing the procurement of a digital imaging software package for the Clerk of Courts from Professional Computer Software Services (PCSS) and the contractual amount is \$75,200; (9) creating a Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC)–Tobacco Use Prevention Fund and authorizing appropriations; and, (10) creating a Workforce Development Fund and authorizing appropriations. He also requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$930,066.45. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the ten 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 moved to approve the personnel changes; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution creating a restricted sanitary sewer main along Poe Road. The sewer was extended by the developer and this would allow him to recover the cost. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolution that was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz presented a resolution authorizing credits for tap-in fees in the Fox Village Subdivision in Brunswick Hills Township. In order to provide sanitary sewer for this development, they have to connect to a trunk line that has not been built yet. They will get credits back for every tap-in fee. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mr. Hotz presented a resolution to obtain an easement for a waterline the Plum Creek Parkway Waterline Project. Ray moved to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for the Plum Creek Waterline Project and the pressure reducing vault in Stony Hill Road to the lowest bidder, Fechko Excavating, Medina, in the amount of \$657,884.78. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job and Family Services Director, presented the following resolutions for FY07: (1) authorizing a contract with Medina County Career Center for the TANF Work School Project and Job Readiness activities at an amount not to exceed \$182,058.86; (2) authorizing a contract with Alternative Paths for the work release program with the prisoners at an amount not to exceed \$63,000; (3) authorizing an agreement for Family Group Conferencing and Supportive Services for Children to mobilize families to take care of their children at \$35 per unit, not to exceed 714 units, and the total contract not to exceed \$25,000; (4) authorizing a contract with Smart Solutions for data programming services at an amount not to exceed \$36,000; (5) authorizing a contract with Family First Council for wellness and teenage pregnancy prevention at an amount not to exceed \$199,750; (6) authorizing a contract with Catholic Charities Services Corporation for family preservation work for child welfare cases in an amount not to exceed \$182,000 for Family Stability services, \$10,238.40 for Family Reunification services and \$3,600 for Geriatric Assessor services; (7) authorizing a contract with Maximus, Inc. for quarterly information consolidation at an amount not to exceed \$2,700; (8) authorizing a contract with Talx Corporation for employment and income verification at an amount not to exceed \$3,600; (9) authorizing a contract with the Office for Older Adults for Adult Protective Services at an amount not to exceed \$48,817; (10) authorizing a contract for car seats and a car safety seat program with Community Action Wayne/Medina to keep children safe in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; and, (11) authorizing an agreement with Metropolitan Housing for the Inter Community Assessment Team (ICAT) to help low income families secure housing at a rate of \$17.62 per hour, not to exceed \$25,000. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Hartman, Soil and Water Conservation Manager, reported that he made a presentation at the May 18 Township Trustees Association meeting. Six of the 11 memorandums of understanding with the townships have been renewed to date and the others should be signed soon. They are still on track with the six communities regarding the NPDS Phase 2 Grant. One of the best management practices they have identified in the plans is to provide opportunities for community service for groups. They have been working with the Juvenile Court's referral program to do some storm drain marketing in the Brunswick and Brunswick Hills Township area. They have signed some working agreements with the Department of Planning Services and the Medina County Land Conservancy to keep the Lake Erie Commission Grant for the Watershed Balanced Growth Plan for the Rocky River going and continuing the progress they are making. Mr. Hartman announced that this is his last report with the Board of County Commissioners; he is taking on a new position in July. His replacement will be Jeff VanLoon from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources who will be starting on August 1. The Commissioners wished him well and said it has been a pleasure working with him; he has been a credit to the agency.

John Waddell, Tobacco Coordinator, reported that they are elated to have their grant renewed through December 2006. They were also pleased that Nancy Peacock, Gazette Opinion Editor, wrote a front page article about the tobacco cessation programs. He thanked Finance Director/Acting County Administrator Chris Jakab and Assistant Finance Director Scott Miller for their help with finances.

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Dr. Waddell reported that Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) is still functioning as it should with the assistance of former Executive Director, Karl Cetina. The notices have been sent to all of the grantees on time and they are due June 30.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development (WD) Director, reported that Goodwill is exceeding in all categories except training, which is due to the funding level and the cost of individual training per training segment being higher than last year. Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG) Coordinator Chris Canova told him that that program will also be exceeding all goals as established in the current contract.

Mr. Hanigan presented the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the contract for WIA Youth Services to Tri-County JOG for \$230,000; (2) renewing an agreement for WIA Adult and Dislocated Workers Services with Goodwill Industries of Akron, Inc. in the amount of \$274,761; and, (3) authorizing an amendment to the existing contract with Goodwill Industries for the Homeland Security Grant employment and training in the amount of \$22,662. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hanigan stated that WD is working with The University of Akron and will house their new director at their facility on Pearl Road until the Medina County University Center is completed.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, said that with the assistance of the Medina County Sheriff's Department, they were able to come to a resolution with the State Highway Patrol regarding roadside pickups. The State Highway Patrol issued one of the drivers a warning last month and threatened to give her a citation if it happened again. All of the parties involved met and worked it out; roadside pickups will still be permitted for Transit busses. He made a request to the Brunswick Hills Trustees for signage in the area of concern to alert drivers that a bus stop is ahead. Fare collection for May 2006 has exceeded the collections for May 2005. Ridership for May was more than April, but down slightly from May 2005. Bus drivers chose their new route assignments effective June 5. He said he recently attended a United Way Awards Luncheon; met with the Job & Family Services staff and the Office for Older Adults staff to discuss their transit needs; met with ODOT; and, attended the monthly Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meeting. Mr. Hambley informed him about the brochures for the new Expanded Transit Options with Faith in Action.

Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners awarded Certificates of Recognition for Chief Building Official Art Verdoorn and Building Department Supervisor Karl Bessmer who are both retiring on June 30, 2006.

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. Mrs. Geissman stated that this was former County Administrator John Stricker's birthday. She said that even though he is gone, he is certainly not forgotten. She misses him greatly and everyone agreed. There were no further comments.

Mr. Hambley said they have a request for an Executive Session following the Discussion Session 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.

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The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session at 10:02 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said she researched some possibilities for the New Horizons building. Commissioners received a letter from Judge John Lohn informing them that effective August 25, 2006, New Horizons Youth Shelter will no longer operate under the control of the Juvenile Court. She said Director of Job & Family Services Mead Wilkins placed only 16 children in New Horizons last year, so he does not want to consider taking it over. TANF dollars cannot be used for that purpose. Sheriff Hassinger toured the facility and said there was a possibility that he could transport 24 prisoners to that building, which would alleviate having to build a pod. She has also asked Mr. Jakab to look at other options. Ms. Ray said she met with Sheriff Hassinger, ADAMH Board Director Mike Jenks and Mary Vance of JFS last Friday. The maximum occupancy on the building is only 16 people. The Sheriff is checking to see what would need to be done to make that facility certifiable. She asked Judge Lohn to put together a package of programs he would conduct from that facility if he had the opportunity to retain it in some fashion. Participation in the shelter diminished over the years for a variety of reasons. Mr. Hambley said they have had some successful programs such as foster parenting and have not needed the shelter as much as they did when it was established in the 1970's. Mrs. Geissman said perhaps some of Judge Lohn's programs have taken the place of the shelter. Mr. Hambley said they can work this out with Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Jenks, Judge Lohn, and other interested parties such as Dr. LaForme from the Achievement Center.

Ms. Ray said the County Commissioners' bulletin requested any counties seeking funds for jail construction write a letter of support and contact John Leutz. Mrs. Geissman said the Sheriff's Association is a strong supporter of the request and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is supporting them. There was consensus among the Commissioners to write a letter requesting State funds.

Commissioner Sharon Ray distributed copies of State Auditor Betty Montgomery's management letter, noncompliance citations, and newsletter. Ms. Ray proposed that an Audit Review Committee be established for Medina County that would allow the Commissioners a better level of comfort that policies and procedures were being reviewed and implemented. The annual management letter included with the yearly State audit recommended that Medina County establish an independent audit committee. She said recommendations were made that are particularly relevant in light of some of the problems they have had in the past twelve months with the Treasurer's Office, specifically with wire transfers and deposits of cash. Details about its composition are in State Auditor Betty Montgomery's newsletter that will be reviewed. Mrs. Geissman commented that it is interesting that there are never any penalties for noncompliance. There seem to be the same complaints in the audits each year and it is too bad that there is not something to cause people to make those changes. Ms. Ray said the Audit Review Committee would be the vehicle they need to assist that. Mrs. Geissman said elected officials cannot be forced to comply; it is just a recommendation. Ms. Ray said this would put it in the public light that when the recommendations are made, they should be implemented. She feels that an organization of Medina County's size should have a committee. Mr. Hambley said that it would be a good management practice and the intention is to oversee and make sure the recommendations are not being ignored. Ms. Ray said some recommendations that the State Auditor makes, are legally required; however, implementation would not be practical. The Audit Review Committee could differentiate between those issues and also could be the final voice for disputes. Mr. Hambley said the committee could also help craft the policies. Mr. Thorne said the committee does not have legal authority to tell elected officials what to do, but their role could be to encourage them to make changes. They can act as an advisory group, which would give them the opportunity to have some professionals reviewing the policies and procedures. They could occasionally bring problems to the Commissioners' attention. There was a short discussion about the composition of the committee. Ms. Ray said she would write a proposal after further study if the other Commissioners were agreeable; they were agreeable.

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Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners received a letter from Lynda Bowers, Lafayette Township Trustee, regarding the review of the site plan for the University Center on Thursday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Geissman said she would be attending the trustees' meeting.

Mr. Hambley said that there will be a public meeting this evening of the Medina City Council regarding the newly-created P-F, Public Facilities District. He asked if it would create any non-conformance with the current usage such as setbacks and buffers since it would establish a single set of requirements to apply to all existing facilities. Ms. Ray said Patrice Theken, Director of the Department of Planning Services, reviewed the proposed zoning changes and felt it was in the County's best interest. The variances are to the County's benefit, not to its detriment. Mr. Hambley asked if there was a reason some of the County's property was not included (Battered Women's Shelter) and if there would be any implications in terms of usage. Mr. Jakab said it is still classified multi-family usage. Mr. Thorne said the new zoning did not seem to be problematic.

Mr. Hambley asked when the final list of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recommendations needed to be made. Mr. Jakab said the Public Hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, July 6, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Ray said the County Home needs a new elevator that would cost about \$28,000 and she asked if that would be an appropriate use of CDBG funds. Mr. Hambley said that would be a good use of those dollars because of the safety factor with that population and Mrs. Geissman agreed. There was a discussion about the elevators in other buildings. Mr. Jakab said there is a \$5,200 sprinkler valve that needs replaced at the County Home also. Commissioners agreed to have that item added to the list for consideration at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jakab said he and Ms. Ray are meeting with the architect regarding the Courthouse Project to review the scope of work and expectations for the next phase that Commissioners approved. They will report the information and timeframe so they will have something to help further review and analyze the project.

Mr. Jakab said he, Mr. Hambley and Economic Development Director Jim Doult will be meeting this morning with a representative from One Cleveland regarding the Fiber Optic Project. They may be able to offer connections, operation or management suggestions, or other assistance to Medina County.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, reported that the University Center pre-construction meeting is going on now for the site work. Fechko Excavating is conducting the site preparation.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:25 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 10:50 a.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 6/26/06:

NUMBER	RESOLUTION TITLE
06-0569	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0570	AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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- 06-0571 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREDITS FOR TAP-IN FEES IN A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OWNED BY FOX VILLAGE LLC, FOR CONSTRUCTING AN OVER-SIZED OFF-SITE SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY
- 06-0572 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON 90.1086 ACRES OF LAND IN LOTS 62&79 OF SHORAON TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS SHARON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 06-0573 RESOLUTION DETERMING THE NECSSITY TO CLOSE WILBUR ROAD (C.H. 66) BETWEEN NICHOLS ROAD (C.H. 131) AND GRANGER WILLOWS DRIVE (T.H. 506)
- 06-0574 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0575 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 06-0576 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 06-0577 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D JUVENILE FUND FOR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES
- 06-0578 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 06-0579 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEDINA COUNTY ADAMH BOARD AND THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME
- 06-0580 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2006/2007 STATE D.A.R.E. GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION
- 06-0581 AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A DIGITAL IMAGING SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
- 06-0582 CREATION OF THE MCDAC-TOBACCO USE PREVENTION FY06 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0583 CREATION OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0584 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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- 06-0585 CREATING A RESTRICTED SANITARY SEWER MAIN ALONG POE ROAD
(SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT S-500/00-201/3)
- 06-0586 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BID FOR PLUM CREEK WATERLINE
PROJECT AND PRESSURE REDUCING VAULT IN STONY HILL ROAD MCSE#W-
500/00-5.1.62
- 06-0587 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY CAREER
CENTER FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0588 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALTERNATIVE PATHS FOR
MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0589 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR FAMILY GROUP
CONFERENCING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN ROBIN
BARTO AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0590 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SMART SOLUTIONS FOR
MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0591 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY
FIRST COUNCIL FOR MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL FOR MEDINA
COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0592 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SERVICES CORPORATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0593 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE QUARTERLY INFORMATION
CONSOLIDATION SYSTEM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND
FAMILY SERVICES AND MAXIMUS INC
- 06-0594 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEMENT AND INCOME
VERIFICATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY
SERVICES AND TALX CORPORATION
- 06-0595 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE FOR
OLDER ADULTS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0596 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
COMMUNITY ACTION WAYNE/MEDINA FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY
SERVICES
- 06-0597 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR INTER COMMUNITY
ASSESSMENT TEAM (ICAT) COORDINATION BETWEEN MEDINA METROPOLITAN
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0598 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO WIA
YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE

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DEVELOPMENT

- 06-0599 AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR WIA ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AKRON, INC.
- 06-0600 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR WIA ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
- 06-0601 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 twenty-sixth day of June 2006.

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

Pam Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman