

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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 revised February 25 minutes and March 4 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 6 resolutions involving authorizing the Engineer to proceed in certain instances by force account in the reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and culverts, amending and/or continuing permit fees to be charged by the Engineer for permits issued as authorized by the Medina County Commissioners Highway Use Manual, approving the partial vacation of an existing storm sewer and lake maintenance easement with Sublot 32 of Deerfield Farms Subdivision Phase II, accepting and awarding the bid for furnishing and installing 2 dump bodies, hydraulics and lights for 2 single axle cab and chassis for the Highway Department, and authorizing the closing of sections of Congress Road and Ryan Road. The first 2 resolutions are reviewed and prepared annually. The bid for the dump bodies, etc. is being awarded to Newell Equipment. Congress Road will be closed Monday-Wednesday and Ryan Road will be closed Tuesday-Wednesday. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 6 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Through questioning, Doug stated that the easement being vacated is no longer needed because there is one in a different area of the subdivision.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the County Engineer's 6 resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed six (6) resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, confirming and levying the special assessments for the property owners' portion of the costs of constructing Gateway Drive and O'Hara Avenue, including waterlines, sewers and drainage improvements with all necessary appurtenances thereto, providing for the issuance and sale of road improvement bonds, Series 2002, in the aggregate principal amount of \$415,000 for the purpose of paying the property owners' portion in anticipation of the collection of special assessments levied for the costs of constructing Gateway Drive and O'Hara Avenue including waterlines, sewer and drainage improvements with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$458,840.57. The assessments for the Gateway Drive and O'Hara Avenue project have been contracted between the County Engineer and property owners. The County Engineer will pay for the project through Auto & Gas Funds and the property owners have signed the construction agreements agreeing to the assessments. The issuance of bonds is in anticipation of the assessments being paid over a 20-year period. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 6 resolutions. 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 changes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger presented a resolution adopting a new 3-year contract with Teamsters Local 436, representing the Line Maintenance Workers in the Sanitary Engineer's Department. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Roger presented a resolution approving personnel changes for employees of the Sanitary Engineers Department. This is for increases for the employees of the Teamsters Local 436

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bargaining unit. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 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 creating a restricted sanitary sewer main in Laurel Road and McKinley Avenue. A private developer in Brunswick has extended the line and the restriction would allow the developer to recoup his costs as people tie onto the sewer. Mr. Bahr moved to create the restricted sanitary sewer main. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting 2 easements for the sanitary sewer behind the Old Navy Store. This will be on private property but the lines will belong to the county. Mr. Bahr moved to accept the easements. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken pulled a resolution authorizing a change order for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade. Panels had been removed that contained some asbestos and now the concrete blocks are bare and need covered. Two quotes were received and the amount is \$74,000. The EPA has approved the change, but he would like to check with Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, before awarding the contract. It will be difficult to bring in another contractor before the job is done so they aren't in each other's way.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, presented a resolution accepting a proposal from Wayne College for a needs assessment of Older Adults in Medina County. The needs assessment will be paid by Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Through questioning, Debra stated that she is happy with the timeline for the study.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the proposal from Wayne College showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra reported that the escort drivers have been through sensitivity training through Transit. The office is focusing on Senior Day on May 21. The programming through the office includes a St. Patrick's Day party on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a home health program on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Hands Across Medina County on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This month's trip is to Smucker's in Orville and the movie this month is Easter Parade. A survey of the average ages of clients in various programs showed that the average age for those using Transit is 78, the average age for home-delivered meals is 79 and those receiving congregate meals is 80. The office is currently going through an audit by WRAAA.

John Jones, Transportation Service Director, presented and reviewed the statistics for February. They had 1468 passengers on the "L", 49 on the Homerville Circulator, 7,342 on the demand response, and 275 on the Southwest Circulator. This is setting a record pace. They had 47,272 vehicle miles and used 5,427 gallons of fuel for an average per mile rate of 8.71. They had 2,746 driver hours for demand response and 571 driver hours on the "L". The trip denial rate was .82%; there was one vehicle accident, no passenger accident, and 6 customer complaints. The billing accuracy was at 99.574% and the fare box recovery rate was 32.74%. The operation expenses were \$69,416.51 for a cost per mile rate of \$1.47. The on-time performance rate was 96.22%. The cost per passenger for total services was \$7.60 with the cost per passenger on the "L" at \$3.12. So far this year there have been 4 breakdowns and 1 accident per 100,000 miles. The service complaints for the year are at 12.98%. Under the standard statistics, the ridership increase in all service is at 29.15% with a 19.7% increase on the "L". The analysis of operating expenditures shows that 56% is to salary and fringes, the admin load is high now at 22.51%, fuel is at 5%, vehicle maintenance is at 11.82%, and other expenses are at 5%. Agency revenue is up to 12% of the revenue and fares is at 2-1/2%. The advertising revenue is a little low at this time, but he has talked with the advertising company and that should escalate with new contracting.

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John presented a resolution approving the revised drug and alcohol testing policy for the Medina County Transit. The federal government passed their 49CFR Part 655 in December and that requires the revision of our policy. The policy has been reviewed by the Human Resources Director and is to be turned into ODOT by the end of this week. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the revised policy. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mark Schindewolf, Workforce Development Director, presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to WIA Youth Services. This will be a one-year proposal with a 2<sup>nd</sup> year option. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the advertisement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Lewis, President of the Alliance for Mentally Ill of Medina County (NAMI), read a letter stating their organization cannot support the County Home levy for reasons involving the level of care, the lack of trained psychiatric care and on-going programs, the restricted access to the various services of Alternative Paths, the age and construction of the Home doesn't allow for upgrades to become Medicaid licensed, and the cost per bed is higher than the cost of services available for mentally ill clients. Although NAMI recognizes the dedication, etc. of the County Home employees in serving these clients, the need for housing for the mentally ill has been documented not just for those 10 clients of the Home but also for those living at home with family, in hospitals or are homeless. The mental health system has changed tremendously in the past 10 years and they request that as housing alternatives develop that the Commissioners ensure adequate support to enhance the quality of life of these clients.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution appointing James Gerspacher as the member and James Doutt as the alternate member to the Transportation Improvement District (TID). Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

There was a brief discussion about when the terms expire. It is believed they are continual terms. There is a TID meeting on Wednesday and this will be reviewed to be certain.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the TID appointments showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution appointing James Doutt as the member with Thomas Arnold as the alternate member to NOACA's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Mr. Bahr moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley noted that this was discussed last week and a letter recommending the appointments was sent to NOACA. The NOACA Board confirmed the appointments on Friday. This resolution confirms the Commissioners' recommendation.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the TAC appointments showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution approving payment of an animal claim in Granger Township for 1 rooster and 2 chickens for a total of \$15.00.

Mr. Bahr noted that these are paid only when it is proven that a dog caused the claim.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the animal claim. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further 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.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

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Barbara McGreer, 4605 Basswood Oval, Brunswick, stated that she hates going into a voting booth to find an obscure issue on the ballot that has received little or no public attention when she is trying to make an intelligent decision. She knows the May ballot will carry the issue of the County Home, and she understands that Commissioners agreed in November that it should be closed but then agreed to put it on the ballot apparently in response to some protests. She now understands that there is an agreement to keep the voting public uninformed on this issue. She requested that Commissioners arrange for an independent evaluation of the Home followed by a public report. If the Commissioners do not do this, then she invited the newspapers to do investigative reporting and share their findings in the newspapers. She is surprised by the strange attitude of the Commissioners towards keeping the public uninformed about a ballot issue. She thanked Mr. Lewis for his comments, which at least gives some information to base a decision on.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she has been working on a questions and answers response sheet for some time. Several letters and phone calls were received and those were put into the computer for responses because she feels the Commissioners do have a responsibility to inform the public before they vote. This response sheet will be reviewed in the discussion session later this morning. The last thing Commissioners want is to keep the public uninformed.

Mr. Bahr added that information packets were given to the press at the time of the decision in November and Commissioners cannot control what they chose to do with them.

Mr. Hambley noted that the issue of having no discussion about the County Home involved the Commissioners' programming for *Your Medina County*. There was an agreement that only in that form would there be no discussion of the County Home.

Sheila Benson, Chatham Township, asked Mr. Lewis if he has figures to show that there are beds available for the mentally ill that are cheaper than the County Home.

Mr. Lewis stated that based on the increase to \$1650 and the fact that clients can't get Medicaid reimbursement because the Home isn't licensed, they feel that actual costs would be less at a licensed facility. They don't have precise figures, but they are looking into it.

Ms. Benson questioned their non-support of the levy since there isn't anyone requesting the Home be used exclusively for Alternative Paths or the mentally ill.

Mr. Lewis stated that their point is that they are concerned with the overall housing picture.

Mr. Hambley noted that NAMI uses the address of the Human Services Center and asked what office they occupy and how to contact him to discuss their recommendations further.

Mr. Lewis stated that they use the Alternative Paths office and that he will give Mr. Hambley his home number to contact him.

A gentleman asked if there are facilities for those people in the Home as well as those in their own homes.

Mr. Lewis stated that there are no beds in Medina County for those in their homes. There are options through the Commissioners, ADAMH Board and Alternative Paths to provide a temporary housing solution for those at the County Home.

A lady from Medina Township questioned how long the temporary housing will last and what will happen to those people if the Home closes.

Mrs. Geissman stated that Debra Beckstett, Alternative Paths Director who placed the mental health clients at the Home, asked her and Mike Jenks, ADAMH Board Director, to view a couple of possible locations that she had been in contact with. They viewed 2 of those locations last week and they are being looked at for long-term care. There is a certain kind of care needed for those with mental illness and they prefer to have their own facility, which the plans are in progress for and they hope to have a groundbreaking this spring. She's not sure which clients

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will go into this building, but it was indicated that there are long-term beds available in licensed facilities. The director is interested in whether they are licensed because there are rules and regulations that must be met.

Mr. Hambley asked if it is the intent of Alternative Paths to move those people prior to the closing.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the indication from Alternative Paths Director is that she sent 2 letters to Mike Jenks regarding funds for those people because it's not a good mix at the Home and they aren't getting the level of care they deserve and need. She understands they would like to get them moved as quickly as they can, which involves working with the clients and their families. We have to be ready to move forward whether the Home closes or stays open to get these placements made.

Mr. Hambley understands the ADAMH Board did an independent study of those individuals at the Home and found that they all had improved since they were placed there.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she hasn't heard that, but she was told the reason for going out there was to make sure they are placed in the right facility.

Mr. Hambley stated that he presumes the placement authority comes down to the families of those residents and not Alternative Paths.

Mrs. Geissman stated that Debra is working with the families and many of them feel their loved ones do need to be moved. She believes that is what Mr. Lewis is saying.

The lady asked what family members those are because she has attended Commissioners' meetings where family members were outraged that the Home might be closed.

Mrs. Geissman agreed there were some, and believes Mr. Lewis was one of those people that chewed her out publicly because of a misunderstanding. He's learned the facts of what can be done and she feels there is a different opinion as to what should be done now.

Mr. Lewis stated that a major concern in closing any facility is where the clients will go. There would have been added stress on them to say the Home was closing and they'd have to go out of the county. That was the original thought; that these 8-10 people would have to be located outside of the county. Now there is a goal that there will be short-term and long-term housing for them. His daughter is schizophrenic and he has great concerns about what will happen, but there is a plan in place.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the big issue she was hearing was that there was no place for them to go. When she made her decision to close the Home she honestly thought there was a place for everyone to go. Shortly after the vote, it was brought up that there was a crisis for the mental health clients. She started investigating that and has been working with Debra for some time. Now there is a place for the mental health clients in Medina County.

The lady asked if there is one spot they will all go to.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she would rather not name the place they visited because they have mentioned very low costs to the County. They visited 2 and there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> place that hasn't been seen yet. She sent a letter to all care centers, assisted living and nursing homes to find out how many assisted living beds might be available. We already have more than we need for every resident of the Home with just the 2 facilities that were seen.

Mr. Hambley noted that the mental health residents are not under the Commissioners' authority; they are Alternative Paths patients.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the only authority Commissioners have is the County Home residents that are not under Alternative Paths or the MRDD Board. People are already paying taxes for them such as through a MRDD levy, which is where the funding should be coming from for those clients. She believes there are a couple of people at the Home that need to be in a nursing home as they need a higher level skill.

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Joan Heller, Montville Township, asked about the county's contribution for the building that will break ground this spring.

Mr. Bahr, Mrs. Geissman and John Stricker stated that it will come from funds that Mike already has that will be subsidized with state and possibly federal money. Section 8 money is available for this housing. The ADAMH Board does receive money from the county general fund and there could be some commingled dollars there.

Mr. Hambley added that funds were cut to ADAMH Board and they had to go into their various agency reserves for \$100,000. He's not sure that will have an impact on this particular project, but the mental health agencies will need some additional in the future.

Mrs. Geissman stated that one facility had rooms that were like small apartments with sinks, refrigerators, and microwaves. Mike was pleased with these because they would come under Section 8, which means he would have to use his funds. Again, these are tax dollars that have already been spent, which would not have to come from the county general fund at the Home.

A gentleman stated that he has heard a couple figures and he believes the cost per client was \$1100.

Mrs. Geissman stated that is the amount being charged now, but it doesn't reflect the true costs. That needs to be boosted up to \$1650. There are some clients that are paying the full price of \$1100.

A lady stated that if all the beds were full it wouldn't cost \$1650.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the figuring was based on 50 residents. The facility will hold 65.

The lady understands people have inquired but because things are frozen up they can't get into the Home. It's possible that there already could be more people there and it wouldn't cost \$1650.

Mrs. Geissman stated they have had a very difficult time getting the beds filled. At one point Joyce Farnsworth, County Home Administrator, was inviting people from Cuyahoga County to the facility through the web page. This was pulled when the Commissioners learned of it. There have been calls since the publicity about out-of-county people living in the facility that Medina County people are paying taxes for. She is meeting with Joyce and Lynn Remington later this week to look at policy. If the Home stays open there needs to be some policy that Commissioners will have to approve. There are a lot of issues that need to be looked at.

The lady stated that if someone from out-of-county is willing to pay to live there it helps support the Home.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the \$1100 being charged is not enough to pay for the care. There will still be people able to pay the full amount if the fee is increased to \$1650. She doesn't want, and she's sure the other Commissioners don't want, to compete with the private sector. There is a tremendous amount of beds available in the county for assisted living and nursing care. It's a duplication of services.

Mr. Hambley noted that there has been no decision to increase the fee. It is a proposal that Mrs. Geissman, the Finance Department and County Home have been working on.

Mr. Bahr stated that since 1992 it has cost \$8,285,807.64 to operate the County Home. Out of that there was revenue of \$3,838,579.68, which left a shortfall that was paid from the general fund of \$4,447,227.96. That continues to grow and even if all of the beds were filled, the costs would continue to rise. With more beds there are more staff requirements, and staffing has been an issue for many years. That creates additional concerns in that we would need more people to take care of a greater number of residents. The \$1100 is not paying its way.

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The lady stated that she understood the County Home was originally supposed to be for the health and support of people of the county.

Mr. Bahr stated that was the original intent when County Homes were developed years ago. The original intent was to help people that couldn't help themselves. Unfortunately that isn't what is happening today. There are people there that have far better financial resources than people that are living in their own homes. Tax dollars are subsidizing those people that could afford to pay more.

The lady stated that there are a lot of people that can't afford that.

Mr. Bahr stated that he is not disputing that, as there are people that need help. The Commissioners would help those people, which will cost a lot less than what it's costing to operate the County Home.

Mrs. Geissman stated that if she felt in her heart there was a true need to keep the Home open she would lead the parade for that. However, it has been found there are many beds available and a lot of people living at the Home can live at any of these other facilities. The purpose of the County Home is not what it was when it opened, which was for those that had nothing and no family. There is only one person there that has no income. All the others have various incomes up to some paying full price. She doesn't care to subsidize someone that wants to go in because it is only \$1100 so they can leave an inheritance. Taxes shouldn't be paying for that. Taxes need to be paid for those that truly have a need. There will be some that don't qualify for funding and have no funding available to go elsewhere and the County will pick that cost up. It's being picked up now and the County will continue to pick it up, but it will be at a cheaper rate.

Through discussion on the rates, Mrs. Geissman stated that she won't disclose those rates because they were presented during discussions and there are no contracts or anything in place.

Mr. Hambley noted that the decision is not the Commissioners'.

Mrs. Geissman agreed that Alternative Paths will be making that decision

Relative to the cost difference in a private facility versus the County Home for the other residents, Mrs. Geissman stated that she's not sure how to answer. She's not sure the facilities she talked with want their cost publicized when they are trying to help the county. She has an idea of the cost from the visits last week, but they have only visited 2 facilities out of the 25 in the county.

A lady stated that through voter education and in all fairness the figures should be available. She questioned having informed voters when the cost of the Home is known and the cost going to another place is unknown.

Mrs. Geissman stated that it will cost less than what the county is planning to charge. There will be an increase and that's part of looking at a policy. It will definitely be far less than the half a million a year.

Kim Detchon asked about the location of the new facility for the ADAMH Board.

It was noted that it is on property the ADAMH Board already owns on Northland Drive near the Ann Tubbs Estates.

A gentleman noted that various agencies have a sliding scale according to income and asked if something like that could be worked out.

Mrs. Geissman stated that is going on at the Home now, with \$1100 as the maximum being paid. She agreed that it could be higher for those that can afford the payments. She added that people have asked her why she is against the levy. She is an advocate for senior citizens and she is not against them. The problem is that people are being asked to increase their property taxes to duplicate services that are already available in the community. Recently, through the

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Commissioners' Charity Ball, she selected *Senior Wishes* as the charity to get her \$7,000. There is a gentleman living in his home on social security of \$710/month. He is dying and has prescription bills and taxes to pay and wants to stay in his home for the remainder of this life. *Senior Wishes* is paying his taxes so that he can stay in his home. She can't imagine supporting a levy to ask people to increase their taxes even \$6 when there is a man like this that can't pay his taxes. There are some that have the income for this but there are many seniors that don't.

The gentleman stated that by letting the people vote on it, those people that don't want the tax can vote against it. She won't be putting the tax on, the voters will.

Mrs. Geissman stated that it is true there are a lot of people that can afford up to \$20 for this tax, but she can't support a tax on the people that can't afford it. If she votes for the levy she would be part of the action to tax them.

Mr. Hambley noted that it is clear there are people at the County Home that aren't qualified for Medicaid and have no other resources to pick up the bill. He asked if there is a plan or intention for those people within the county that are in this situation. He's not aware of anyone strategically looking at those people that fit within the segment that the Home provides services for.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the county may have to pick up some of those as time goes on. It would not be a new program, but it would certainly have to be in some type of policy. Housing was found for the gentleman that wanted to go into the Home simply because he was too lazy to work. He didn't have to live at the Home as there are other avenues to look at. There are some qualifications that will need to be looked at.

Melinda Clutter stated that she has a 14-year-old daughter and 13-year-old son and they've been visiting the County Home for the last 7 years. She was brought up in a county home environment from the time she was 4. In the last few years she has been involved with her father who ended up in a skilled nursing facility and with the help of an attorney helped protect her mother who resides in a \$40,000 home and makes \$452/month. Her father died in the nursing facility. She has visited this Home for years and visited 2 other county homes, including one in New York. There is no comparison of what these people get now and what they're heading for. Her biggest reason for coming today is that her daughter won the Miss Medina Teen People's Choice Award and her charity was the County Home donation fund. Her daughter was going to make the presentation to the Home and all the seniors were excited. She received a phone call telling them there were certain things they could not say during the presentation. She questioned why she, her daughter, the pageant people and those at the Home were told they couldn't say certain things.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, responded on behalf of the Commissioners that the problem was with holding an open house to promote the levy. If this were allowed, an open house would have to be allowed for those against the levy. He personally told the County Home that the presentation Ms. Clutter is referring to was not a problem. The problem was with a presentation by a pro-group to promote the levy, which if allowed, would make it a public forum allowed to be used for a group opposing the levy and those people would be taking about closing the Home in front of all the residents.

Ms. Clutter stated that she was told that the day before the presentation Mrs. Geissman approved Darlene who heads up the pageant and told her what couldn't be said. When she arrived at the County Home the night of the presentation all the workers were afraid something would happen to her or her daughter because of the presentation. They got out of control and the residents were upset. That's when it got political. She let the residents know that there is a group, including youths, that will get the word out and help them.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the residents didn't get out of control and that one of them came up to her and hugged her. She has a background in pageants, which are very character building, and her reason for speaking that night was to congratulate the girls.

There was further discussion between Mrs. Geissman and Ms. Clutter as to what happened the day before and at the presentation last week.

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There was no further public comment.

Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session following the discussion session to discuss personnel/labor negotiations, property acquisition/sale, and legal. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened for the discussion session at 10:38 a.m.

Mrs. Geissman noted that a decision is needed on the petition for annexation of 131+ acres from Sharon Township to the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Hambley moved that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a resolution denying the annexation on the basis that at the time of filing it did not meet the intent of unity of community. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley noted that Bill should review this.

There was a discussion with Bill Thorne about some counties that are using the new law. Bill stated that at this time the old law is the safest way to go because it has the higher standard. The last time he checked the injunction was still on. He believes the old law is the harder one in terms of the procedure. Most of the new law is followed anyway. The intent of the new law is to make it easier. Under the old law the Commissioners had limited authority. The new law will make it easier for the uncontested annexations, but there is more authority in the contested areas.

Mrs. Geissman presented responses to various questions and concerns regarding the County Home and the levy. There were 32 questions/comments originally, which were condensed down to 13. The idea is to pass these out to various groups, such as Kiwanis and Rotary. She has worked on this, as well as Chris Jakab, John Stricker and Ken Hotz. She believes the questions have been answered as factually as possible as to why the decision was made to close the Home. She would like to have all 3 Commissioners approval on this.

Mr. Hambley stated that this is a good start. He has some concerns, such as he believes the capacity of the Home should be listed with the response on how many residents there are, listing the number of how many pay the full costs, etc.

Ken Hotz stated that they met last week with the residents of Remsen Chase in Granger Township. They didn't receive any opposition to installing the line. Some complaints were made on killing some trees and the \$100 deposit that is required. They have close to a majority requesting the line and there are more coming in. They will wait another week or two for the final results.

Mr. Hambley noted that the comments from the Fire Chief about their ability for firefighting with no water in the area and the insurance benefits having water there helped sway some that may have been opposed.

Ken also noted that letters were sent to residents of Chatham Township for an LMI survey. Those should be back by the end of March, and then they will look at applying for block grant money for assistance for waterlines.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, and Bill Thorne discussed the issue of disconnections from the Brunswick sanitary sewer lines that is affecting the storm water. There are still some that don't have the money to pay to have this done, even with the low-interest loans offered. One suggestion is to have the Sanitary Engineer's Department do the work and put the cost on the property taxes. This would save the homeowners money and the payments can be spread over 10-20 years. If Commissioners are agreeable to this option and the people don't accept it, then it will be filed in the court. This would show the court that at least 3 options were given to them. It is not fair to those that have disconnected to have these connected because they are causing a backup in the system. Commissioners agreed to this option.

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Mrs. Geissman noted that she would like to have comments back in the next couple of days relative to the County Home response sheet as she would like to have them available at the Home & Flower Show. She would prefer to have all 3 approving this sheet.

Mr. Hambley agreed to work on this.

There was no further business before the Board for the discussion session.

At 10:59 a.m. Commissioners recessed into Executive Session, which was voted on earlier in the meeting.

The Commissioners reconvened the meeting at noon.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve a resolution to appropriate property. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley noted that this is based on the recommendation of the County Engineer and County Prosecutor.

Mr. Bahr added that it is for property at 7180 W. Smith Road for the installation of a culvert.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to appropriate property showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

02-0165 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0166 RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY

02-0167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES BY FORCE ACCOUNT IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

02-0168 RESOLUTION AMENDING AND/OR CONTINUING PERMIT FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER FOR PERMITS ISSUED AS AUTHORIZED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' HIGHWAY USE MANUAL

02-0169 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTIAL VACATION OF AN EXISTING STORM SEWER AND LAKE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT WITHIN SUBLOT 32 OF DEERFIELD FARMS SUBDIVISION PHASE II

02-0170 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWADING THE BID FOR THE FURNISHIGN & INSTALLATION OF TWO DUMP BODIES, HYDRAULICS AND LIGHTS FOR TWO SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

02-0171 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE CONGRESS ROAD (C.H. 29) BETWEEN SANFORD ROAD (C.H. 102) AND MOSS ROAD (T.H. 176)

02-0172 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RYAN ROAD (C.H. 40) BETWEEN WEDGEWOOD ROAD (S.R. 162) AND LAFAYETTE ROAD (U.S. 42)

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- 02-0173 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 02-0174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM
- 02-0175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRASNFER FUNDS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND
- 02-0176 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
- 02-0177 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING & LEVYING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS' PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING GATEWAY DRIVE & O'HARA AVENUE, INCLUDING WATERLINES, SEWERS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO
- 02-0178 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE & SALE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BONDS, SERIES 2002, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$415,000...IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS...GATEWAY DRIVE AND O'HARA AVENUE...
- 02-0179 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 02-0180 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436, REPRESENTING LINE MAINTENANCE WORKERS IN THE SANITARY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT
- 02-0181 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT (SALARY INCREASES)
- 02-0182 CREATING A RESTRICTED SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN LAUREL ROAD AND MCKINLEY AVENUE (SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT #S-500/00-176.1)
- 02-0183 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 02-0184 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM WAYNE COLLEGE FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF OLDER ADULTS IN MEDINA COUNTY
- 02-0185 APPROVING THE REVISED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT
- 02-0186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO WIA YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- 02-0187 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID)
- 02-0188 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)
- 02-0189 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF ANIMAL CLAIM IN GRANGER TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

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02-0190      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 J. Terrill, Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley