

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 minutes of March 11 & 12 was dispensed with. Mrs. Geissman asked that the minutes of March 11 be held for approval next week for further review. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes of March 12. 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 4 resolutions approving the final plat for the Blue Ridge Subdivision Phase I in Sharon Township, authorizing the advertisement for bids for the reclamation of Crow Road with emulsion injection, to close a section of Kennard Road for bridge repairs Wednesday through Friday, and accepting & awarding the bid for bituminous patch materials. The bituminous patch materials are being awarded to 4 different suppliers. 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 9 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, revenue adjustments for the Office for Older Adults, various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, accepting and awarding the janitorial services bid, establishing a Linked Deposit Program & authorizing the Treasurer to enter into agreements with financial institutions, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$759,847.97. Bids were opened on March 8 for janitorial services and the Maintenance Superintendent has reviewed them. The bids were broken down into 4 different groups this year. The recommended award is to Mark's Cleaning for Groups 1, 3 and 4 and to General Building Maintenance for Group 2. The contracts are for 2 years starting April 1, 2002 with renewal options. The establishment of the Linked Deposit Program sets the limit at \$1 million for the first year and it is to be renewed on an annual basis. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 9 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

John Burke, Treasurer, noted that all of the cities and villages have approved this program and there are 5 banks that have agreed to participate in the program. Senate Bill 193 was passed by the House and Senate and once it is signed by the Governor he will apply for matching funds of \$5 million over a 5-year period.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 9 Finance resolutions showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Roger presented a resolution approving the hiring of Patrice Theken as the Planning Services Director. She will start her employment on March 25. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the hiring. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution accepting and awarding the bid for the New Horizons Shelter Care. This facility will be constructed at the corner of Independence Drive and Lafayette Road, next to the Juvenile Detention Center. There were 20 bidders for this project. The low bidder is Lombardi Construction in the amount of \$362,200. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the bid. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she is excited about this project proceeding and the good prices that were received. She will advise the Commissioners of the date for the groundbreaking later.

Mr. Bahr added that the bids came in much lower than the projected cost.

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There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to accept and award the New Horizons bid showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution amending the proposal of GT Environmental Inc. for consulting services within the Solid Waste District. The work has been completed but additional meetings to get the EPA's approval are needed. This will increase the cost by \$2,000. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the amendment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution revising resolution 98-320 increasing the cost for the sale of bulk yard waste compost. This will increase the cost from \$1 to \$1.25 a bag and \$10 to \$25 per ton. The County should break even after buying and bagging the material. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the increase. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley noted that the cost is still a bargain.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the increased cost for yard waste compost showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the investment of the retainer of Lake Erie Electric Inc. for the Spieth Road Storage Pump Station in an escrow account. This project is more than 50% complete. Mr. Bahr moved to approve investing the retainer. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing change order #4 for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade Contract G with Mosser Construction. This was pulled last week for review by Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor. When the panels with asbestos were removed the block walls were left exposed. This change order is for the installation of vinyl siding. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the change order. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting easements for the Columbia Road sanitary sewer project from Shagri-La to the Buckeye Schools. Mr. Bahr moved to accept the easements. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Susan Hirsch, Acting Planning Services Director, stated that development is picking up. The next Planning Commission agenda includes 3 items plus 6 subdivisions. The latest draft of the subdivision regulations will be going out later this week. Through questioning she stated that a final public comment on the regulations will be scheduled later.

Mr. Bahr thanked Susan for her efforts as the Interim Director.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented and reviewed their February report. The number of house permits is lower than last February; however, the permits issued are still ahead of last year's totals for the 2-month period. Commercial has picked up and has a valuation 30% higher than last year. The commercial figures don't include drawings and plans that have been approved as the permits have not been picked up yet. All other indications are that things activities will be higher this year. They are continuing their educational/communications programs. They are putting in some overtime to get all of their information onto their new computer software and they hope to be on line with that by May 1.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution rejecting the petition for annexation of 131.9526 acres of land from Sharon Township to the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Bahr moved to reject the petition. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution setting a hearing on the petition for annexation of 12.00 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The hearing is set for May 20 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to set the hearing. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing Royden Schenz, Dean Steigerwald, Felix Theys and Phillip Giordano to the Commercial Board of Building Appeals for 2-year terms. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Bahr moved to allow the expenses. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Bahr asked if the “Intro to Computer Training” is available through the County School’s Training Center. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to have this pulled for further review.

Mr. Bahr amended his motion to allow expenses with the “Intro to Computer Training” removed. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

John Burke thanked Commissioners for passing the resolution on the Linked Deposit Program, which will be known as the “Fix It Fund”. By May 1 they will have \$1 million available for the program. First Merit, First Star, Huntington, Key and Western Reserve Banks are participating in this program and they are the creditors for the program. The loans will be given on a first come, first served basis. The loans will be given at 3% below the normal rate from \$1,500 to \$50,000 for 5-year terms. There is no income limit. People interested can contact the Treasurer’s Office. Through questioning he stated that additional information will be available on their website as well and the banks are participating in advertising for the program. The loans can be used for permanent interior or exterior improvements and cannot be used for satellite dishes, aboveground pools or hot tubs. Cuyahoga County was the first to have this program available. Medina County is the second.

Chris Bunch, Medina/Summit Land Conservancy, presented information and stated that he is seeking a resolution of support as required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) for the agricultural easement purchase program. Applications are being submitted to the ODA for farmers who want to sell an agricultural easement to the State through their program that was authorized by Issue 1 and Clean Ohio. One recommendation of the Medina County Farmland Preservation Task Force was to provide an opportunity for farmers to voluntarily sell the agricultural easements. Under the rules of the State program a resolution of support is required from both the township(s) and county where the farm is located. Farmers can sell the easement to the State through a governmental entity or a non-profit land conservancy. At this time the county and none of the townships have anything established to facilitate the requests. He reviewed the process of identifying farms, holding meetings and working with each individual farmer that was interested. Initially they had 35 farmers and at this time there are 6 farmers that want to make application. Those farms are in 5 of the 7 townships identified for agricultural preservation and involve 781.92 acres. There is no guarantee these farms will be chosen. The State finalized the rules and regulations in January and the application deadline is in April. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, was asked to prepare a draft that can be used by the County and townships, and he believes that has been done.

Emil Bolas, Sharon Township Trustee, stated that there is a farmer in their township with over 130 acres that has said repeatedly that he was going to put his land in conservation. After a brief discussion, he agreed to get the information to Mr. Bunch.

Through discussion, it was noted that a resolution of support is needed for each individual property. The townships involved are Spencer, Chatham, Litchfield, York and Homer. Bill agreed to have the resolutions ready for next week’s meeting.

John Metter Sr. asked how this is being paid for.

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Mrs. Geissman stated that an issue the State had on the ballot in 2000, which passed by a majority, is paying it. The State has a program together now that the farmers can use.

Mr. Metter believes the issue also involved environmental factory restoration areas.

Mr. Bunch stated that Clean Ohio provided \$400 million, of which \$200 million goes to brown field restorations and clean up of contaminated industrial sites and \$200 million going to environmental efforts. The environmental portion includes \$150 million to purchase conservation easements or properties that should be protected, \$25 million for trails, and \$25 million for farmland preservation.

There was no one else present wishing to make comment or ask questions.

The review of petition for annexation of 1.4922 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth was moved up on the agenda. This is not a public hearing, as the City owns this property.

Norman Brague, City Law Director, noted that the City has owned the land for years. A water tower is located on the property and plans are to locate a north-end fire station on the property. He noted that this is an expedited procedure because the land is contiguous and entirely owned by the City of Wadsworth.

Mr. Hambley noted that the petition was filed on March 8 and the Commissioners have 30 days to approve it.

The Clerk added that Tax Maps has reviewed this and there are some corrections needed on the adjoining areas, not the portion being annexed. She asked Bill Thorne if the Commissioners approve the plat conditionally, or if they hold the approval to next week since that would still be within the 30 days. Tom Tucker from the City is picking up the plat to make the corrections and have it reviewed this week.

After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed to act on this next week if the corrections are made and approved by Tax Maps.

Bill stated that he would like an Executive Session before the discussion session to discuss a legal issue. He needs to get an answer back to a judge this morning.

At 10:14 a.m. Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mr. Bahr noted that he had mentioned the Young Americans Award program a couple of weeks ago. At that meeting he had suggested the youth that saved a person from a fire in Wadsworth, but that happened in 2001. The request for information covers the years 1998-2000. The Sheriff's Department was also checked with and there was no information available for those years.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the groundbreaking for the New Horizons Shelter Care is Friday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m.

John Stricker stated that he believes the bid opening for the Soil & Water Conservation building is April 3.

Ken Hotz presented information regarding water to the Remsen Chase Subdivision, which has been discussed at earlier meetings. They have received petitions with the \$100 deposit from 32 of the 63 properties. This represents a majority. There were 10 other properties that are interested in water, but can't afford it at this time. There are also empty lots that will be developed and can be considered for future connections. His recommendation is that his department starts preparing plans for extending water to this area. Mr. Hambley moved to

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authorize the Sanitary Engineer's Office to start preparing the plans. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman thanked Mr. Hambley, Mr. Bahr, John and Ken for their help in getting the information completed for the public regarding the County Home. It is the Commissioners' responsibility to get the fact out on this and that has now been taken care of.

Mr. Metter presented a copy of information from the Medina Area Transportation Task Force regarding Reagan Parkway and traffic control. He questioned the restriction of trucks on this road that was paid for by county funds.

It was explained to Mr. Metter that Reagan Parkway, east of Route 42, was built and by the City of Medina and Gerspacher. Developers and the City built Reagan, west of Route 42. The City maintains that road. It was suggested that Dave Miller, County Engineer, could further advise Mr. Metter about the road.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS APPROVED:

02-0191 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0192 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE BLUE RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN SHARON TOWNSHIP, LOTS 62 AND 63

02-0193 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RECLAMATION OF CROW ROAD (C.H. 64) WITH EMULSION INJECTION

02-0194 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE KENNARD ROAD (C.H. 78) BETWEEN LAKE ROAD (C.H. 19) AND RYAN ROAD (C.H. 40)

02-0195 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR BITUMINOUS PATCH MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL 1, 2002 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2003

02-0196 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

02-0197 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

02-0198 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D PROSECUTOR FUND FOR PROSECUTOR SERVICES

02-0199 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D JUVENILE FUND FOR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

02-0200 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

02-0201 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,300 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

02-0202 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY OFFICES

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02-0203 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, ALL AS AUTHORIZED IN REVISED CODE SECTION 135.80

02-0204 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0205 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF A PLANNING SERVICES DIRECTOR

02-0206 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BIDS FOR MEDINA COUNTY NEW HORIZONS SHELTER CARE

02-0207 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROPOSAL OF GT ENVIRONMENTAL INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITHIN THE MEDINA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

02-0208 RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION NO. 98-320 INCREASING THE COST FOR THE SALE OF BULK YARD WASTE COMPOST

02-0209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF LAKE ERIE ELECTRIC INC. FOR THE SPIETH ROAD STORAGE PUMP STATION IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE#500/00-5.1.53A

02-0210 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE CONTRACT "G"-MOSSER CONSTRUCTION MCSE#500/00-1.3

02-0211 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

02-0212 RESOLUTION REJECTING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 131.9526 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF SHARON TOWNSHIP LOTS 74 & 75 TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0213 RESOLUTION SETTING A HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 12.00 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF TRACT 5, LOTS 1 AND 2 OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

02-0214 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMERCIAL BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

02-0215 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