

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Sharon A. Ray 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 7, March 9 and March 14 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read the minutes of March 7. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the March 7 minutes and that approval of the March 8 and 14 minutes be tabled; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions approving the final plat and approving the annual assessments & establishment of a public watercourse for The Ridgewood Falls Subdivision Phase IV in Montville Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions approving a transfer of general funds to the Diversion Program for their March operating expenses, expenditure adjustments for Adult Probation and the Juvenile Detention Center, amending the appointment of members to the Community Corrections Planning Board, approving an agreement for supplemental courthouse security services, accepting and awarding the bids for janitorial services for county buildings, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$627,019.48. The appointment amendments are to update the Community Corrections Planning Board to review applications for funding that went to the Ohio Department of Rehab and Correction. These are 2 year terms that are retroactive to January 1, 2005. There was one correction noted for this resolution relative to the title for Brunswick City's representative. The agreement for courthouse security is a renewal with the Sheriff for operational costs for the screeners at the front and rear doors in the amount of \$125,915. There is a slight offset from the general fund by Domestic Relations Court for these services. The award for the janitorial services is to Milano Cleaning in the amount of \$173,705 per year. This is a local firm that is just starting out. The agreement is for \$60,000 less than previous annual agreements. This agreement is affective April 1 and is for 2 years. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 5 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the personnel changes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving a 1 year contract with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 47 for the Maintenance Department employees. This contract reflects approval of 3 ½% salary increases and adoption of the county's health benefit plan. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving a 1 year contract with the SEIU, Local 47 for the Sanitary Engineer's operators. This also reflects approval of 3 ½% salary increases and adoption of the county's health benefit plan. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution ratifying a 3 year contract with the Teamsters Local 436 for highway workers through the County Engineer's Office. The agreement approves a 3 ½% salary increase for the current year with 3% increases the 2 following years plus adoption of the health benefit plan. Mr. Hambley moved to ratify the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Gary presented a resolution ratifying a 3 year contract with the Teamsters Local 436 for permit workers in the County Engineer's Office. This contract approves the same raise levels as for the highway workers plus the adoption of the health benefit plan. Mr. Hambley moved to ratify the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving personnel changes for the Maintenance Department's union workers. The changes are for 13 employees and reflect the new rate schedule. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the changes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving personnel changes the Sanitary Engineer union workers. This affects 37 employees and reflects their new rate schedule. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the changes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution approving an amendment to Security Benefit Group's 457 deferred compensation plan. In 2004 a new tax annuity plan provider was approved that included a stable value fund. The stable value fund has changed to a short-term fund and they are bringing on a new stable value fund, "DVN Amroe". The amendment allows Security Benefit Group to include the new stable value fund for opportunities for our employees to invest in. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented resolutions to accept and award bids for 2 sidewalk replacement projects through the use of CDBG funds. The low bidder for the Chatham sidewalks is Smith Paving in the amount of \$42,925. Smith Paving is also the low bidder for the York Township/Mallet Creek sidewalks in the amount of \$41,648.50. Mr. Hambley moved to accept and award both sidewalk projects; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to obtain easements for waterlines for the Abbeyville, Sanford, Congress, Grafton, Weigel, Palker & West Law Roads waterline project. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution approving a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for the Granger and Medina Townships waterline project. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution to award the bid for painting the Windfall water tank. This was constructed in 1977 and hasn't been painted since. There are tanks now available for standby while this tank is being painted. The low bidder didn't meet the paint specifications and the recommendation is to award the bid for the second lowest bidder.

Mr. Hambley noted, and Ken confirmed, that the lowest bidder also wanted to close the tank for 2 months of the summer as well.

Mr. Hambley moved to award the bid for the Windfall tank painting; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for replacement vehicles for his department. These were included in their budget for this year. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the advertisement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Art Verdoorn, Building Office, presented and reviewed their report for February. There were 49 residential permits issued in February, which was down from 60 last February. The commercial is up from last year. National and local housing indicators show that new homes will continue about the same level, but may be about 5% down by the end of the year. In Medina County there are a lot of developments being approved by the Planning Commission, which does show that housing will not fall too much. Indications on the commercial side show an increase for the year, particularly in Wadsworth and Medina Cities. During the last month there have been meetings with the surrounding Building Departments relative to code changes and enforcement. The changes were also made available to contractors. They are reviewing the Medina County Building Code that will require some small changes to keep in line with the State Codes. The Building Appeals fees will be increased and the other changes will be minor in our code.

Sandy Downe, the new Transportation Director, presented and reviewed their report for February, which was prepared by Don Whitner. Review of the ridership totals showed total ridership at 8,365 for February. They traveled a total of 63,647 passenger miles and used 6,178 gallons of fuel. He thanked Commissioners for hiring him and he looks forward to working with the Commissioners and the department to make it the best it can be.

Mr. Hambley noted that there was a large jump in operational expenses.

Don Whitner stated that he believes it was due to the temporary budget and adjustments that were made due to the way bills came in.

Mrs. Geissman read a resolution commending Michelle Hearn on receiving the Ohio Adult Protective Services Worker of the Year Award. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the commendation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman congratulated Michelle on behalf of the Board.

Michelle thanked Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, for her confidence and support as well as Mead Wilkins, Mary Vance and Betty Gabriel of JFS.

Gene Gabel, Achievement Center, read a resolution proclaiming March as “Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month”. He thanked Commissioners for their support. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the expenses; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mrs. Geissman noted that the discussion session is set for 10:00 and there will be an Executive Session following.

Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation following the discussion session; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners convened the discussion session at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Hambley noted that the 2:00 Port Authority meeting listed on the agenda was a miscommunication. The Port Authority is not holding a meeting. This is a meeting between

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himself, John Stricker, the consultant, and the Prosecutor to review a draft agreement relative to the Port Authority.

Mr. Hambley stated that he received a call last week from a resident that was at the Senior Center about the lack of a payphone in the Human Service Center for use by the public, noting that not everyone, particularly seniors, has a cell phone. We run a senior center in that building and other members of the public go there, and there probably should be a public phone available. He understands that Verizon removed the payphone years ago. Through questioning he stated that this person wanted to call a pharmacy and do some other things. He feels that if there is a public building it is a good thing to have a public phone.

John noted that payphone removal has been done in many of our buildings. Verizon removed payphones because of low usage.

Mrs. Geissman stated that obviously there wasn't much usage. The staff should be willing to make a phone call for them.

Mr. Hambley stated that he talked with Debra Radecky and they do calls for Transit, but their feeling is that it would be over-used if this were done. There are mental health clinics, etc. held in the building.

John stated that he will check into this.

Mr. Hambley stated that he briefly talked with John about the likeliness that in the future expansion will be needed at the Jail and the Court House. There is a bond debt fund that as other bonds are being paid down some millage is becoming available for that. He asked that Ms. Ray work with John and Chris Jakab to work on a development plan by the end of the year, noting that she is liaison to the courts. This would involve both facilities, identifying revenue potential and possibly a scope of the size and what will be needed.

Ms. Ray stated that she and John have been meeting with them periodically and there are some disparities as far as space. The Clerk of Courts is really cramped and additional space will be needed whether it is on-site or off-site. Sheriff Neil Hassinger has also been sending concerns to Mrs. Geissman about the Jail space.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she and the Sheriff have been working on the Jail and can get some stuff to Ms. Ray. Even though we may not have any money we can look into what we would like to do.

Mr. Hambley stated that that would be the last batch of funding that we'd try to get the millage from in terms of bonded debt. We still have building needs.

John stated that we know we don't have the money now, but times may change and there is some debt coming off. If we get the planning process in gear we should know where we're going.

Ms. Ray noted that Mrs. Geissman had given her a memo from Mead Wilkins regarding WIA going to JFS. She doesn't feel that would be a good idea. He is going to have Scott Kline who works with some of their special placements meet with her to discuss this further. Mead's concern was that somebody that couldn't read didn't get placed. There are some special needs people that need remedial training before they can be placed whether it's through JFS or Workforce. She believes he was discussing this now because we're looking for a new Workforce Director, but that person will be busy with all the grants coming in.

Mr. Hambley agreed with the assessment of not putting WIA and JFS together. When Tom Bahr was a Commissioner there were discussions about that and it was kept separate because JFS has a stigma to it and it was felt it would be best to keep them separate because of the businesses that have an interest in Workforce.

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Mrs. Geissman stated that a letter was received last week about a dinner in Summit County this evening. She believes it involved the local government fund.

Mr. Hambley stated that it is the Summit County 2020 Vision Plan and they have a consultant coming in. One of the topics may have been the local government funds.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the CCAO called to see if any of the Commissioners would be attending that meeting this evening.

Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray stated they were not planning to attend.

Mr. Hambley noted that he will be attending the Regional Air Quality meeting at NOACA tomorrow. They have the EPA coming in to explain involvement in e-check.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m. for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier.

Immediately following the Executive Session, Mrs. Geissman stated that she wanted to clarify that her understanding from the earlier discussion was that planning for expansions may be done and that millage is becoming available, but there is no commitment to the use of those funds at this time for expansions, particularly with the possible reduction or elimination of local government funds. She has been and will continue to work with the Sheriff on the need for space at the Jail and Ms. Ray will work with the courts on their needed expansions.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting after this brief discussion.

At 1:30 p.m. the Clerk opened bids for spraying for roadside vegetation control and various bituminous materials for the Engineer's Office. Bids were received for the herbicidal spraying from Dalton's and DeAngelo Brothers. Bids were received for the bituminous materials from Kokosing Materials Inc., Allied Corporation, C&S Limestone, J&J Asphalt, and Mar Zane Inc. The bids were turned over to the Highway Department for review and recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0196 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0197 RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHELLE HEARNS FOR RECEIVING THE AWARD FOR OHIO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER OF THE YEAR

- 05-0198 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH, 2005 AS "MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

- 05-0199 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBDIVISION PHASE IV LOCATED IN LOT 88 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0200 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...2.6106 ACRES OF LAND IN LOT 88 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP...RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBDIVISION PHASE IV AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

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- 05-0201 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

- 05-0202 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 05-0203 AMENDING THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD

- 05-0204 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SECURITY SERVICES

- 05-0205 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR
MEDINA COUNTY OFFICES

- 05-0206 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE
JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-0207 RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW 1-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 47 REPRESENTING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES

- 05-0208 RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW 1-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 47 REPRESENTING OPERATORS IN THE SANITARY
ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- 05-0209 RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MEDINA
COUNTY ENGINEER AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436 REPRESENTING HIGHWAY WORKERS

- 05-0210 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MEDINA
COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (SALARY INCREASES)

- 05-0211 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SANITARY
ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT (SALARY INCREASES)

- 05-0212 RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT BEWEEN THE MEDINA
COUNTY ENGINEER AND TEAMSERS LOCAL 436 REPRESENTING PERMIT WORKERS

- 05-0213 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SECURITY BENEFIT GROUP'S 457
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

- 05-0214 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BIDS FOR CHATHAM TOWNSHIP SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT

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- 05-0215 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BIDS FOR YORK TOWNSHIP MALLET CREEK
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT
- 05-0216 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS
WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 05-0217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR GRANGER AND MEDINA
TOWNSHIP WATERLINE PROJECT FOR 2005...BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MEDINA AND
THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- 05-0218 RESOLUTION AWARDDING BIDS FOR WINDFALL TANK REHABILITATINO 2005 WR-500/00-
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- 05-0219 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO
ADVERTISE FOR BID FOR FOUR (4) REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL
VEHICLE
- 05-0220 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk