

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 February 14, 17, 22 and 28 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes of February 28; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed Mrs. Geissman and Ms. Ray voting AYE with Mr. Hambley abstaining.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the February 14, 17 and 22 minutes; 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 annual assessments & establishing a public watercourse for Quarry View Estates Subdivision Phase 1 in Wadsworth 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 resolutions amending the temporary appropriation resolution by increasing appropriations, various fund transfers, approving submission of a proposal for Elder Abuse Awareness Funding for the Office for Older Adults, approving submission of a proposal by Domestic Relations Court for funding to expand their visitation program, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$506,155.05. The proposal for Elder Abuse Awareness Funding is for \$4,875 with a local match of \$1,625. The local match will be in-kind services. The proposal for Domestic Relations Court was given to Chris just prior to coming to the meeting. The funding will be from OCJS for violence against women program that will run for 2 years and will be in the amount of \$309,936. There is no local match. It is estimated to start July 1 and will require a memorandum of understanding between the court, YMCA and the Battered Women's Shelter. One position will need added in Domestic Relations and that position will not be filled unless the funding is received. The application is due this Wednesday. He is not sure how they will seek funding after the 2 years.

After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed to table the resolution for the Domestic Relations until the discussion session for further review. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the other 6 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.

Ms. Ray stated that she is very sorry to see Gary Searle leaving, adding that he has been a real asset to Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman agreed with the statement.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the personnel changes showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution authorizing 3-day suspension of a driver in Transit. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the suspension; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution accepting proposals and entering into an agreement with Lines & Associates Inc. for professional services required for the submission, administration and implementation of a Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). Lines & Associates will also assist in the preparation of a CHIS for which the county is eligible for half million dollars. It is crucial to have someone to assist in this area. The company will not be paid unless the county gets a grant. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the proposals and enter an agreement with Lines & Associates; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to accept 9 easements for the Stoney Hill waterline improvement that will be used to fill the Hinckley tower. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, stated that 1 resident was released and they now have 50 residents. She had interviews last week and there is another this week. Cold and flu season hit the Home and they are on the down side now. In the kitchen repairs are complete on the wood, and there is electrical and ventilation work going on now. They are also working on the computers to get them all together. They held an employees meeting that covered training on HIPPA and MSD's. She and Mona will be attending the Ohio County Home Association meeting March 20-23. Last Friday they had a resident bowl 190 with 4 strikes in a row. Upcoming events for the residents include attending the Chatham pancake supper, a St. Patrick's Day party, Good Friday services and an Easter egg hunt.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, stated that they have a new printer that is working great. The old copier that came from JFS has been undergoing a lot of repairs. The yearly evaluations are done. They have been doing some things with scheduling to maximize his time by using some of the college students and others have been put on telephone contacts to monitor them. It seems to be working very well. Susan has been helping with that and keeping things running efficiently.

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.

Mrs. Geissman noted that the discussion will be held at 10:00 and will be followed by an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/employment and land acquisition.

Trina Devanney, Assistant Prosecutor, requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation as well.

Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/employment, land acquisition and potential litigation following the discussion session; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:00 for the discussion session.

Mrs. Geissman presented the resolution tabled earlier today to approve submission of a proposal for the Domestic Relations Court. She noted that her concern is with the salary of the new employee this program will create and what will happen after the 2 year funding expires since the courts have the ability to order continuation of the program. There is then a question of where the money will come from at that time.

Chris Jakab stated that they would probably look to Commissioners for funding. He's not sure they would want the entire program funded but they could want the position continued.

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Mr. Hambley agreed this is a concern. He is glad to see the collaboration between the court, YMCA and Battered Women's Shelter. He is uncomfortable that this was received at the last minute and there wasn't time for a good review for the financial and other obligations that could come from this. This program would require a memorandum of understanding between the 3 agencies and that agreement should be reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Ray agreed, adding that the court should be informed upfront that after the grant expires there are no guarantees for continuation of the program through county funds.

Mrs. Geissman added that Chris should also review the proposal before it is submitted. If they want to continue the program and can't get another grant the court should be expected to impose fees instead of being dependent on the Commissioners for future funds.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the submission of the proposal by Domestic Relations Court with the approval of the Prosecutor and Finance Director of the documents and that fees would be expected if there is no new grant in the future; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley noted an article that the Northeast Ohio Sewer District is jumping their rates by 80% and blaming the feds and EPA regulations. He asked how we were going to meet those.

Ken Hotz stated that we won't be anywhere near their figures.

Mr. Hambley stated that he had sent a letter regarding the Housing Network strategic plan. He had waited for a commitment from Virginia Mitchell, Achievement Center Superintendent, to the plan and received that late Friday. The plan needs to be in place and taken back to the overall Housing Network. He noted that the time and location listed on the agenda for the Housing Network's meeting on Thursday are incorrect. The meeting will start at noon and it is being held at the Society for Handicapped Citizens. He asked for support to continue with the strategic plan. Everyone agreed and a motion was requested. Mr. Hambley moved for up to \$2,000 from Commissioners for support of the strategic plan; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray noted that she is not happy to see Gary Searle's resignation, but wishes him the best in the future. With his resignation the Board needs to get someone in place as soon as possible. The ad is being prepared today and she suggested that at least 1 Workforce Board member, Gary Berkowitz and she narrow applicants down to 3 for the Board of Commissioners to review. Everyone approved this request.

Mrs. Geissman stated that a notice was received from Joe Dunn that the Garman Road ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 10 at 10:00 a.m. They will switch the lights and gates into motion and then the ribbon cutting will occur with Task Force, members, PUCO, railroad officials and the Westfield Township Trustees that have been invited.

Mrs. Geissman noted that March is National Library Month and the District Library will be forwarding information for a proclamation to be done by Commissioners.

Ken Hotz reported that the State is planning to increase tipping fees to all landfills by \$2.75 to help with funding for the EPA and ODNR. This cost will be passed onto us and we'll have to pass that on to our residents. He also noted that Brunswick Old Fashion Days has requested the waiving of fees, except the tipping fees collected at landfills. In past years the fees have been waived for Brunswick Old Fashion Days and for clean up days in the townships. At this the increase at landfills has not gone through, but if it goes through before these events they will have to be charged.

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Chris Jakab stated that he would like to find a date this week that the Commissioners can sit down to meet to discuss the budget a final time. There are a few budget items that need further discussion. Commissioners agreed to meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Chris stated that he will then try to get the budget on for next Monday.

Mr. Hambley noted that a bill passed regarding wireless 9-1-1 and the development of a plan. The recommendation is that the existing 9-1-1 Committee be convened to update the plan.

John Stricker stated that he has talked with the CCAO about a couple of concerns about the setup of the committee and they are going to be getting back with him with further information.

Through discussion it was noted that basically the new bill says that the old plan is to include wireless. It was noted that there are a couple of counties in Ohio that don't have 9-1-1. We are only getting 5-8 years on the 9-1-1 equipment and this may give us the ability to put some funds away to help pay for updates on the equipment the next time around.

At 10:16 a.m. the Commissioners recessed into Executive Session, which had been voted on earlier.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0160 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0161 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR QUARRY VIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE LOCATED IN LOTS 3 AND 4 OF TRACT 9 IN WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0162 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...67.6957 ACRES OF LAND IN LOTS 3 AND 4, TRACT 9 OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS QUARRY VIEW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 05-0163 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR THE NON-ALLOCATED PORTION OF CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES

- 05-0165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCPA FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES

- 05-0166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-B FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

- 05-0167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

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- 05-0168 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS
- 05-0169 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 05-0170 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUSPENSION OF EDWARD UNAITIS, VEHICLE OPERATOR; TRANSIT DEPARTMENT
- 05-0171 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSALS AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LINE AND ASSOCIATES INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE SUBMISSION, ADMINISTRATION & IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP)
- 05-0172 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 05-0173 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 05-0174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY05 SAFE HAVENS: SUPERVISED VISITATION & SAFE EXCHANGE GRANT

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk