

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Sharon A. Ray and Patricia G. Geissman present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Prayer.

At the beginning of the meeting, the oral reading of the April 24 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed seven resolutions. The first one was accepting and awarding the bid to Asphalt Materials, Inc., of Oregon, Ohio, for seal grade liquid asphalt RS-2P (with polymer binder) for the delivered price of \$1.26 per gallon, RS-2P (latex modified seal grade) for the delivered price of \$1.26 per gallon, and \$1,200, which is the cost of a storage tank to be used during the project. The next six resolutions were closing roads for culvert repairs: River Styx Road (C.R. 49) in Montville Township between Wadsworth Road (S.R. 57) and Fixler Road (C.H. 75) will be closed on Tuesday, May 2, through Thursday, May 4; Wadsworth Road in Montville Township between Fixler Road and Poe Road (T.H. 71) will be closed on Monday, May 1; Firestone Road (C.H. 26) in Homer Township at the intersection of Wandel Road (C.H. 81) will be closed Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3; Firestone Road between Greenwich Road (U.S. 224) and Wandel Road will be closed on Monday, May 1; and Friendsville Road (C.H. 35) in Lafayette Township between Kennard Road (T.H. 78) and Chippewa Road (C.H. 35) will be closed on Thursday, May 4. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the seven resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the purchase of bulk fuel at the Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum, Ft. Wayne, IN, at \$2.33 per gallon for diesel fuel and \$2.34 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline; (2) authorizing the submission of a grant application renewal for the Family First Help Me Grow FY07 Program in the amount of \$100,103 in Federal funding and \$77,392 in State funding; (3) declaring certain Medina County property as excess property, with the items listed in Table A to be discarded because they have no value, and the items listed in Table B to be auctioned on the county's internet auction site; and (4) accepting and awarding the proposal for the Chatham Township Community Building wheelchair lift for procurement from the Handel & Son Elevator/Lift Co. with funds from the county's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$14,600. Mr. Jakab also presented the weekly bills in the amount of \$539,245.16. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the four finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the personnel changes; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The next two resolutions Mr. Berkowitz presented were authorizing the suspension of one day without pay for three employees of the Sanitary Engineer's Office. Ms. Ray moved to approve the personnel resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant County Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement between the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Medina County allowing the Ken Hotz and Jim Troike to self-certify on the waterline projects instead of going through the EPA approval process. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs.

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Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The next resolution Mr. Troike presented authorized the change order for the Hinckley Township Waterline Project 2005 to allow them to complete the clean up on the project and extend the deadline to July 1, 2006. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported they had 52 residents and 3 inquiries in the month of April. Their projects were getting the lawn equipment up and running, and cleaning and organizing the barns. Repairs were to the whirlpool, pump house motor, and elevator. Inspections were made to clinical foods, which they passed "with flying colors", fire extinguishers, quality assurance inspections, and a back flow inspection. Activities for the residents were bowling, Easter Egg Hunt, picnic, and they are preparing for Senior Day and Mothers Day. The County Home is now open for public tours on Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Donations were received from the Medina Moose Club, Southpoint Church, and a computer desk was donated for the Activity Room. Volunteers worked 140 hours in April. Upcoming events: Sunday, May 7, is the Kids Care Horse Show at the Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; May 17, they will host the Resource Council meeting; and Sunday, September 10, is the Annual County Home Picnic.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion and Forensic Services Director, said that fees are as projected. They have about 200 active cases and they are running smoothly with good cooperation from local police departments. He spoke to students at Baldwin Wallace College last Thursday evening on the topic of Forensic Psychology and the need to look at possible job openings in this area.

Del Saffle, Dog Warden, reported that April started out slow, but it got very busy when the weather turned nice. They usually have three trucks servicing the County. When they have a slow period, they perform dog license checks for compliance that resulted in the addition of 16 kennel licenses more than this time last year. So far this year, there have been 333 regular dog licenses issued. This Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Adoptathon will be held at the Medina County Fairgrounds with the Auditor's Office. TFC loaned dog kennels for the event. Century Harley Davidson is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the Animal Shelter will have some small animals there and pictures of others for adoption. On Saturday, May 20, there will be an Adoption Day at Super K Mart in Medina sponsored by Pedigree Pet Food Company.

Mr. Hambley read the Commissioners' Certificates of Recognition to honor the women chosen to receive the YWCA 2006 Women of Distinction award at the banquet on Thursday, May 4. This year's well-deserved recipients are Sharon Danko, Elaine Frankowski, Roberta Gifford, Justine Guzowski, Karen Hammon, Veena Miller, Loretta Moucha, Dottie Nemeck, Marlene Pfister, and his colleague, Sharon Ray. There was also a Certificate of Recognition to honor Marian Mochel for The Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Ray moved to approve the certificates of recognition; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Ms. Ray commented that she had known Marian Mochel all of her life. She ran the Fish Organization in Wadsworth for many years, cost free, and put her heart and soul into it. Ms. Ray said she feels honored to be on the same achievement award as Mrs. Mochel. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the regular resolution to allow expenses of county officials and a resolution to allow expenses for the County Engineer's Office. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

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Mr. Hambley said that the Executive Session to discuss pending litigation has been cancelled. He announced that the Public Hearing to discuss the improvements to Fenn Road at the intersection of Lincoln Parkway would be held at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Berkowitz requested an Executive Session for the purpose of imminent litigation. Ms. Ray moved to approve the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation to follow the public hearing, and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the discussion session at 10:00 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman asked the other Commissioners if they had any particular areas of concern to be suggested for the "top ten" areas of concern across the state. She suggested adding Expedited Type 3 Annexations to the list and the other Commissioners agreed.

Ms. Ray said Laura Nemeth and Dennis Langdon have expressed desire to fill some vacant Board positions on the ADAMH Board. They both served on the Board before and would "bring a lot to the table". Mr. Hambley and Mrs. Geissman agreed with the candidates' appointments. The Clerk will have a resolution prepared for next week's meeting.

Ms. Ray announced that there would be an Avian Flu Summit at the Health Department on May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and she plans to attend and help. Health officials want to be prepared in the event of an outbreak.

Ms. Ray said the interviews for the Chief Building Inspector position will be held this Thursday, May 4.

Buck Adams, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) discussed a letter Commissioners received from the Ohio Department of Public Safety regarding Medina County not being in good standing with FEMA Mitigation Policy. All the political entities were sent letters and reminders saying they needed to re-adopt the Hazard and Flood Mitigation Plan and the following have not sent in their resolutions; the villages of Gloria Glens, Lodi, Seville, Westfield Center, and Spencer, and the townships of Medina, Harrisville, Homer, Liverpool, Spencer, and Westfield. It is a countywide plan and unless all comply, the entire county does not qualify for funds. Mr. Adams said it could mean a substantial loss of millions of Federal and State dollars if a disaster should strike the county before the resolutions are received and submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Mr. Hambley commented on the funds that the County has benefited from in the past that they used for mitigation and damage cleanup in the Village of Gloria Glens. He was surprised that Gloria Glens has not re-adopted a resolution of support since they stand to benefit from over \$2 million from current projects that are underway from past flooding and mitigation projects. Mr. Adams said the funds could also be used for other projects for any potential natural disaster such as lightning protection at the Jail. He commended former Commissioner Tom Bahr for working so hard on this issue when he was in office. Ms. Ray pointed out that it is unfortunate that those localities that have passed resolutions are penalized by those that have not. Upon questioning, Mr. Adams said the County could get reinstated within a week after submitting the resolutions of support.

Mr. Adams said they have a graduate student from the University of Akron that will be working for free on the Medical Reserve Corps database.

Mr. Jakab said they are going through RFP process for the "Integrated Real Estate Tax Accounting and Manufactured Home System". The system would replace the Auditor's and Treasurer's existing system and will integrate with the current software. He presented the bid specifications to the Commissioners for their review.

Mr. Jakab updated the Commissioners on the Data Center relocation project. The Auditor and Treasurer reviewed the proposals. The committee will incorporate their input and

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he will present it Monday by resolution to proceed. He received the consultant's revised proposal today.

Mr. Jakab presented the preliminary cost estimate for the Courthouse expansion and Jail expansion. Estimates of project costs are \$5,777,800 for the Courthouse and \$4,238,627 for the Jail. He provided information on the affordability of a combination project and the financing parameters. A \$10,000,000 bond issue for a 20-year term at 4% and 2008 millage requirement is 0.14 for payment of annual debt.

Mr. Jakab discussed the Job & Family Services (JFS) and Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) scanning/imaging project. He discussed the revised pricing going through State purchasing. He presented and discussed CSEA & JFS documents showing the return on investment. Electronic documents that would be electronically stored by caseworkers could replace the hundreds of thousands pieces of paper each year, saving both time and money. Both departments say it would make them more efficient for the current staff to meet the needs in the future and the purchase would be justified through savings. There will be a demonstration this Thursday with the staff for input and the Commissioners were welcome to attend. Mr. Jakab said there is a debate in Columbus whether or not the system is better through State purchasing. Upon questioning, he said the federal reimbursement would be in three payments.

Mr. Jakab stated that he and Ms. Ray attended the County Home Advisory Council meeting on April 26. Discussion topics were the County Home levy (renewal or replacement) and the residents' rate structure. Based on Mr. Jakab's information, Council recommended a replacement levy in November 2006 with a millage amount of .20 that would generate \$862,000 per year. Mrs. Geissman asked how much more the replacement levy generates compared to a renewal. Mr. Jakab said a replacement would generate \$34,000 more per year than a renewal, which would allow some flexibility and capital improvements. Mr. Hambley pointed out that is just 50 cents per year per home and the deadline for their decision is mid-August. On the topic of the County Home residents' rate structure, Mr. Jakab reported that there was a 3.9% increase in expenditures. He presented a report showing the estimated budget for July 2007 through June 2012 based on a resident count of 52 that compared the costs versus the rates. Council recommended increasing the rate by 3% from \$1,560 to \$1,630 per month. The actual monthly cost per resident is \$1,859. Currently, about eight of 52 residents pay \$1,560 per month. The residents would need 60 day notice and the ADAMH Board contract is up on June 30, 2006, so they also need to keep that in mind. Mr. Hambley advised the Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing next week and requested that Mr. Jakab put the financials on the County's website for the public to review.

At 10:27 a.m., Commissioners recessed the meeting to go into the Public Hearing to discuss the improvements to Fenn Road.

### Public Hearing

Commissioner Steve Hambley and Commissioner Pat Geissman reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. for the public hearing to review and receive comments on the improvements to Fenn Road at the intersection of Lincoln Parkway by the driving range in Medina Township.

Hal Gerspacher, Project Engineer, said that the County Engineers would be lowering the level of the intersection with a four-foot maximum grade change. This is in preparation of the future major upgrade of Fenn Road and will help with the poor sight distance. The project will take place between mid-June and the beginning of August, 2006.

Upon questioning, Mike Salay, Highway Engineer, said the County will pay the cost, not the developer, because it has nothing to do with the development. There are no right-of-way acquisition costs involved in the project.

Mr. Gerspacher added they might do some minor grading outside the right-of-way to get better grades, but right-of-way acquisitions would not be required. They knew there would

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probably be development on the north side of the road so they dropped the road down more quickly there and planned for it so it minimized what they are doing now.

Mr. Hambley asked if the utilities would need to be changed and Mr. Gerspacher said the waterline, gas lines and underground telephone line would have to be lowered. They will try to fill some of the shoulders to the west of the project with the excess dirt where there are some steep drop-offs.

Mr. Salay said in the future there will be several other locations that will need the same type of improvement when they do the reconstruction of Fenn Road. They felt it was best to do this improvement at this time since they basically have a four-way intersection. The cost of the project will be about \$114,000.

Mr. Gerspacher said it will not hinder access for residents of the development at Lincoln Parkway when they are doing the work because they have another access.

Mr. Hambley pointed out the benefit of connectivity. He asked how soon they would begin the project. Mr. Gerspacher said they will have it ready to bid soon and hope to start it in June, 2006.

Mead Wilkins, Medina Township Trustee, expressed concern about the egress to the new Blakslee Park on the corner of Route 3 and Fenn. The verbal agreement for egress onto S.R. 3 did not stand with ODOT. Only the maintenance garage with limited egress was permitted. By the township cemetery on Fenn, there is a sight distance issue relative to the speed and also a dip and cars disappear.

There was a short discussion. The engineers said that any work done on the project being discussed today would not have any effect on the Blakslee Park. They offered to meet with him to discuss it at a later date to take a closer look at it.

On a motion by Mrs. Geissman and a second by Mr. Hambley, at 10:45 the public hearing was adjourned. Commissioners went into the Executive Session that they voted on before.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED 5/1/06:

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| 06-320 | RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS & AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS                       |
| 06-321 | RESOLUTION ACCEPTING & AWARDED THE BID FOR SEAL GRADE LIQUID ASPHALT FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT          |
| 06-322 | RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H.49) BETWEEN WADSWORTH ROAD (S.R.57) & FIXLER ROAD (C.H.75) |
| 06-323 | RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H.49) BETWEEN FIXLER ROAD (C.H.75) & POE ROAD (T.H.71)       |
| 06-324 | RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H.4) BETWEEN WADSWORTH ROAD (S.R.57) & FIXLER ROAD (C.H.75)  |

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- 06-325 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FIRESTONE ROAD (C.H.26) AT THE INTERSECTION OF WANDEL ROAD (C.H.81)
  
- 06-326 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FIRESTONE ROAD (C.H.26) BETWEEN GREENWICH ROAD (U.S.224) & WANDEL ROAD (T.H.81)
  
- 06-327 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FRIENDSVILLE ROAD (C.H.35) BETWEEN KENNARD ROAD (T.H.78) & CHIPPEWA ROAD (C.H.50)
  
- 06-328 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL & 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
  
- 06-329 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FAMILY FIRST HELP ME GROW FY07 PROGRAM
  
- 06-330 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
  
- 06-331 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING & AWARDED A PROPOSAL FOR CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING WHEELCHAIR LIFT
  
- 06-332 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 06-333 RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF ONE DAY WITHOUT PAY FOR RITA FARLEY, MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
  
- 06-334 RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF ONE DAY FOR ADAM FIRSTENCEL & KEVIN TERRY, MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
  
- 06-335 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY & MEDINA COUNTY
  
- 06-336 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP WATERLINE PROJECT 2005, CONTRACT "A", MCSE #300/00-1.1
  
- 06-337 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
  
- 06-338 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners was conducted in an open public meeting this first day of May, 2006.

COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted, OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Ray

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Pamela Vereb, Clerk MEDINA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia G. Geissman