

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 28 and May 5 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 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 2 resolutions closing sections of Sleepy Hollow Road and Neff Road for culvert repairs, and a resolution awarding the bid for herbicidal spraying. The company that was low bidder was bought out before the contract was entered and the award is being made to the new company. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 3 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 8 resolutions involving various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center and Highway Maintenance Facility from Ports Petroleum, approving submission of a proposal for Alzheimer Respite Grant Program funding for the Office for Older Adults for FY2003, authorizing submission of a grant application to the Office of Criminal Justice Services, authorizing submission of a Domestic Relations Grant application to the Office of Criminal Justice Services, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,827,492.74. The Alzheimer's grant application is for FY2003, which starts July 1. This is renewal funding in the amount of \$21,400. The first application to the Office of Criminal Justice Services is for "Project Safe Neighborhoods", which runs from July 2003 through June 2004. The grant is for \$69,325 and there are no matching fund requirements. This application is being made by the Adult Probation Department and Sheriff for new software and hardware equipment for monitoring. The Domestic Relations grant application is through the Byrne Memorial Fund for a "Visitation and Safe Exchange Center Program". The center will be at the YMCA. The grant is for \$17,959 and requires a \$5,992 match, which the court anticipates getting outside funding for. This program will run for CY 2004. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 7 resolutions and payment of the bills. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the personnel changes. Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Mr. Hambley asked if Jovita Farnsworth, a new hire at the County Home, was any relation to Joyce Farnsworth, County Home Administrator.

Gary stated that there is no relationship.

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 establishing an allowance paid to County Home staff scheduled to work weekends. This establishes a weekend premium that will be paid to employees that work 48 consecutive hours from 11 PM Friday to 11 PM Monday. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the allowance. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary presented a resolution increasing shift differential paid on second and third shift at the County Home. The differential for second shift will be 25 cents and the differential for third shift will be 50 cents. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the new shift differentials. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions today.

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Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the sale of color-enhanced mulch produced at the Solid Waste District Facility (CPF). This authorizes the sale of mulch produced from pallets. The material is owned by Norton. The cost is \$65/ton and has to be loaded by those purchasing the mulch. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the sale. Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Mrs. Geissman noted that this is a good deal, noting that a local vendor charges \$28/cubic yard. They load the mulch or charge \$15 additional to deliver.

Ken added that it is important because it keeps the material out of landfills.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the sale of mulch showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the investment of the retainer of Caldwell Tanks for the Chatham Elevated Storage Tank in an escrow account. This is the tank located on Coon Club Road. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the investment. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, reported that the upcoming programs include information on portable oxygen units this Friday, Senior Day on May 20, a color guard presentation for Memorial Day, and a presentation on by Medina County Weights & Measures. The movie this month is "Down Periscope". There is no trip planned this month, but next month the trip will be to see the China exhibit at the Great Lake Science Center. Under their assistance programs, they have served 1032 clients, had 213 participate in the congregate meal program, 384 home visits were made, and 764 seniors rode Transit. For Senior Day they have 89 exhibitors and 20 sponsors. Dick George will be MC and a senior group from Parma will be providing the entertainment. They will have the Bicentennial Bell on display and everything will be done in red, white and blue. She noted that Mrs. Geissman will be passing out information on the farmers market. There has not been a lot of response for the program and so they will be running the information again in the Hands' newspaper. The office didn't receive the grant for the farmers market program and are currently raising funds to run a local program.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. Mrs. Geissman 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.

Mr. Hambley noted that the discussion session will be held at 1:30 and there is a public hearing regarding the Building Code at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the discussion session.

Ms. Ray noted that \$40,000 was set aside for carpet cleaning and Dupont had submitted a quote at a little higher cost. Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent, talked with Dupont and they accepted the cleaning for \$40,000.

Ms. Ray asked if the others had received information from Portage County about a Workforce Development meeting on the 22nd. She plans to attend this meeting.

Ms. Ray presented information from Congressman Regula's office regarding health issues that she received when she went to the Print Shop.

Ms. Ray noted that she has tickets for the civic dinner in Wadsworth for a program to benefit the Salvation Army on the 21st. The Salvation Army had reported that they were short

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\$5000 from their Christmas donations and they held a drive last week. One person went to their office and donated \$1,000.

Mrs. Geissman stated that there is an all day Operation Life Saver program regarding railroad safety this Wednesday. She noted that Medina County was #1 for accidents at railroad crossing last year. This is an all day trip on a Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad train. This is for elected officials and law enforcement officials. At all crossings there will be airplanes monitoring the crossing and a camera will be on the front of the locomotive with feedback to monitors in the coaches for those riding to see what the engineer sees. The trip starts in Canton, but she will be boarding the train in Akron and ride to Medina. In Medina they will have lunch on the train and then return. The press and some others from the community has been invited to ride along. This is to promote railroad safety and every crossing will be posted.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she has received a quote for the annual report of \$4,390 or \$4,690, depending on whether the Gazette circulation is 40,000 or 50,000. The last annual report cost \$8,000. The art work is available on disk from the last publication and the report can be done in-house this time through our Print Shop. Hopefully the report can be sent out by July 1. She has prepared a memo to departments asking that they have their information turned in by June 1, and they will receive a copy of their last report to assist them. After a brief discussion Commissioner agreed to proceed with the annual report and the Clerk was asked to have the memo sent out as soon as possible.

Mrs. Geissman reported that she and Chris Jakab will be meeting with gentlemen from the State Public Defenders Office tomorrow.

Mr. Hambley noted that there is a reception on Wednesday for the University Task Force. He and Al Zelina will be meeting tomorrow with Lafayette Township in a work session to review the conceptual plan for the university.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, asked for an Executive Session regarding pending litigation and a proposed settlement.

John Stricker stated that he, Mike Jenks and Kerry Illes will be meeting with the City of Medina on Monday for site approval. This is for a new housing facility the ADAMH Board is having constructed.

Ken Hotz reported that they have received the occupancy permit for the CPF. Before they can start the operation the driveway needs to be completed, but they can start storing pellets.

Ken noted that the City of Medina and York Township are working on a Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) for the area around Branch Road and Liberty Street. The land will be annexed to the City but remain within the township for industrial use. The City will collect income taxes and the township will retain the property taxes.

Mr. Hambley added that under the agreement the remaining acreage of York Township will not be annexed during the term of the agreement.

Ken showed on a map where the trunk line for sewers will run. If this remained residential developers would eventually run an extension. The County will only run this trunk line down from Marks Road if the land is zoned industrial and the costs will be recovered from the industries as they tap into the line. There was a public hearing in York Township and some property owners were upset because they had some options. There is now going to be additional land brought into the CEDA. It was agreed the County will have to be part of the CEDA.

Mr. Hambley noted that it is good that the City and Township are working together on this agreement that will benefit both communities. The Township will gain on the industrial property tax and the guarantee not to lose any other land to the City.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

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Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 2:05 p.m. the meeting was reconvened for the public hearing regarding the Medina County Building Code. An attendance sheet is attached at the end of the minutes.

Vic Russell distributed copies of the proposed changes.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, stated that most changes are administrative and for clarifications. There are some areas that are deleted and are shown crossed out in the copies presented at this time.

In review of Chapter 1, Art reviewed clarifications that were made. In Section 2.2.12, the time limit was extended on residential projects from 18 months to 36 months. In Section 2.2.13 changes were made to coincide with Section 2.2.12 and to require project start within 6 months of getting a permit. Section 2.2.16 increases the fee to rescind a revoked permit to \$100. Demolition inspections were removed from Section 2.3.02 as the Building Department does not perform these inspections. Section 2.3.06 requires a re-inspection fee if the area is unsafe for inspectors and they have to return to do the inspection. Section 2.3.12-2, Conditional Certificate of Occupancy, was clarified relative to a project getting done in a specified time period. This normally happens with residential construction. If the construction is not done within a specified time period the owner and builder are notified that they are in violation and other permits for the builder will be held. This is a new section.

Chapters 3, 4 and 5 were deleted. Clarifications in Chapter 8 involve registration. Since the State handles licensing, the County can only do registration of contractors. Chapter 9 changes involve registration of electricians and deletes unnecessary sections.

Appendix I, Standards for Pole Type Construction – Residential Only, includes clarifications and updates. Some construction requirements are reduced and a structural guide for pole buildings is included. Any pole construction with width over 40 feet requires a design professional.

Art reviewed clarifications and changes made to Appendix II, Fee Schedules.

Jim Owen complimented Art and his staff for keeping the builders informed of proposed changes, etc.

Art noted that there was quite a bit of discussion involved in making changes and clarifying various areas of the Code. He added that there are further changes coming from the National Residential Code and those will probably be ready for adoption next year.

There were no further comments.

Mrs. Geissman moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Vic presented copies of the full text of the Code.

Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

03-0317 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

03-0318 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD (C.H. 136) BETWEEN W. 130TH STREET (C.H. 17) AND

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CARPENTER ROAD (T.H. 103)

- 03-0319 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEFF ROAD (C.H. 128) BETWEEN COLUMBIA ROAD (S.R. 252) AND ABBEYVILLE ROAD (C.H. 47)
- 03-0320 RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE AWARE OF THE BID FOR HERBICIDAL SPRAYING FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- 03-0321 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES
- 03-0322 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) TO THE JFS BUILDING DEBT REPAYMENT FUND (0300)
- 03-0323 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3,700 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 03-0324 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,000 GALLONS OF LOW-SULFUR DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FACILITY
- 03-0325 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR ALZHEIMER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS FOR FY 2003
- 03-0326 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
- 03-0327 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A DOMESTIC RELATIONS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
- 03-0328 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 03-0329 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ALLOWANCE PAID TO COUNTY HOME STAFF SCHEDULED TO WORK WEEKENDS
- 03-0330 RESOLUTION INCREASING SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAID ON SECOND AND THIRD SHIFT AT THE COUNTY HOME

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- 03-0331 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO SELL COLOR-ENHANCED MULCH PRODUCED AT THE MEDINA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FACILITY

- 03-0332 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF CALDWELL TANKS INC. FOR THE CHATHAM ELEVATED STORAGE TANK IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE #W-500/00-5.1.55.2

- 03-0333 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Ray

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Patricia G. Geissman