

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman 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 April 26 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the minutes; 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 a resolution to close a section of Windfall Road. He pulled a resolution to accept and award the bid for the replacement of Bridge No. 36 on Ryan Road in Lafayette Township as all required documents have not been received. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the road closing; 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 resolutions amending the 2004 appropriations by transferring appropriations, expenditure adjustment for Sheriff's DARE Program, various fund transfers to cover the costs of county insurance policies, authorizing the execution of an agreement for independent contractor services for the Family First Council, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,272,918.47. The transfers for the insurance policies are for a total amount of \$164,014.62 for the 2004-2005 billing. The agreement for Family First Council is a renewal with Amy Perrine for ICAT administrative services. The renewal runs from May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 4 resolutions and the payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. 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 Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving an easement with First Energy/Ohio Edison for property located at Fenn and Marks Road in Medina Township. This is the small triangular piece of land created when the roads were upgraded. First Energy will pay the county \$500 upfront to place 2 poles within the property. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the easement; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Sanitary Engineer's Water Division. They currently have 2 seasonal laborers and the amendment add one more seasonal position. This will allow the department to be sure hydrants and valves are properly maintained during the summer months. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution creating a restricted sewer main in Center Road. This will be installed on the north side of Center Road approximately 1000 feet east of Marks Road. The restriction will require those residents on the south side of Center Road to pay their share of the installation if they decide to connect. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the restricted sewer main; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Joyce Farnsworth, County Home Administrator, stated that the horse show scheduled for yesterday was rescheduled for May 16. Last year they brought in \$3,000. They have a mother-

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daughter tea scheduled this month and they have a few of the residents planning to attend Seniors Day activities.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, stated that their fees are about at their projections. He talked with a class at Baldwin Wallace last week. He is working with Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, to set up presentations for department heads regarding tobacco use and prevention.

John Burke, Treasurer, stated that effective today there is \$2 million available in the Fix It Funds program. The program is for home improvement loans at 3% interest below what banks are currently charging. The banks that are making the funds available are US Bank, Huntington Bank, First Merit, and Key Bank. The loans are for permanent improvements and do not cover hot tubs, above ground pools or satellite dishes. A home cannot be valued more than \$250,000 based on the Auditor's records and loans run from \$1,500 to \$5,000. There is no income limit, which means that 90% of homeowners in the county are eligible.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Mr. Hambley announced that at Friday's meeting of the Natural Resources Council, which oversees the disbursement of the Clean Ohio Funds, it was noted that they have \$1.5 million available to the district this year. The Killbuck Lake project, which is a project of the Medina County Park District, was the top project and will receive a grant of \$800,000. This recommendation has to go to the State for approval and the funds will be available in March of next year.

Ms. Ray noted that she attended an award ceremony last Thursday with Dianne Ranftl in Columbus. Medina County received the Fair Housing Month Award.

Ms. Ray reviewed a Notice of Filing for a correction to a petition for annexation. This is to reduce the acreage from 139.77 to 139.6205 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The hearing for this annexation is scheduled for May 17.

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

At 9:50 a.m. Mrs. Geissman moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/interviews for appointment and labor negotiations; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services, and Jim Douth, Economic Development Corporation Director, were present for a review of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning text to be submitted to Lafayette Township for the University of Akron and Technology Park.

Mr. Hambley explained that there was to be a work session last Tuesday with the Lafayette Zoning Commission, which was cancelled because the meeting wasn't advertised. The next date for a work session is May 25, which is to be confirmed by Lafayette. A draft copy had been presented to everyone earlier for review. If there is a consensus about the text today, the text and landscaping plan can be submitted to the Zoning Commission for their next regular meeting of May 11. The Zoning Commission can accept the documents and set a public hearing at that time.

Through discussion, Mr. Hambley noted that nothing has been received from the Ohio Department of Development regarding the timelines for construction. That, as well as wetland issues, will be dealt with during a meeting on Wednesday.

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Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, noted that he has not received questions that he was expecting from the Zoning Commission. He anticipates having those by their next meeting.

It was noted that “draft” can be removed from the text document as this will be the county’s final document for submitting to the Zoning Commission. The text can still be amended if there are concerns by the Zoning Commission. The text and landscaping plan will be submitted to the Zoning Commission along with the final plat for the entire subdivision. The Zoning Commission will review the documents and have the Planning Department review and comment. Once the Zoning Commission has finalized their review a recommendation will go to the Township Trustees for approval as zoning text. The Trustees have to unanimously approve the text. At this time it will be approximately 120 days to go through the process.

Mr. Hambley moved to authorize John Stricker to submit the text, landscaping plan, and final plat as well as to sign any documents necessary for submittal to the Zoning Commission; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

There was a discussion between Bill and Jim regarding approval from the University of Akron on the text of the deed agreement. Bill stated that Carol Shockley, Assistant Prosecutor, has not received any comments from the last submittal by the county. Jim stated that Holly Harris from the University stated that their comments were sent out the first part of April. Jim and Bill agreed to both check into this.

Mrs. Geissman invited the others on an Operation Lifesaver train trip on May 12. The train leaves Akron at 9:30 in the morning and runs to Medina and back.

Mrs. Geissman reported that the resolutions for final approvals from 2 townships have been sent out regarding fixing railroad crossings. The Commissioners need to pass a resolution of final approval for the Garman Road crossing since it is a county road. As soon as these are received we will get the safety devices at the 3 crossings.

Mr. Hambley presented a draft request for proposals for a consultant to seek grants for various programs, such as job training, housing and infrastructure improvements. He asked that the draft be reviewed and discussed at next week’s meeting.

Mr. Hambley presented a copy of the grant that was submitted to United Way for Transit services. This was prepared by John Jones, Transportation Services Director, and Chris Jakab. The grant will be used to expand public transit and to help coordinate non-public use. There are a lot of people that don’t understand how to use Transit or need services outside of the county or normal hours. This is part of United Way’s Community Impact Grants. They will be meeting on May 11 to start their process of reviewing the grant applications and we should know by the end of the month. The proposal is to start the new services in June.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 3:24 p.m. Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

04-0353

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

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- 04-0354 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE WINDFALL ROAD (C.H. 101) BETWEEN MEDINA ROAD (S.R. 18) AND GRANGER ROAD (C.H. 21)
- 04-0355 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 04-0356 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT SHERIFF'S D.A.R.E. PROGRAM
- 04-0357 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR THE COSTS OF THE COUNTY INSURANCE POLICIES
- 04-0358 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL
- 04-0359 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 04-0360 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EASEMENT WITH FIRST ENERGY/OHIO EDISON FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT FENN AND MARKS ROAD IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP
- 04-0361 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS - WATER DIVISION
- 04-0362 CREATING A RESTRICTED SEWER MAIN IN CENTER ROAD (S.E. PROJECT S-500/00-198.2)
- 04-0363 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley