

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 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 May 15 and 22 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Salay, County Engineer, had no resolutions to present. Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director/Acting County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations for the Drug Task Force operating budget and Office for Older Adults; (2) amending the annual appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations for Workforce Development for the \$10,000 received from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and for Family First Council; (3) revenue adjustments for the sale of surplus county property from the holding fund to the departments that contributed the various items; (4) authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Public Assistance Fund for the non-allocated portion of child welfare expenditures; (5) transfer of funds from the Children Services Fund to the JFS-Protect Ohio Fund corresponding to a match requirement; (6) several transfers of funds for the Sanitary Engineering Department including required amounts for bond retirement payments; (7) creation of a Workforce-Building Careers-Homeland Security Fund and authorizing appropriations from grant funds received from the U. S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$148,800 to further the healthcare initiative; (8) approving the submission of a SYF07 funding recommendations for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$52,391; (9) adoption of a revised policy that increases the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.36 to \$0.38 per mile for employees who utilize their personal vehicles for duty-related travel; (10) declaring certain Medina County property as excess property: items listed in Table A are deemed to have no value by the various contributing departments and are authorized to dispose of the property, and items under Table B would be placed on the County's internet auction site; (11) approving the renewal of a cooperative funding agreement between Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) and the ADAMH Board in the amount of \$20,000; (12) authorizing new agreements with various Family First Council service providers related to the Help Me Grow Program and the Partnerships for Success Program; and, (13) approving a sub-lease agreement for 400 square feet of office space usage at the Workforce Development Office with Tri-County Business Services, Inc. for Manpower International, Inc. for the lease period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. He also requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$491,181.68. Ms. Ray moved to approve payment of the thirteen finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE on the Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills.

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.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Department of Job & Family Services (JFS) that emanated from a discussion session two weeks ago with Mead Wilkins pertaining to some organizational changes and reporting relationships. Ms. Ray moved to approve the amendment; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to accept easements for the Mallet Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution;

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seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz presented a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing a waterline in Laurel Road and Plum Creek Parkway in Brunswick Hills Township and a pressure-reducing vault in Stony Hill Road in Hinckley Township. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read a resolution amending Resolution 06-41 that approved the petition for annexation of 4.6302 acres of land known as being part of Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. This corrects the typographical error in the actual acreage that should now be 4.6367 acres as reviewed by the Tax Maps Department. Ms. Ray moved to approve the amendment and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented nine resolutions commending the recipients of the Medina County American Red Cross Heartland Heroes Award: Howard Calame, Kathy Carlton, Jane Cullin, Michael Estes, Valerie Holbrook, Chris Holley, Mark Kaminski, Rose Matzelle, and Lucy Rahal. Ms. Ray motioned to approve the commendations and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution proclaiming June 3, 2006 as Special Olympics Day. Ms. Ray moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read a notice that a Regular annexation petition was filed on May 26, 2006 for 26.120 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. The hearing for the annexation is scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2006 at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Hambley read two Ohio Division of Liquor Control notices for liquor permits. The first one was for Officers Quarters Ltd., DBA Bootleggers Lounge, 2875 Medina Road, Medina Township, applying for a D5A permit. The other notice was for a transfer from 6407 Lafayette Road, Inc., DBA The Roadside Inn, to Beliveau Enterprises, Inc., DBA Roadside Inn, for a D5 permit. There were no comments.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of County officials. 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. John Metter, 7966 Norwalk Road, Litchfield, commented that he received information from the internet about the Medina County Fiber Optic Network Project from the Ohio Taxpayers' Association. It said they are planning to spend \$8 million for a broadband network. He asked Commissioner Hambley if that was correct. Mr. Hambley said they are studying a fiber optic project that involves the use of the issuing of bonds to construct a fiber ring within the county. The Acting County Administration/Finance Director is working with the Medina County Port Authority and the Medina County Economic Development Corporation to evaluate the project and come before the Board to take official action. The users will pay for the fees.

Mr. Metter said he understands the Commissioners are considering a sales tax increase for the Sheriff's Office (Jail). Mr. Hambley said he is aware that many groups such as the EMA, fire departments, etc., have talked about sales tax increases for the past ten years since he has been a County Commissioner, but nothing is before the Board.

Mr. Metter stated that people want to do business in Litchfield, but the Planning Commission "throws cold water" on their plans. It is his opinion the Planning Commission steers projects to Lafayette Township. He said the grants the Commissioners offer to the

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townships for their Comprehensive Plans are a waste of time and money. Townships should be responsible for planning their own communities. Mr. Hambley explained that they are subsidizing plans initiated by the Township Trustees and the Zoning Commissions of those communities. They are providing funding incentives for a portion of the cost, up to \$5,000, for improving their communities by better planning. No community is compelled or required to do this, and it does not require them to use the County Planning Commission. They can contract with outside consultants if they wish, as Montville Township, Brunswick City, and Brunswick Hills Township have done.

There were no further comments. Mr. Hambley said they had a request for an Executive Session following the Discussion Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and appointment of personnel. Ms. Ray moved to schedule Executive Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. 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 immediately following at 9:55 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Ms. Ray stated that Dale Strasser, Brunswick City Mayor, recommended two individuals to be placed on the Medina County Workforce Policy Board – Michelle Boczek, Economic Development Coordinator, and Julie Murawski, Administrative Services Coordinator. The other Commissioners agreed to the appointments so the Clerk will prepare a resolution for next week.

Ms. Ray announced that Workforce Development obtained a \$148,800 Earmark grant for the purpose of “Building Careers in Support of Homeland Security”. The initiative is in response to the need for trained personnel in all fields of Homeland Security and the support functions necessary to provide emergency nursing healthcare to the local population during and after a catastrophic event. Those interested in applying for these funds should contact WD soon because they will go quickly. It would allow training dollars for approximately 22 individuals searching for employment or gainful promotion through training that includes anything related to emergency or nursing healthcare including emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics. Mrs. Geissman asked if Buck Adams, Emergency Management Agency Director, would be sending information to all of the fire department’s EMT squads to make them aware of this opportunity. Ms. Ray said she would be sure Mr. Adams gets notices to distribute.

Ms. Ray discussed the Prescription Drug Access Program (PAP) request for proposal. She asked the other Commissioners if they were ready to move forward, or if they had any additional concerns or questions. Mrs. Geissman said she was glad Ms. Ray took the company names from the RFP, but there is still the possibility that organizations would charge fees for the prescription service. Mrs. Geissman proposed they utilize Dianne Ranftl, Administrative Assistant, who could work with the agencies that are now doing it for their clients. They could train others to help and have the program running by July 1.

Ms. Ray said they are looking for a comprehensive listing of all the non-profit agencies in the county that provide this service so they can include them all in one marketing piece. Mr. Hambley added that some agencies may offer the service solely to their clients, but there might be agencies that are willing to broaden it. It is up to the agency whether they charge a fee for this service, and it is up to the consumer if they are willing to pay for their services or not. Mrs. Geissman stated that she is not willing to support anything that is going to charge people for free prescriptions. Mr. Hambley said if a non-profit agency would need to have a nominal charge to offer the service, it might be worthwhile.

Ms. Ray said they would have to charge part of Ms. Ranftl’s salary to the PAP. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Ranftl’s salary came entirely from the General Fund before she started doing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Fair Housing work. Ms. Ray said they only budgeted \$10,000 for the PAP line item because Mrs. Geissman was adamantly opposed to appropriating any more money. They would have to take Ms. Ranftl’s salary and charge off the

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portion that she would be working on this project toward that \$10,000. Mr. Jakab explained that Ms. Ranftl is paid out of multiple funds. There would be no change in overall compensation, just in the way they distributed her payroll. The time distributable to this proposed program would take time away from one of the programs that they were paying part of her salary from now so they would have to charge that portion to another fund. This is an accounting issue and whether or not they choose to let it go as is, in terms of distribution of payroll. Mrs. Geissman said Ms. Ranftl has time on her hands and would like something else to do. Ms. Ray said they would have to increase the \$10,000 appropriation because it would be inadequate to cover her salary. Mr. Hambley pointed out, for example, 20% of Ms. Ranftl's salary comes from CDBG, then she should be devoting 20% of her effort and time to the block grants. Mrs. Geissman said even if those funds were not available to pay part of her salary, it would come out of the General Fund and well worth the funding for the projects that she works on. If she is working on the PAP, which she has been, then she does not see a problem with her salary coming from different areas. Ms. Ray said as long as she understands that it is going to cost the County more than they originally budgeted and they will have to allocate more than is budgeted. Ms. Ray said she is in agreement with Ms. Ranftl working on the PAP, but they also need a comprehensive piece of material that shows all of the non-profit agencies that are doing this service. Mr. Hambley said the intention of the piece was to market the program and let the consumer make the choice of service – not the County Commissioners. Mrs. Geissman said she has no problem with that if they send something out that says they have someone in the Commissioners' office that will take care of the people that do not have insurance and no affiliation with any agency. Ms. Ray said that is exactly what this piece is for and the RFP is to get a comprehensive listing of all the organizations that are available. If the person is serviced by an agency, that is their first point of contact. If they cannot get help, they would come to Ms. Ranftl as a backup.

Mr. Hambley asked if Ms. Ranftl would be processing the applications and doing the paperwork as well as keeping up with the changes in the pharmaceutical companies. Mrs. Geissman said it is just a matter of pulling the form from the computer, giving people instructions, and the person taking the form to their doctor. Mrs. Geissman said she has a problem with asking agencies to assist people other than their own clients, and the charging of fees.

Mr. Hambley pointed out that they have no idea how many qualified clients there would be, and Mrs. Geissman agreed. Ms. Ray said 20% of the population qualifies strictly on a monetary standpoint. They have no way of knowing how many have insurance. Mrs. Geissman said she does not think they will have a large number because Medina County is different from other counties. There are many organizations that are involved in helping their clients so most of the people are taken care of. She said she advised people that asked about the program not to miss signing up for Medicare because they may still be qualified for free or low-cost prescriptions. They are not going to find an organization this is willing to take the program over and she feels it is a great opportunity for the County and for Ms. Ranftl to utilize the time she spent assisting the John Stricker.

Ms. Ray asked if Mrs. Geissman was in favor of proceeding with issuing the RFP so they can get a list of all the organizations and going forward with the marketing plan. Mrs. Geissman said she is in favor of going forward with the PAP immediately. She does not feel the RFP is necessary, especially with it being written that they would be the organization for a possible fee. Ms. Ray asked where she saw that in the RFP. Mr. Hambley asked Mrs. Geissman if she felt some consumers might be willing to pay a small fee for the service, and she asked why they would want to do that. He said, as she pointed out, agencies would only be interested in assisting their own clients and the Commissioners should establish a program to offer assistance to the remaining number.

Ms. Ray said the comprehensive list would be put in one place so all the agencies have access to that marketing tool. The Commissioners would have the option to accept or reject any proposal. Mrs. Geissman said they already have about 25 organizations involved or that would like to be involved. Ms. Ray said that is not everybody so they need to put an RFP in the newspaper and Mr. Hambley agreed. He said he was not ready to commit Ms. Ranftl to a

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county-wide program for those that are not served by agencies. He is fearful it might take all of her time. They do not know the scale or the scope that might require more than one full-time person. Mrs. Geissman said Tanya Rodgers from Alternative Paths assists with hundred of applications per year and it takes very little time. Mr. Hambley said this could end up being thousands. He does not want to do anything that would take away Ms. Ranftl's ability to do what she has been doing well. Ms. Ray said they would go ahead and send out the RFP, have Ms. Ranftl contact PAP so she is familiar with that system, and go from there. Mr. Jakab offered to go with Ms. Ranftl to visit Tanya Rodgers and go through the process in order to see how much time is involved.

Jean Holland of the Kidney Foundation said it is possible that the people going through Ms. Ranftl do not realize that they could go to Alternative Paths or the Kidney Foundation, for example. They could "weed out" people that the agencies have already identified. Ms. Ray said if someone would go to her agency that does not qualify for services, they could send them to Ms. Ranftl. It is a matter of having multiple points of contact and all working together.

Mr. Jakab informed the Commissioners that bids were due today for the real estate tax software upgrade.

Mr. Jakab said he received a quote from a second company for the Data Center Relocation Project and he would get it to them for review.

Mr. Jakab said the requested fiscal analysis of the Fix-It Funds Program would be on their desks today. If they have any questions, he and Assistant Finance Director Scott Miller will meet with them.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, said Thursday's storm did a lot of damage to pump stations and computers, but they kept things running. Vehicles were backed up from the scale house to Lake Road at the CPF on Saturday morning with yard waste from storm damage.

Mrs. Geissman said they should comment about last week's phone recordings about the Fiber Optic Project. Several people made comments to her and visited the internet site. Obviously, the project has had enough positive publicity over the past several years; the public did not send many emails about it. They have always publicly said that the users would pay for it and there would not be a tax increase. Jim Doutt, Medina County Economic Development Corporation Director, said the Ohio Taxpayers' Association approach was far from factual. The recording was very costly and they are probably being funded by a couple of cable companies and utilities. Their website is blatantly non-factual stating that the Fiber Optic Project is to serve just a few politically well-connected companies. In fact, it will potentially serve hundreds of companies, libraries, hospitals, schools, and government entities. The few negative public responses are indicative of the fact that this project has a lot of merit. They are doing more fiscal analysis and will be meeting with the Commissioners soon. Upon questioning, Mr. Doutt said he would provide a public-education piece.

At 10:30, Commissioners recessed the meeting for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier to discuss pending litigation and personnel/appointment.

Ms. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m., bids were received by the County Engineers for Ryan Road Improvement. Bids were received from Fabrizi Trucking & Paving, Tri-Mor Corporation and Don Wartko Construction and will be reviewed by the engineers for recommendation and award.

Also at 1:30, the Finance Department received bids for the real estate software package. The bids will be reviewed by the Finance Director for recommendation and award.

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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED 5/30/06:**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>
06-0440	RESOLUTION COMMENDING HOWARD CALAME FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0441	RESOLUTION COMMENDING VALERIE HOLBROOK FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0442	RESOLUTION COMMENDING KATHY CARLTON FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0443	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JANE CULLIN FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0444	RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL ESTES FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0445	RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHRIS HOLLEY FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0446	RESOLUTION COMMENDING LUCY RAHAL FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0447	RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARK KAMINSKI FOR BEING A HEARTLAND HERO
06-0448	RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 3, 2006 AS SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY
06-0449	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0450	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 06-41 APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 4.6302 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
06-0451	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
06-0452	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
06-0453	REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
06-0454	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
06-0455	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES FUND (0050) TO THE JFS-PROTECT OHIO FUND (0055) FOR THE PROTECT OHIO MATCH

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- 06-0456 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEER FUNDS AND COUNTY FUNDS
- 06-0457 CREATION OF WORKFORCE-BUILDING CAREERS-HOMELAND SECURITY FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0458 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SFY07 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OHIO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND GRANT
- 06-0459 ADOPTION OF A REVISED POLICY FOR TRAVEL-RELATED REIMBURSEMENT
- 06-0460 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 06-0461 APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCDAC AND THE MEDINA COUNTY ADAMH BOARD
- 06-0462 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH CHRIS RUF, AMY PERRINE AND VINCENT DEGEORGE, PH.D. FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL
- 06-0463 APPROVING A SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WITH TRI-COUNTY BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. FOR MANPOWER INTERNATIONAL INC.
- 06-0464 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0465 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0466 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 06-0467 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING A WATERLINE IN LAUREL ROAD AND PLUM CREEK PARKWAY IN BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND A PRESSURE-REDUCING VAULT IN STONY HILL ROAD IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP
- 06-0468 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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