

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2003

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with 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 minutes of November 10, 2003 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 both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented four resolutions. The first one was determining the necessity to close West 130th Street between Weymouth and Sleepy Hollow Roads for culvert replacement. It will be closed today through Friday.

The next resolution Doug presented was approving use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase I.

Doug presented two resolutions for Autumnwood Subdivision Phase I in Brunswick Hills Township. One was to approve the final plat for Phase I and the other one was to approve the annual assessment and establishing said improvements as a public watercourse.

Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the four resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Dave Miller, County Engineer, reported that they would be closing the bridge at the railroad tracks on Broadway Street in the City of Medina for a week starting Wednesday. They need to reweld the deck. The county has responsibility for all state routes within the city.

Mr. Hambley said that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) was originally trying to get this bridge replaced this year, but there were complications with the utilities so they were unable to get that done.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed six resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, a cash transfer, and a resolution revising the 2004 rental fees for the Community Center that was discussed last week. The weekly bills totaled \$459,343.26. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the six Finance resolutions and paying the weekly bills. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions to present today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, said he originally had two resolutions to present, but he was pulling one because the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have not been confirmed yet on the first one. The resolution was to award the bids for a waterline project so he will table it until next week.

Ken presented a resolution authorizing the release of the escrow account of Sykes Construction Co., Inc. for the addition to the Central Processing Facility (CPF). Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported on the Child Support computer system that was tentatively certified by the federal government. There will be some minor software updates added such as a “pop-up” screen that alerts them to take action. These need to be added before they receive the actual certification. The state has offered all of the freestanding Child Support agencies the ability to purchase the video conferencing system. Mike said his agency has borrowed the Job & Family Services system, and it has been very helpful. He will research it. Mr. Hambley asked if it would require a high-speed line of some sort, and Mike said they have one with the current system. He is not sure if it would require them to have a secondary one. Mr. Hambley commented that they might require additional capacity. Mike said there are some monthly recurring costs that make him hesitant to purchase the system.

Mike said that the Commissioners should have received information from the state regarding the incentive structure change. The state has revamped their monthly monitoring. They would like each county to show the state where they have made improvements or internal corrections to improve their numbers. This could save the state money that could enable them to receive additional federal dollars.

Art Verdoorn, Chief Building Inspector, gave the Building Department’s monthly report. He said that October is following the trend set for the year for single-family residential homebuilding, and it is higher than it was for last October. They issued 893 permits for homes through October. There were 901 issued for the entire year of 2002 so this will most likely be a record-breaking year. Brunswick Hills Township and Montville Township are still seeing the most activity for the year. The commercial permits have a 20 to 30% downturn due to the economy. Most of the commercial permits are for remodeling, but there is a new Auto Zone being built in Wadsworth.

Mrs. Geissman commented that the cost of the average home keeps going up. Art said that the average for October was \$234,000, but the average for the year is \$200,000. This is because the homes in Brunswick Hills Township are more entry-level homes and the houses in Hinckley are very large homes with large lots. Therefore, the same number of houses being built in Hinckley would bring up the average cost significantly.

Mr. Hambley asked Art to identify the average for each township year to date, and he said he would provide that information.

John Jones, Transportation Department Director, reviewed the October Service Performance Report. The Medina L had 1,278 passengers last month, which is down almost 15% from last year’s 1,479. The Homerville route had 94 passengers, which is one of the higher service months for the year. 9,289 people rode the busses with demand response, and that is the highest ever. 219 people rode the Southwest Circulator. The total for the month was 10,880 – a new one-month record for Transit! The cost now runs \$9.436 per passenger, which is very good for a demand response system.

John said that a Transit bus had a head-on crash in Bath Township plus another bus was hit by a garbage truck. Neither accident was the fault of the Transit drivers. They will need to borrow a couple of vehicles from the Regional Transit Authority until they can get the new busses repaired.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, stated that they had a good turnout for the Planning Day Open House on November 7th. Planning Day is November 8th and is celebrated in 30 countries on four continents around the world. They gave out some awards and she passed out the list of the individuals and communities that are being pro-active in their planning. She thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to hold this event and for their support. It was an opportunity to showcase their services to the community as well.

Mr. Hambley said that if they get even better attendance, they will need to find a larger room. He said it was nice to see so many interested people looking at the displays, and he congratulated the winners of the awards.

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Patrice said they had many agencies involved including the University of Akron, who loaned them some displays. They hope to get the University and students even more involved in Planning Day next year.

Mr. Hambley read a letter from the Clerk notifying the Board of Commissioners of an Expedited Type 2 Annexation that was re-filed on Monday, November 10, 2003. The petition is for 7.3226 acres from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick. The information has been forwarded to the Tax Maps Department for their review. The Commissioners' review is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. The intent is to include this as public record of the meeting per ORC 709.03(A).

Mr. Hambley said he has a resolution of appreciation of a number of people that helped the Commissioners successfully lobby Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Board members on the I-71 third lane widening striping issue. NOACA received the overwhelming support of over 300 calls, emails, and letters in support of the issue and three against. He felt that there were a number of individuals, elected officials, and organizations that went beyond the call of duty in generating support and encouraging NOACA Board members that had taken a position, to alter their positions, and successfully weather pressure from those opposed. He read the resolution and the names it recognized as "Road Warriors":

Congressman Ralph Regula
State Representative Charles Calvert
Jim Douth, Medina County Economic Development Corporation
Bob Zienkowski, Brunswick City Manager
Jerry Hruby, Brecksville City Mayor
State Representative Bob Gibbs
Brunswick City Council
Medina City Council
Wadsworth City Council
Medina Area Chamber of Commerce
Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce
Senator Ron Amstutz

Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. He thanked everyone that helped them prevail to the benefit of Medina County. The reference to the Road Warriors was not like Mel Gibson in the movie "Road Warriors", but more like Brandon Frazier in the sequel to "Looney Tunes". Mrs. Geissman said they were appreciative of the leadership and the time Mr. Hambley spent getting this accomplished. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The Assistant Clerk read the Expenses of County Officials resolution. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the expenses and Mr. Hambley seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

At 1:34 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened for the Discussion Session.

Mr. Hambley said that the Public Hearing for the Flood Plain Regulations was not properly advertised so as a consequence the Highway Engineers will have to advertise the appropriate dates. This puts the last public hearing date on December 1st in order to meet the December 2nd deadline. The December 1st Commissioners meeting was moved back to the 4th because Mrs. Geissman will be out of town. Mr. Hambley suggested he and Commissioner Ray act on the public hearing and passage of the regulations on December 1st, recess, and reconvene on the 4th for the rest of the meeting. Both hearings will be at 10:10 a.m. Mrs. Geissman agreed to the change.

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Mr. Hambley asked Mrs. Geissman if she had any objections to changing the time for the Sokol annexation review (Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick) to 1:45 p.m. on November 24th. That is a more convenient time for the township's lawyers. It might be cancelled due to flaws in the petition. Mrs. Geissman agreed to the time change.

Mr. Hambley informed Mrs. Geissman that he is unable to attend the Drug Task Force Council of Governments (COG) meeting on Friday. He will be at a NOACA TAC meeting dealing with striping I-71 south of Route 18. He is writing a letter that John Stricker will be his alternate at Friday's COG meeting.

Bill Thorne said he faxed an amendment to the advertising contract for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to the Commissioners for review. The only change was one paragraph where he put in language to control where the advertising can be – the interior of the center and the room divider in the main concession hall.

Bill Thorne questioned the updates on Health Department's requests regarding the Storm Water Management Program for the University Center area. Mr. Hambley said he would be attending a meeting about that on Thursday with all of the entities. Bill said that there is a state bill pending that would allow Commissioners to control legislation over drainage and water runoff.

John Stricker stated that Chris Jakab, Finance Director, prepared a resolution authorizing him to sign a lease for vehicles for Transit to replace the damaged busses. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion was approved.

Ken Hotz shared a memo from Bill Strazinsky recapping the four Collection Drives held in 2003. They collected 1,934 appliances at the two Appliance Roundups. They collected almost 2,000 tires at the two Recycling Collection Drives along with a lot of paint, antifreeze, oil, batteries, and phone books.

At 1:45 p.m. Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn and Mr. Hambley seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTION PASSED:

03-0951 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

03-0952 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSMAN RALPH REGULA AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0953 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES CALVERT AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0954 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF JIM DOUTT, MEDINA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0955 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF BOB ZIENKOWSKI, BRUNSWICK CITY MANAGER AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0956 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF JERRY HRUBY, BRECKSVILLE CITY MAYOR AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

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03-0958 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF BRUNSWICK CITY COUNCIL AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0959 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF MEDINA CITY COUNCIL AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0960 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0961 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF MEDINA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0962 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF BRUNSWICK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0963 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF SENATOR RONALD AMSTUTZ AS A MEDINA COUNTY I-71 ROAD WARRIOR

03-0964 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE W. 130TH STREET (C.H.17) BETWEEN WEYMOUTH ROAD (S.R. 3) AND SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD (C.H. 136)

03-0965 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

03-0966 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR AUTUMNWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE LOCATED IN TRACT 1, LOT 9 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP

03-0967 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON 14.5605 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOT 9 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS AUTUMNWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE I ESTABLISHING T

03-0968 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

03-0969 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEERING FUNDS TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

03-0970 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE JUVENILE COURT IV-D FUND

03-0971 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION

03-0972 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

03-0973 RESOLUTION REVISING RENTAL FEES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004

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03-0974 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

03-0975 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO RELEASE THE ESCROW ACCOUNT OF SYKES CONSTRUCTION CO., INC FOR THE MATERIALS RECOVER FACILITY MCSE# 700/00-28.3

03-0976 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

03-0977 AUTHORIZING VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Geissman

Pamela M. Vereb, Asst. Clerk

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