

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas R. Bahr and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

There were no minutes for review and approval.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented 3 resolutions approving the final plats for the Fenway Pointe Subdivision Phase I in Medina Township, Maplewood Estates Subdivision Replat No. 1 and vacation plat of part of Maple Heights Drive in Montville Township, and Pebble Creek Preserve North Cluster Home Subdivision Phase II in Brunswick Hills Township. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 3 resolutions. 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 7 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations by transferring and increasing appropriations, transferring funds to the Crippled Children's Health Fund, approving a contractual engagement with the Auditor of State for assistance in the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2002, approval of an agreement for supplemental Courthouse security services, creating a Court Security Services Special Revenue Fund and authorizing appropriations, and the weekly bills.

The agreement for security services is between the Board and the Sheriff per the revised security plan by court order of the judges. The creation of the special revenue fund and includes additional fees from the courts, but it is unclear at this time whether Probate or Juvenile Courts will be increasing their fees for this.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she was asked to meet with Judge Kovack about the atrium being a better location for a checkpoint and to delay starting this process. Judge Kovack's response was that she wouldn't be able to get the other judges together to amend the court order and that the public had been told security would start in the Courthouses on November 15. Mrs. Geissman told her Commissioners would fund no more than 2 checkpoints and the judge was willing to have one of the checkpoints pulled from the plan by Monday or Tuesday although she did not specify which one, and she agreed that Mrs. Geissman could share the information with the Sheriff that there would be 2 checkpoints. At the time Chris suggested that some of the court security funds be used to hire a consultant to determine the best locations for checkpoints.

Mr. Bahr stated that he has grave concerns about closing the atrium as it was constructed with the approval of all judges at the time. Now they are considering closing that and he doesn't understand this process. Commissioners haven't been given the time to study this. He noted that Summit County has 2 people in security and their population is 800,000. He questions the need for 7 in Medina County.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she also gave Judge Kovack the option of 3 checkpoints without the roving officers, but was turned down on the option. She talked with other counties and found that Allen County has 1 checkpoint, no rovers and a walk through; Ashtabula County has 1 entrance to the courts, no rovers or walk through, and they have video and 1 woman in the hall for directing people; and, Clark County has 1 walk through in the county courts and has 3 rovers in their municipal court.

Through questioning, Chris stated that the hourly rate was increased from \$16 to \$18 and the supervisor position was increased from \$18 to \$20. The hours were also increased from 100 a week to 120, which helped drive the costs up. He agreed that there is a supervisor of the rovers and the plan includes another supervisor for the checkpoints. The appropriation being set up at this time is through the end of this year and the contract with the Sheriff is through December 2003.

Mr. Hambley stated that he agrees about having a consultant.

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Mrs. Geissman stated that the judge went along with getting a consultant. It appears our court security is very heavy compared to other counties and she feels funding should be for one checkpoint. She would also like to discuss the salaries with the Sheriff. She hoped the judge would wait on the security until a consultant made a recommendation, but she was not willing to go along with that. She understands that if Commissioners refuse to pay for this and don't take action the judges can take action.

Mr. Bahr stated that he is not in favor of the resolutions.

Mr. Hambley stated that he will agree to 2 checkpoints and having a consultant come in. He would also like the hourly figures as well as the need for 2 supervisors reviewed.

Mrs. Geissman asked about passing the 2 resolutions contingent upon the consultants report and recommendation. She asked if the employees could work without the agreement.

Chris stated that the one resolution appropriates the salaries and benefit account and is required to be in place for those officers. It would be okay to proceed with both next week.

Mr. Hambley agreed that a more permanent agreement needs to be developed.

Mrs. Geissman moved to pull the resolutions approving an agreement for court security and establishing a court security revenue fund and to have them postponed until next week. Seconded by Mr. Bahr. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris noted that an adjustment was made on the weekly bills and the total was reduced for a new total of \$641,164.20.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 5 remaining resolutions. 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. Mr. Bahr 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, had no resolutions to present.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution approving the Solid Waste Draft Plan Update of the Solid Waste Management District. Approval has been received from communities covering 79% of the population. Wadsworth has also approved the update but not sent in their approval, which bring the approval coverage to 90%. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the plan update. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution vacating a portion of a drainage easement off of West 130th and a resolution assigning an existing storm and sanitary sewer easement to Dave and Irene Terry. Mr. Terry is selling the land to another and they need to use the sanitary sewer easement. The resolutions pertain to the same property and Attorney David Brown prepared the easements. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 2 easement resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution to release a portion of the retainage account of Northern Valley Contractors for the Spieth Road pump station project. There were 3 stations built to bring water to Medina and the County is the contracting agency. The Lorain station and county station have been accepted and paid for. Medina City has not approved their portion, but Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, recommend partial payment to Northern Valley so they could pay their bills and complete the project. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the partial release. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution to obtain easements for various sanitary sewer improvement projects. Mr. Bahr moved to accept the easements. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Ken presented a resolution authorizing release of the escrow account of U.S. Filter/Zimpro for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Everything has been completed as required. Mr. Bahr moved to approve release of the escrow account. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, stated that the ACS Company is taking over child support payments on December 27. They are having preliminary training this week and will have more specific training beginning in December. There are still some logistical concerns with moving the money from Bank One to ACS, but hopefully those will be ironed out soon. There were delays in processing executive orders due to the strike and the State came in to assist the department in catching those up, and they are back on track now.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, stated that they had a big surge in single-family home permits in October. Last October they issued 53 and this year they issued 84. This brought this year's totals higher than previous years and reflects about the same percentage increase that has occurred annually over the past several years. Commercial construction is about the same. The federal government has just passed new regulations regarding FHA and multi-family construction, which may make affordable housing easier to get built. The program they have with JVS students riding with inspectors is going very well and they have received a lot of positive comments from the students and builders.

Mr. Bahr complimented the department for the student program.

Mrs. Geissman added that there is a need for people with those trades in our county.

John Jones, Transportation Service Director, reviewed the October statistics, noting that another record has been set and they are already over last years numbers. Total ridership for the year is 95,202 and the total passenger miles for the year is 625,733. All diesel vehicles were running this month. Demand response hours for the month were at 3,061.25 and 597.5 for the "L". They are receiving more requests for services, but he doesn't know how the "L" will operate next year as the City of Medina is going to be unable to fund this. He is sending out questionnaires to housing developments in the city about the services needed. He's not sure what will be done or what changes will be made. There will be public meetings held for this. The trip denial rate for October was 1.12%, there were 2 accidents, billing accuracy was at 99.85%, and the fare box recovery rate was 41.14%. The cost per mile for the year was 1.429, which is within the state average. The cost per passenger for October was \$7.726, with the cost per passenger on the "L" being \$4.22. Passengers per service hour were at 2.91 for demand response and 2.48 for the "L". They had 3 breakdowns in October. He just returned from a bus equipment show and received some valuable information on specking out the buses for better durability. General Motors has a very nice chassis. There have been problems with some Ford Motors transmissions, and he has submitted paperwork for reimbursement on 2 transmission failures. If that doesn't come back favorably he will take them to customer arbitration.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution approving the adoption of the County Home mission statement and read the mission statement. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the statement. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley noted that the mission statement was proposed and adopted by the County Home Advisory Committee to help with their preparation of a strategic plan.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the County Home mission statement showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution setting a hearing to consider the adoption of the Medina County Subdivision Regulations and rescinding the regulations re-adopted by Resolution No. 01-0539. It was noted that they are waiting for Bill Thorne's approval of the final draft.

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Bill stated that he has not seen the final draft and that it is okay to proceed with setting the hearing date.

The hearing date was scheduled for December 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Bahr moved to approve setting a hearing to consider the Subdivision Regulations. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. There was a minor error corrected by Mr. Bahr. Mr. Bahr moved to allow the expenses. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

John Silk, 6660 W. Law Road, Valley City, stated that he was representing Valley City Builders Supply. For years they have received a list of the previous week's permits from the Building Department. The change in their computer system prevented this from being available this summer and he has been told that the reports will only be available monthly now. He needs the report weekly and doesn't feel there are too many for someone to even hand-write a list. This helps his business find out what is going on in the building industry.

Mr. Bahr asked what the list is used for.

Mr. Silk stated that they see if any contractors they sell to will be involved in construction projects.

Mr. Hambley stated that he received the call and called Art about this and Art said he was aware of the problem and it would be taken care of. He did not hear anything further and thought it had been resolved.

Mr. Bahr stated that as liaison to the Building Department he would also talk to Art and get back with Mr. Silk.

Tom Clarkson, Arrowhead Farms, asked if the plat was received from the County Engineer for approval of vacation.

Mr. Hambley stated that it was completed.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:18 to move to the conference room and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley noted that the time on the agenda for the Emergency Management Agency Executive Committee tomorrow is incorrect. The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the ribbon cutting for New Horizons will be on Monday, November 25th at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she received a call from Ron Eastwood asking that Commissioners do a commendation for his son that took second place in the Cleveland Idol Show. After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed this is not what the commendations were intended for.

There was no further business before the Commissioners for discussion.

Mr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mrs. Geissman noted that she will try to get information from the Sheriff and find out more information on salaries and hours of security in other counties.

There was no further discussion.

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Roll Call on the motion and second to adjourn the meeting showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk and Linda Kemp, Highway Department, received bids at 1:30 p.m. for various aggregates for the County Highway Department. Bids were received from Medina Supply, Osborne Medina Inc., and C&S Limestone. Kurtz Bros. Submitted alternatives to the bid and is considered no bid. The bids were turned over to the County Engineer for review and recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

02-0989 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0990 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE FENNWAY POINTE SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, TOWNSHIP LOT 44

02-0991 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE MAPLEWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 1 AND THE VACATION PLAT OF PART OF MAPLE HEIGHTS DRIVE LOCATED IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP LOTS 12 AND 13

02-0992 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE PEBBLE CREEK PRESERVE NORTH CLUSTER HOME SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN TRACT 1, LOT 3 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP

02-0993 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

02-0994 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

02-0995 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

02-0996 APPROVING A CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION, FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MEDINA COUNTY

02-0997 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0998 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE DRAFT PLAN UPDATE OF THE MEDINA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

02-0999 VACATING A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT

02-1000 GRANTING AN EASEMENT WITHIN AN EXISTING STORM AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO DAVID T TERRY AND IREN TERRY

02-1001 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO RELEASE A PORTION OF THE RETAINAGE ACCOUNT (SPIETH ROAD PUMP STATION) #W-500/00-5.1.53A

02-1002 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

02-1003 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO RELEASE THE ESCROW ACCOUNT OF U.S. FILTER/ZIMPRO INC. FOR THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS MCSE #500/00-1.3

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02-1004 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY HOME MISSION STATEMENT

02-1005 RESOLUTION SETTING A HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, RESCINDING THE REGULATIONS RE-ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 01-0539 ON JUNE 18, 2001

02-1006 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley