

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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 October 4 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.

Mike Salay, Assistant County Engineer, presented resolutions closing a section of Tower Road for one week for a culvert replacement, authorizing the Engineer to enter agreements with the townships and villages in Medina County to sell materials such as salt, signs and cinders, authorizing the advertisement for bids for aggregate material, and approving the final plat for Arborcrest Reserve Subdivision in Hinckley Township. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 4 resolutions; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike presented the plat for signatures and the weekly permits list for review.

Bev Valentine, Finance Department, presented resolutions amending the appropriations by transferring and increase appropriations, various fund transfers, revenue adjustments, allowing travel expenses for interns who are approved to complete an educational internship with Job & Family Services, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,073,152.99. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 7 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Ms. Ray asked if there are any caps on the amount being allowed for travel for interns with Job & Family Services.

Bev stated that last year they used \$30 to \$40 in travel for their interns. These have to go through the same process used by county employees. Last year there were 2 interns. The resolution does not list the per mile rate and it doesn't show a cap that is allowable for interns.

Ms. Ray stated that she would like to have a cap of the allow expenses listed in any future resolution.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 7 Finance resolution and payment of the bills showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Services 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, had no resolutions today.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to obtain 6 easements for various water line improvement projects. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution accepting electrical bids and awarding the general, plumbing, medical and electrical bids for the meter shop. The electrical bids were received last week, and the award is now being made for all contracts for the construction of the meter shop that will be located behind their office. Mrs. Geissman moved to accept and award the bids; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, stated that their fall festival is this Friday and they currently have 250 people signed up. Upcoming events include “The Right Stuff” about the correct food items to have available on October 18; there will be a presentation by a realtor on selling and making a transition on October 22, and “Being on the dining room” on October 27. The movie this month is *The Prince and Me*. Their Halloween party and entertainment will be October 29. They are delivering 227 meals a day.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented their third quarter report. Their income is at \$72,000 versus the same time last year being at \$45,000. The increase reflects the number of subdivisions coming in as well as some of the community assistance they have been giving to Seville and Liverpool. Their Planning Day open house is scheduled for November 5. Liverpool is holding an open house to review their development plan on October 28.

Ms. Ray read a resolution creating the County Transit Advisory Board. Mrs. Geissman moved to create the Board; Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Hambley stated that he has been working on this with the Transit Consortium and City of Brunswick as well as representatives from Medina and Wadsworth. The timing to basically work with the federal funding that starts in October for the Medina County rural system and the Brunswick urban system.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to create the Transit Advisory Board showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution approving the revised drug and alcohol testing policy for Transit, noting that this was discussed last week. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the revised policy; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray asked to pull the resolution reappointing Don Simpson to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees. She will be talking with him later today about this appointment.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, noted that this evening there will be a meeting on the local government fund (LGF) with local communities in Medina County. The State froze the LGF since 2001. The state is having a terrible budget problem now and it is anticipated that the upcoming 2006-2007 budget probably will be worse. The LGF is the 2nd or 3rd largest general fund revenue source for most counties. Over \$340 million has been lost to local communities from the LGF in the last 4 years.

Mr. Long noted that Mrs. Geissman has served as the CCAO President and the President of CORSA. She has been very active on the state level regarding LGF and funding for public defenders programs. The state legislature promised 50% reimburse for these programs and currently counties are receiving 29%.

Mrs. Geissman noted that we now have a Public Defender’s Office and that they will be in full operation soon.

Mr. Long presented Mrs. Geissman with a County Leadership Award with post cards framed of the Medina County Old Court House and the State House.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the CCAO has a great staff and they do a lot for the counties including to lobbying for all of the counties on various issues.

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Ms. Ray noted that the LGF meeting this evening is at 7:00 p.m. and it will be held in the Administration Building Auditorium.

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.

Ms. Ray noted that an Executive Session is scheduled following the discussion session.

Mrs. Geissman moved that after the discussion session the meeting be recessed for an Executive Session to discuss personnel/discipline; Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

At 10:26 a.m. the meeting recessed to move to the Conference Room.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. for the discussion session.

Ken Hotz noted that there is a proposal, the Great Lakes Charter Annex, which deals with taking water from the Great Lakes basin to areas outside of that basin. Two provisions in Canada are encouraging contracts between the states that would then be approved by Congress. They would do the same with their provisions. The issue involved in the charter is that water diverted from the Great Lakes should be brought back. He has attended a couple of meetings on this and it will affect us because we have waterlines in some areas that go over the watershed lines. An example is when the line was run to Chatham, the Lodi and Chatham area drains back into the Great Lakes area, but the line on Erhart Road doesn't. The people on Erhart can't tie onto the lines because the water isn't being returned to the lake. He hopes that once the charter is finalized those people can be allowed to use that water. Our waterlines are put in the street, but the watershed boundary lines don't follow the streets. Our lines go back and forth across the boundary lines in many cases. He has filed a statement on behalf of Medina County listing our concerns. He noted that it can take 3-15 years to get this passed through Congress, so it's not going to happen quickly.

Mr. Hambley noted that NOACA passed a resolution on Friday endorsing what the Governor has proposed. It provides for a consensus base and procedure to divert under 100,000 gallons/day within 12 miles of the watershed line. That would accommodate our concerns as well as making sure the resource isn't shipped to another state, which he thinks is the major issue at this point.

Ken stated that one of the things that started this is that a company in Canada received approval from Ontario to take tankers full of water to the Middle East. Congress passed some type of law prohibiting that and Ontario backed off on this. They don't want the water going out west either where there is a water shortage. The Great Lakes are the largest body of surface drinking water in the world. Hopefully there will be a provision that will allow our people to use the water.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she met with a woman from Gloria Glens that is concerned about the development on Ryan Road and whether that will be causing drainage problems. She has lived in the area for 40 years and there was a problem with flooding over the road last year.

Ken stated that Mike Salay or Dan Willhoite in the County Engineer's would be the ones to talk about this because they oversee the Stormwater Management Plan.

Debra Radecky noted that in July a resolution was passed applying for funding from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA). She has heard back from them and their funding has been cut and we will be losing \$34,087 in Title III. They suggest keeping the funding for the core programs such as home-delivered meals, transportation, congregate meals,

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and supportive services. One suggestion from WRAAA is to cut Information and Referral (I&R), which would be taken over by 2-1-1 when that is implemented.

Mr. Hambley stated that a presenting is scheduled to the Board for a proposal regarding funding. There will be a significant number of partners with 2-1-1 and that should be covered when implemented. Tentatively 2-1-1 is scheduled to start on February 11.

Debra stated that eliminating the I&R and the escort transportation program would cover the amount of most of the funding cut, but there would still be \$7,559 in cuts that can't be covered. Through questioning she stated that cutting the escort transportation will affect 32 people, but they may be able to make other arrangements for those people. WRAAA will not be accepting any new transportation contracts. She has been over this with Chris Jakab and John Stricker. Donations are also down this year. These are federal funding cuts.

Mrs. Geissman asked if the WRAAA is asking for a commitment now for next year from the Commissioners to cover the \$7,559.

Debra believes that is what they are wanting, noting that the WRAAA Board has to approve the plan for how the funding loss will be cut from the application that was submitted in July.

After review, Commissioners agreed to fund this for next year. This needs to be watched closely as cuts may be coming in other areas, noting that there is a threat to the local government funds (LGF). Chris will write a resolution on the funding application for next week showing a local match for next year's Title III funding.

John Stricker reported that the paving project has been implemented at the Prosecutor's Office yesterday and the County Home to get the drainage and prep work done, and they will be paving these 2 lots at the same time. The roof on the old portion of the Prosecutor's Office should be about done. Through questioning, he stated that he met with Joe Lewandowski about the proposed 8X8X16 storage unit they would like. It was proposed and accepted that the unit be placed in the fenced area behind the old service station instead of by the old Prosecutor's Building. This proposal has to go before the Historic District Committee of the City for approval.

Patrice Theken presented a letter from Hunter Interests Inc. from Maryland about their department winning \$5,000 of consulting services at the APA Conference earlier this year. This has been discussed in Planning Commission work session and at meetings and it was determined to ask them to review downtown areas for revitalization. Hunter has proposed 3-5 area for review. At the October Planning Commission meeting a proposal for review of Seville Village and Liverpool Township for revitalization and how the use of commercial areas was presented and approved. Both communities are interested in this. She is bringing this to the Commissioners for guidance on how to proceed.

Ms. Ray noted that Wadsworth City may be interested, noting that they are facing many threats in their downtown area.

There was a brief discussion that the contract with Hunter Interests Inc. would be with the Planning Department, but that authorization for the contract has to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hambley presented information relative to a resolution passed by the NOACA Governing Board to encourage the Governor and General Assembly to include funding for rounds 3 and 4 next year under Issue 1, the Clean Ohio Fund. Round 3 funding, which hasn't been approved yet, includes the County Park District project involving Baker Sand property in which the County will get all water rights.

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Through discussion it was noted that the Clean Ohio Fund was a bond issue that was overwhelmingly approved by the voters. The reason for possible cuts is that there may be some type of conflict with Issue 2 funding. Commissioners agreed to have a resolution prepared to send to the Governor that objects to the cuts.

Ms. Ray reported that the child support ruling on contract payments has been tabled by the Ohio Job & Family Services. They will continue to pay the court cost as they have been doing.

Ms. Ray also reported that the New Horizons grant files have been inspected and were found to be well organized and that Dianne Ranftl has done an excellent job in administering the program.

Mr. Hambley noted that there is an Access Management meeting this evening that he will be attending prior to the LGF meeting at 7:00.

There was no further business before the Board.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. for an Executive Session, which was voted on prior to the discussion session.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting immediately following the Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 04-0913 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 04-0914 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE TOWER ROAD (C.H. 55) BETWEEN GOOD ROAD (T.H. 120) AND PARADISE ROAD (C.H. 121)

- 04-0915 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES IN MEDINA COUNTY TO SELL MATERIALS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 307.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

- 04-0916 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS SIZES AND QUANTITIES OF AGGREGATE FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- 04-0917 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR ARBORCREST RESERVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LOTS 39 AND 42 OF HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP

- 04-0918 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

- 04-0919 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 04-0920 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND

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- 04-0921 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM

- 04-0922 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE FIRST STOP FUND

- 04-0923 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND

- 04-0924 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRAVEL EXPENSES OF INTERNS WHO ARE APPROVED TO COMPLETE AN EDUCATIONAL INTERNSHIP WITH MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

- 04-0925 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 04-0926 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- 04-0927 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ELECTRICAL BIDS AND AWARDING THE GENERAL BID, PLUMBING BID, MECHANICAL BID AND ELECTRICAL BID FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER METER SHOP LOCATED AT 793 W. SMITH ROAD, MEDINA MCSE #500-200-33.3

- 04-0928 RESOLUTION CREATING THE MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

- 04-0929 APPROVING THE REVISED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT

- 04-0930 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