

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Sharon A. Ray present.

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

There were no minutes for approval at this time.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions closing sections of New London Eastern Road and Pawnee Road for railroad crossing repairs, approving the use of Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Funds for repair work in Champion Creek Farms Subdivision, Ridgewood Falls Subdivision Phase I, and Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase I, approving the final plat and annual assessment on improvements & establishing a public watercourse for Harps Mill Subdivision Phase Two. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 8 resolutions; Seconded by Ms. Ray. 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 to accept & award bids for motor vehicle repairs and maintenance, declaring a motor vehicle as excess property, declaring county property as excess property, expenditure adjustments for various funds, various transfers, creation of Job & Family Services Protect Ohio Fund, approval of a real estate agreement with the Port Authority, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,649,140.91. The motor vehicle repairs & maintenance bids are awarded to Grizzly Auto for the light/regular duty and to Total Performance for heavy duty vehicles. The bids were received last week and are being awarded for a 2-year period starting November 1. The motor vehicle declared as excess property is being added to those vehicles being auctioned this Friday. The other equipment being declared excess property has no value and is being discarded or being placed on the internet auction. The real estate agreement is for parcels in Lafayette Township referred to as the University Technology Park. The agreement has been reviewed several times and one change that has been incorporated involves the construction and installation of buffers. Mr. Hambley noted that the ending date of the motor vehicle repairs/maintenance award should be in 2007, and moved to approve the 9 resolutions as amended and payment of the weekly bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed the personnel resolution. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the personnel changes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented 2 resolutions entering into subrecipient agreements to provide services to those participating in the county's Comprehensive Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). The first is with the Workforce Development Office/Medina Works to provide job training and employment services and the second is with Ohio State University Extension Service to provide financial counseling. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the subrecipient agreements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Water Division of the Sanitary Engineer's Office by adding a full time Water System Computer Technician I. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution creating a restricted main for a sanitary sewer in Center Road in Brunswick Hills Township. The main was put in by a developer that will recoup some of his costs by adjoining property owners across the street. Mr. Hambley moved to create the restricted main; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Ken presented a resolution authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to collect a tap in fee benefit charge from Liquid Resources of Ohio LLC. The Smith Road company is expanding and needs to increase their discharge volume in the sanitary sewer. They will pay this over a 10 year period by paying 25% down and having the additional collected on their monthly sewer bill. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the collection and payments; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution to accept an easement for a waterline in Hinckley Township. This is a line the county will take over, but right now is under the City of Cleveland, who requires this easement. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the easement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, stated that they have completed their United Way drive and they had 81% staff participation. They will be starting up the *Coats For Kids* campaign with the help of a group of parents involved with Family First. They are planning a raffle for dinner for 2 at the Main Street Café, several gave money or gift certificates Giant Eagle, Buehler's, Applebee's, China Buffet, etc. There is a lot of interest in this campaign that will run from November 1 through December 1. The Children's Center is moving along. They are about 1 week into the 30-day renovation. It will be a visitation center for families with sexually abused children and there will be a trained person present that will help with the bonding and for collaborative community programs to run programs for women with substance abuse, a multi-disciplinary team, fatherhood initiatives, marriage saver initiatives, etc. Family First did a countywide gap needs assessment and the biggest gap was children case management and they would like to have case managers brought in for children's issue. Another hope is to use the facility for volunteer groups involved with children. There was a meeting with Judge Kovack and staff about job initiatives for people responsible for paying child support. He noted that their TANF spending had been based on 300% of poverty, but that has been lowered to 200%.

Mead presented a resolution amending the PRC plan that is the authority to spend TANF dollars. Part of the amendment is a clean up and the other is a proactive approach regarding heating and fuel costs for people that would be vulnerable this winter. One provision is to add an expanded heating and utility assistance for people at or below 130% of poverty for up to \$300 assistance during the heating season. The Governor put \$75 million of TANF and gave it to the Department of Development which gave the money to HEAP program for elderly, single parents, etc. The HEAP program is only eligible if you live in a PUCO approved authority. Wadsworth, Seville and Lodi are not under that authority and are not HEAP eligible, and this program will benefit those people. HEAP is now telling people they get so many hours for heating or cooking and the people have a choice of what they use that for. The people have to go through the PRC application process. Because there is a large number of people receiving benefits that are working and are at or below the 130% of poverty, those people will also be eligible for 3 \$100 gas allowances through the winter months as long as they continue working. This comes to about 5 tanks of gas for those people. The department just found out that they will be receiving another \$70,000 in incentives that will be applicable to pay for these costs. He presented a summary of the plan amendments. He has also asked the staff to hold a heating summit on November 8th to coordinate the heating programs available so people don't have to go without heat during the winter. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead noted that the staff may have 1000 more applicants coming in during the heating season.

Mead presented a resolution amending the Children Services Policies and Fiscal Plan. This is the plan for all of the child welfare expenditures. A committee of foster parents and people from the association reviewed the entire plan for consistencies and to cover any loop holes. This is a revision of the plan and the next result is a cost savings to the county. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendments; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mead presented a resolution authorizing an agreement with Family First Council, United Way and the Health Department for a countywide needs assessment. This authorizes participation in the needs assessment, which has not been done in many years. This is being done to determine TANF eligibility up to \$12,000. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented a resolution authorizing a renewal contact for maintenance of the Abacus Software that is used for their benefits recovery. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the contract; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented a resolution amending an agreement with Transit to increase the limit of those clients using Transit. JFS wants Transit to be the primary source for transportation services. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented a resolution amending an agreement with Metropolitan Housing Authority by reducing the eligibility. This will affect them very little. They have been working with families that were homeless and they were having a hard time getting the JFS families that are on the verge of being homeless. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented Commissioners with a 2006 Children Trust calendars.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, stated that there is a state level initiative, Access to Better Care (ABC) that is an attempt by the State Department of Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Department to get Family First Councils, JFS, and mental health agencies to work more closely together as a safety net to make sure less children “fall between the cracks”. A 2-year transformation plan is due on December 1st, and he and Mike Jenks, ADAMH Board, will be signing off on that. The plan is to provide for access to these programs, which ties into the needs assessment Mead talked about. He noted that this week is *Red Ribbon Week*, and the theme this year is “Drug Free 24/7” to encourage being drug free throughout the year. A lot of this is already done in Medina County through the programs for awareness offered in the schools, treatment and law enforcement. He noted that there is a 6-minute information video, which will be shown on cable access as well as being shown during different events, such as an upcoming Share Cluster meeting.

Mr. Hambley noted that he has copies of the informational video for the other Commissioners, which was very nicely done. Laura Dean and Jeff Vogel did a very good job on the video, with Judge John Lohn doing a presentation on the drug court.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented the Building Department report for September. The pattern continues with overall housing permits being a little slower than in previous years, with the trend this year being around the 2002 level. In September there were 80 new home permits issued versus 98 last September. Commercial is staying up and revenue is staying about the same as last year. In monitoring the national reports through September it is still a good year for single family homes, and the forecast is for a slow down. We were higher than the national averages and we are a lot more stable than other areas of the country. Into next year we should see similar construction. He agreed with Mrs. Geissman that the commercial has increased 400%, with most of the construction occurring in Wadsworth and the north end of Medina.

Art presented an overview of the State residential code. This is the code we are using now and the State is keeping on track with their adoption. The Board of Building Standards oversees commercial construction and with adoption by the State, they will also oversee residential. He will be attending a hearing in Columbus and the State is projected to adopt the

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residential code by December 5 and it will be in affect for local building departments by June. After 2007 all building departments will have to be certified residential departments. He doesn't see any problems with our inspectors getting certified for residential because they are already certified for commercial and those requirements are higher than for residential certification. Our inspectors will all have dual certifications. The Wadsworth Building Department will have to get their certifications. The State code also provides owners with procedures for arbitration against a contractor. The State is attempting to get uniformed codes for the entire state. He feels the State is doing a good job with this. Through questioning by Mr. Hambley, Art stated that the 1% fee will be a "pass-through" fee, which will be passed onto contractors. He noted that the fee for commercial is 3%.

Jim Doutt, Economic Development Corporation Director, presented a resolution amending and expanding Sharon Township Community Reinvestment Area #4. This CRA was created in 1990 and the proposal is to add 2 properties to the benefit area, which includes 59.5 acres that are contiguous to the CRA portion known as Ruhlin Industrial Park and 40.8 acres across the road that will be known as the Greens of Sharon Corporate Park. Approval by the Sharon Township Trustees has been received and Highland Schools and the Career Center have been notified of this proposal. Mr. Hambley moved to approve expanding the CRA; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mrs. Geissman read a poem, *Electricity*, by the County Poet Laureate, Joan Ritty.

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

Mrs. Geissman noted that an Executive Session is scheduled following the discussion session. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel – appointment/discipline; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting convened in the conference room for the discussion session at 10:15 a.m.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that the Conclusion of Facts regarding the annexation of 177.1362 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth has been amended per the last meeting. This annexation was appealed in Common Pleas Court and remanded back to the Commissioners to clarify their conclusions when rejecting this annexation. Commissioners agreed with the language of the Conclusion of Facts. Mr. Hambley moved to authorize proceeding with a resolution approving the Conclusion of Facts next week; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray noted that regarding a child support case that was briefly discussed involving a payer that was being shown in arrears and he claims he is not has been rectified. There was a combination of errors, including a large payment that he made directly to his ex-wife. The ex-wife signed an affidavit that she had received the payment and it was reduced from the arrears he was being charged with. There is no hearing being scheduled for this case now.

Mrs. Geissman reported that checks have been received from Angels on Track for the 3 railroad track crossings being upgraded. On Thursday she also received notice that the North American Rail Foundation is giving \$10,000 for each of the three (3) 2005 crossing upgrades.

Bill reported that he had received a call from a representative of Akron University regarding the contract for real property. There will be one last change in the contract to include reserving a water easement through the bicycle path. He will get the language over to the

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Commissioners for review. He will check with Carol Shockley, Assistant Prosecutor, but he believes everything is on tract for the conservation easements.

At 10:19 a.m. Commissioners recessed into Executive Session, which has been voted on earlier.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- 05-0986 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

- 05-0987 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEW LONDON EASTERN ROAD (C.H. 84) BETWEEN PAWNEE ROAD (C.H. 28) AND RIVER CORNERS ROAD (T.H. 27)

- 05-0988 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE PAWNEE ROAD (C.H. 28) BETWEEN NEW LONDON EASTERN ROAD (C.H. 84) AND MOSS ROAD (T.H. 176)

- 05-0989 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN CHAMPION CREEK FARMS SUBDIVISION IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0990 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RIDGEWOOD FALLS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0991 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0992 RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0993 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HARPS MILL SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO LOCATED IN LOT 68 OF SHARON TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0994 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...51.6411 ACRES OF LAND IN LOT 68 OF SHARON TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS HARPS MILL SUBDIVISION PHASE II ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 05-0995 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FOR COUNTY VEHICLES

- 05-0996 RESOLUTION DECLARING A MEDINA COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE AS EXCESS PROPERTY

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- 05-0997 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY

- 05-0998 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS

- 05-0999 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 05-1000 CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM

- 05-1001 CREATION OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES PROTECT OHIO FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS

- 05-1002 APPROVAL OF A REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

- 05-1003 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-1004 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE/MEDINA WORKS TO PROVIDE JOB TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP)

- 05-1005 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL COUNSELING TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP)

- 05-1006 RESOLUTION AMENDING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE WATER DIVISION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER

- 05-1007 CREATING A RESTRICTED MAIN IN CENTER ROAD (SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT S-500/00-198.2A)

- 05-1008 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO COLLECT A PORTION OF THE SEWER BENEFIT CHARGE FROM LIQUID RESOURCES OF OHIO, LLC. ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS

- 05-1009 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR A WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- 05-1010 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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- 05-1011 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CHILDREN SERVICES POLICIES AND FISCAL PLAN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-1012 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL, UNITED WAY, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A COUNTY WIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- 05-1013 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE ABACUS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND UNITRONIX DATA SYSTEMS, INC.
- 05-1014 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-1015 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-1016 RESOLUTION AMENDING AND EXPANDING SHARON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #4
- 05-1017 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Sharon A. Ray

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk