

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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.

The oral reading of the minutes of September 25 was dispensed with as each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the September 25 minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) closing Kennard Road (C.H. 78) between Vandemark Road (C.H. 31) and Lafayette Road (U.S. 42) for culvert replacement; (2) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for work in Crystalbrooke Subdivision in Hinckley Township; and, (3) approving the use of the Subdivision Draining Maintenance Fund for repair work in Windfall Heights Subdivision Phase 2 in Medina Township. Ms. Ray moved to approve the three resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for September 21 through September 27, 2006.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 Appropriations Resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) amending the Annual Appropriations Resolution; (3) authorizing a cash transfer of \$175,000 from the General Fund for the Capital Improvement Fund; (4) cash transfer for the Achievement Center; (5) authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency fund for Title IV-D Juvenile County Magistrate and Prosecutor's services; (6) accepting an agreement to continue leasing office space at the Brunswick Human Service Center to Solutions Behavioral Healthcare; (7) declaring Medina County property as excess property to be sold on the County online auction; (8) declaring motor vehicles as excess property and authorizing their sale at a County auction to be held October 25, and will include other political subdivisions; and, (9) approving an agreement for the lease of billboard space to the Lamar Companies on property of the Central Processing Facility (CPF). Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$705,848.18. Ms. Ray moved to approve the nine finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Mr. Hambley commented that there would be considerable fill excavated at the CPF and made available for use by the Ohio Department of Transportation's I-71/I-76 Interchange Improvement Project during that period of time. He asked Sanitary Engineer Ken Hotz if the location of the billboard would interfere with the excavation. Mr. Hotz said it would not interfere because the sign would be close to the right-of-way line and they are not able to dig there. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; the motion was 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 First Stop to add a full-time position. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The third resolution Mr. Berkowitz presented was a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the department of Job & Family Services; adding two supervisor-in-training

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positions to train individuals in preparation of the retirement of two supervisors. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution that was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The last resolution Mr. Berkowitz presented was an agreement with On-the-Clock-Care of Medina General Hospital for occupational health services. Ms. Ray moved to approve the agreement and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. Mr. Berkowitz said the Medina General Hospital agreement was a two-year agreement; parts of it were for mammography and prostate checking. Information will be given to County employees in their October 13 paychecks. Employees and their significant others will be able to register between now and November 3 for these examinations.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, had no resolutions to present this week.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the bid for bulk chemicals for their water and wastewater treatment facilities. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hotz presented a resolution revising a restricted waterline on River Styx Road, Sharon-Copley Road, Wooster Pike, and Wedgewood Road (MCSE #500-00-7.1.10). Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The last resolution Mr. Hotz presented was authorizing the submittal of two applications and to execute a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Issue 2 funding for the Medina County Water Supply Loops 2007 and the Medina County Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Rehabilitation Project 2007. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that there were 51 residents at the beginning of September, one admission and two releases, making the end count 50. There were two Adult Day Care participants at the beginning of September and the count remained unchanged at the end of the month. There were 10 resident inquiries and one daycare inquiry. Projects included repairs of a sprinkler head and the ice machine. Capital improvement repairs included tuck pointing of two chimneys and part of Section 1A. The hood and duct system in the kitchen was inspected and cleaned. The fire drill on September 27 went well and everyone responded properly. September activities included the very successful Swine-n-Dine (over 500 attendees and 50 volunteers) and visits to NASA and the Cleveland Zoo. Donations were received from the Western Reserve Masonic Community (goodies), Terry Miller and Joanne Grable (craft supplies), Friends of the County Homes (NASA trip), Crosspointe Church, Medina Moose, and Kids Care (Christmas in September). There were 297 volunteer hours offered by approximately 57 people.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion and Forensic Services Director, reported they got a new much-needed storage cabinet and are very appreciative for it. Referrals are up due to help from the clerks of the various offices and police departments that provide regular reports. Last month they helped the Sheriff's Department when they were involved with the shooting of an officer. They are looking forward to the starting of the new MCDAC Executive Director in a few weeks and will inform him of County procedures.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution reappointing a representative and alternate from the Medina County Police Chiefs' Association to the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission

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(MCDAC). This appoints Westfield Police Chief Kent Patterson as their representative and Montville Police Chief Tom Acklin as their alternate with their terms expiring on December 31, 2009. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the reappointments and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution appointing a member to the Air Quality Public Advisory Task Force of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley commented that this is an important task force and Mr. Thomson is very well qualified to be a member. His involvement with the E85 ethanol fuel as an alternative fuel fits very well with the requirements of the Ohio EPA to help them with recommendations for air quality attainment. They are fortunate to have someone within Medina County as a resource that is willing to spend time and effort to help with the planning of air quality attainment issues. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution approving the petition for annexation of 9.12 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley said there was a public hearing held last week and there were no objections from the Wadsworth Township Trustees and no one present. The Commissioners are taking action on that in accordance with the law. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution designating legal holidays for 2007. Ms. Ray made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Clerk Pam Vereb read the resolution to allow expenses of County officials. Ms. Ray moved to allow the expenses; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

Mr. Hambley said that there was a request for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation. Ms. Ray moved to allow the Executive Session; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:58 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said she reported a few weeks ago that State Representative Chuck Calvert told her there would be no State money available for jails, but that has changed. Last Monday he called her and told her that State Representative Barbara Sykes (representing the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and the Townships' Association) has put in a request for \$65 million. At a conference she attended on Wednesday, she was told by the CCAO that the amount was \$75 million. She said Representative Calvert speculated that there would be some money for Medina County's jail.

Mrs. Geissman reported that the PUCO has approved Medina County's next three crossings for lights and gates for 2007; State Road (Sharon Township), Neff Road (Liverpool Township), and Eastlake Road (Lafayette Township). Two crossings have been approved for 65% of the 90%, and one at 75% of the 90%. She is not going to ask the PUCO for a larger amount, as she has done in the past to bring it up to 75%, because the Ohio Rail Development Commission has volunteered to pick up whatever the PUCO does not. They are still getting

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\$10,000 grants for each of the three crossings per year from the North American Rail Association. The Medina County Railroad Safety Task Force (RRSTF) has brought in \$1.6 million in safety improvements since the task force formed.

Mrs. Geissman added that, now that County residents have been made aware of the RRSTF achievements, they are calling in with suggestions for dangerous crossings that they would like to see get gates and lights.

Mrs. Geissman said The A. I. Root Company provided two red bricks for the Governor's mansion's garden. If the other Commissioners agreed, she would have The A. I. Root Company engraved on one and Medina County on the other, and they agreed.

Mr. Hambley gave an update on the District 9 Natural Resources Assistance Council's meeting of September 29, to disburse the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Green Space Grant. He presented the detailed scoring methodology for the partial analysis showing the assigned points for projects that had to involve open space or riparian corridors/watersheds. The project rankings were as follows:

	<u>Rankings</u>
1. Cleveland Metro Parks, Hinckley Reservation (Est. cost \$1,200,000, requested \$876,000)	Not scored
2. Lorain County Metro Parks, Save the Woods IV (Est. cost \$352,000, requested \$257,400)	44.5 points
3. Medina County Park District, Chippewa Lake (Est. cost \$2,505,000, requested \$1,538,221)	58.0 points
4. Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Firelands Boy Scout Reservation and Vermilion River Protection (Est. cost \$1,473,750, requested \$880,000)	75.0 points

Cleveland Metro Parks could not be scored because no one was present to answer questions from the 11-member council. Lorain County Metro Parks had already received over \$1 million over the last five years for their urban park. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy received the full award of the amount of their request of \$880,000 and the Medina County Park District received the balance of \$648,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) will make the final determination.

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy has applied for a Federal grant that could provide up to half of the total cost of their Boy Scout Camp Project, which would reduce the District 9 NRAC's award to them. If the Land Conservancy is successful in obtaining it, there would be potential for an additional \$140,000 to go to the Medina County Park District. The award of \$648,000 is well under \$1.5 million that the Park District requested so it is up to them to come up with the remaining funding to buy Chippewa Lake by the end of the year. Park Director Tom James will be applying to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for additional funding because they would basically be paying themselves back over \$400,000 from Federal funds for the local match they provided for the Firelands Boy Scout Camp.

Mr. Hambley said the entire meeting took about three hours. He presented 162 signed letters from individuals in favor of the Park District purchasing Chippewa Lake and two signed letters opposing the purchase. Since then, 30 more letters of support have come in for a total of 192. The Park District addressed concerns with the NRAC members that some individuals had expressed.

Tim Shema, Court Investigator, reported that they were recently notified by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women that they were the recipients of a \$340,448 grant. Judge Mary R. Kovack feels that it is important that children have the chance to spend time with both parents, no matter what. This grant will provide a safe-haven for those

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families and give them the tools to break the cycle of violence and strife. She has contracted with the Medina YMCA and Battered Women's Shelter for additional staff to provide in-depth assessments and orientations, visitation and exchange monitoring, additional security, volunteer advocate training, and case management for people involved in family violence. This is a two-year grant and there was no match required. This was a competitive grant that required collaboration so they will be collaborating with Summit County to help them with a similar program.

Mr. Hambley asked if the grant could continue beyond the two-year period. Mr. Shema said they could reapply because it was set up as a pilot program and other programs he has seen online are continuous. Mr. Hambley asked who would be doing the evaluation component. Mr. Shema said he has been doing it using a downloadable database that the actual pilot program had established. Ms. Ray asked if they would be doing offsite exchanges with the grant money. Mr. Shema said they cannot do offsite visits. They provide safety in the confines of a center that they have wired for surveillance with a security person. Mr. Hambley asked how the BWS personnel were involved. Mr. Shema said they are new to the collaboration. They will work with the victims who they identify and they will link them to things that might be helpful to them. Mr. Hambley asked if the program was just for Medina County residents. Mr. Shema said it could be for anyone that comes through the court and the shelters keep their doors open. For example, they might service someone from Hamilton County that is trying to escape their abuser and has come to Medina and Hamilton County would also help a Medina County victim.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said he was meeting with the Medina City Historic Preservation Board regarding the demolition of the two properties near the Courthouse; 135 South Jefferson Street and 245 East Washington Street. He will report back next week.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. for the Executive Sessions for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation that was voted on earlier.

At 10:47 a.m., the Executive session was adjourned and the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ms. Ray and a second by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 10/02/06

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
06-0905	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0906	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE KENNARD ROAD (C.H. 78) BETWEEN VANDEMARK ROAD (C.H. 31) AND LAFAYETTE ROAD (U.S. 42)
06-0907 FUND	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FOR WORK IN CRYSTALBROOKE SUBDIVISION IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
06-0908 FUND	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FOR REPAIR WORK IN WINDFALL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
06-0909	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

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- 06-0910 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 06-0911 AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- 06-0912 CASH TRANSFER FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

- 06-0913 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE AND PROSECUTOR'S SERVICES

- 06-0914 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLUTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

- 06-0915 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY

- 06-0916 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLES AS EXCESS PROPERTY

- 06-0917 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF BILLBOARD SPACE TO THE LAMAR COMPANIES

- 06-0918 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 06-0919 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR FIRST STOP

- 06-0920 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 06-0921 AGREEMENT WITH ON-THE-CLOCK-CARE OF MEDINA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

- 06-0922 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO BID BULK CHEMICALS FOR THEIR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

- 06-0923 REVISING A RESTRICTED WATERLINE IN RIVERSTYX ROAD, SHARON-COPLEY ROAD, WOOSTER PIKE, AND WEDGEWOOD ROAD (SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT #500/00-7.1.10)

- 06-0924 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT TWO (2) APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR ISSUE 2 FUNDING FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY WATER SUPPLY LOOPS 2007

- 06-0925 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

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- 06-0926 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE AIR QUALITY PUBLIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)
- 06-0927 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF 9.12 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
- 06-0928 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2007
- 06-0929 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 second day of October, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS _____
Stephen D. Hambley

OF _____
Sharon A. Ray

_____ Pam Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Patricia G. Geissman