

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 October 16 and August 15 annexation hearing was dispensed with as each Commissioner has read them personally. Ms. Ray moved to approve the October 10 and August 15 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 New London Eastern Road (C.H. 84) between Spencer Road (S.R. 301) and River Corners Road (T.H. 27) for culvert replacement; (2) closing Abbeyville Road (C.H. 47) between Hamilton Road (C.H. 76) and Neff Road (C.H. 128) for culvert repair; (3) entering into an agreement with townships and villages in Medina County to sell materials pursuant to the authority granted in Section 307.15 of the Ohio Revised Code for the construction, maintenance and repair of any township or municipal corporation road and building, (4) advertising for bids for various sizes and quantities of aggregate for use by the County Highway Department; (5) amending the contract of June 2006 with Tri Mor Road Builders; (6) approving the final plat for Autumnwood Subdivision Phase V in Brunswick Hills Township; (7) approving the annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on 17.0407 acres of land in Tract 1, Lot 9 of Brunswick Hills Township and known as Autumnwood Subdivision Phase V and establishing said improvements as a public watercourse; and, (8) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Fox Meadow Subdivision Phase 1 and 2 in Montville Township. Ms. Ray moved to approve the eight 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 October 12 through October 18, 2006.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2006 Appropriations Resolution; (2) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (3) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (4) cash transfer of county General Funds to the Diversion Program; (5) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the General Fund for Domestic Relations Court Services; (6) transferring funds from the Children Services SCPA Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures; (7) authorizing the transfer of funds from Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures; (8) creation of a Safe Communities Program FY07 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of the Juvenile Drug Court FY06 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (10) authorizing the purchase of 5,500 gallons of diesel and 1,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage; and (11) declaring Medina County vehicle as excess property. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,158,871.58. Ms. Ray moved to approve the eleven finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no 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.

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Mr. Berkowitz informed the Commissioners that the Flu Shot Program has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Balcony Room B. The notices will go out in next week's paychecks and letters to department heads.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing the purchase of three more properties in the Village of Gloria Glens that correspond to the Flood Mitigation Program administered locally by the Medina County Emergency Management Agency. These properties (located in the floodplain) are located at 531, 532 and 533 Twilight Trail.

Mr. Jakab presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for supplemental transportation services for Job & Family Services' program participants for a three-year period.

Mr. Jakab presented a resolution authorizing the submission of a funding application to the Ohio Rail Development Commission for a loan to assist in the financing of railroad crossing gates and flashers at Carlton, Wolff and Kennard Roads. The financial assistance amount applied for is \$89,375 with the remaining project cost of \$413,625 being financed through a combination of revenue from the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, the North American Railway Foundation, and CSX Railroad. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Mrs. Geissman said that it was an interest-free loan from the ORDC until the county gets the funding from The Angels on Track Foundation. Mr. Hambley asked if they had received anything in writing from The Angels on Track and Mrs. Geissman said it should come by the end of the week. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority to provide funds for the next phase of the Hinckley waterlines they are going to install in a total of 13 streets. The project cost is \$1.6 million and the interest rate is 3.8%. Ms. Ray moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job and Family Services Director, presented a resolution authorizing funding for Adoption Awareness Month activities for 2006 for JFS. They did this last year and it was very successful in promoting community awareness of that need. 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. Wilkins reported that 81% of JFS' staff participated in this year's United Way campaign. The coats collected from the Coats for Kids fundraiser will be distributed through the Child Advocacy Center. They have distributed 250 coats and they have more fundraising activities planned around the Christmas holidays. Over 40 foster children participate in the Tutoring Program and the Jail Diversion Program is also going very well.

Mr. Wilkins said JFS is in a situation with the Income Maintenance Program where many things are happening simultaneously. They have repeatedly tried to shorten their waiting list and get caught up so they have organizationally changed the way they will be doing business. Also, the Northwoods data imaging implementation is occurring, Managed Care will be starting, and the implementation of the Deficit Reduction Act (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families reauthorization). They are taking a big risk; when the hardware changes are implemented into the Northwoods system, they will have a new business model in the computer system. They will "flip a switch" and be doing business differently. They are going to stop having appointments and everything will be "walk-ins". They cannot handle 30,000 applications per year with the structure they have.

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Debbie Kiley added that are undergoing a mass change now. They received notice that effective November 1, notices would be going out to about 8,000 recipients of family Medicaid that they will have to be enrolled in a Managed Care Program. Caresource, Anthem and WellCare will take care of this region. Unfortunately, some clients might have to change doctors. They are in the “discovery” segment of the Northwoods data imaging implementation where they discover different problems and what they want their agency to look like. They need to see what changes are needed so Northwoods can hardwire them into the computer system. The system will be going “live” on November 15 and the assessment system is called Compass.

Ms. Kiley said beginning November 6, they will no longer schedule appointments because they have seemingly never worked. About 30% of their clients don't show for their scheduled appointments so they will have two units that specifically take care of individuals as they walk in. As a person walks in and fills out an application for assistance, they will see that individual immediately rather than schedule their appointment. When they don't show for their appointment, that puts the agency further and further behind and inhibits them from determining what happened when they applied versus three months later when they can finally see them when they can make it for their appointment. They needed to reinvent themselves, not only because of Northwoods, but also because of the enormous amount of policy changes with the Deficit Reduction Act. The size of the caseloads for families that receive food stamps and Medicaid is about 3,200. It calls for their agency to be not only efficient, but proficient as well.

They have also designed another team to process changes that will be a call center (hub) where changes will come in and be processed, and then go back out. The nature of the population they deal with is to change; get a better or different job, better or different housing, etc. Having a specialized unit to take care of those changes will, hopefully, decrease their errors as well. Each team will have a team lead - an individual that has been known to show best case work, best knowledge of policies and practices, that will serve as a mentor or an educator for new people that are coming in and extend their knowledge in a quicker timeframe. They will also assist the supervisors in determining and pulling reports on certain cases to determine their correctness or their level of need. Despite their best efforts, unfortunately Medina County has had many food stamp bearer errors and is part of the reason Ohio is not passing a certain error rate set by the federal government. These are revolutionary changes and she and the staff are excited for them. It will help them to become more efficient.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported the Adult Dislocated Incumbent Worker Program is achieving all of the goals they have set. Foot traffic at the One Stop has increased. The earmark grants (building trades, healthcare and homeland security) are moving forward; building trades has 12 incumbent workers they are working with and that should exhaust those program funds. There are enough funds for two more State Tested Nursing Assistants (STNA) that will begin in January at the Medina County Career Center. All \$112,200 of the homeland security funds are committed.

Mr. Hanigan said they conducted a community outreach at the Cloverleaf Recreation Center on October 19. September 28 was the formal opening of their Summit County partner's Job Center at 1040 Tallmadge Avenue.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, reported that he held meetings with a representative from Alternative Paths and senior citizens from the Office for Older Adults (OOA) to find out their transit needs. Periodic meetings with OOA will be held in order to keep them informed. Ridership was down slightly in September as compared to the same period last year, but fare box revenue was up. They have started a CPR and First Aid Training Program for all of their employees. He attended a Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating (NOACA) meeting last Friday. They will be starting the negotiation meetings with the bargaining unit tomorrow.

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They are also starting the new route pick for their operators to comply with the contractual obligations.

Mr. Uhas said the best news since he started with Medina County Transit was that Thursday they received three brand new busses that were long-awaited. The busses will replace three older busses that all have over 200,000 miles on them. He said this is a pretty “hot topic” at the Office for Older Adults and he’s sure the senior citizens will be glad, along with the Transit office staff, dispatchers and drivers. They will also be getting one more new bus this year.

Mr. Hambley presented a resolution reappointing David Jilbert to the Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees with his term expiring on December 31, 2008. Ms. Ray moved to approve the reappointment and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read the Resolutions of Commendation for the Friends of 4-H, going to Dave Nixon and Jan Brostek from Pins and Needles. He read the commendations for those receiving the Meritorious Service Award to 4-H going to June Prebis, Joan Zacharias and Rick Rule. Ms. Ray moved to approve the commendations 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 both expense resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley read the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor license transfer from C & Y International Inc. DBA Hunan Dynasty Restaurant, 2767 Medina Road, Medina Township, to 3634 Group Inc. DBA Dirty Cowboys, 2743-45 Medina Road, Medina Township. There were no comments

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

The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman reminded the Commissioners to be sure to sign up for the Economic Development Business Awards dinner to be held at the Blair Center in Westfield Center.

Ms. Ray said she will be meeting with Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne to proceed with the formal lease agreement with the SPCA and the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Hambley said he received an email from Will Koran, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission Chair, regarding using a facilitator for three evening strategic planning sessions. He will provide them with copies of an RFP from Bob Arnold to serve as facilitator of the discussion. They will be discussing the levy, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, Drug Task Force funding, and the Community Program.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said he would soon be meeting with the Medina City Planning Director, Mike Harris from the Medina County District Library, and a representative from the schools to discuss some joint planning for long-term parking.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, reported that site work is progressing on the University Center and all of the issues have been resolved.

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Mr. Hotz informed the Commissioners that the large trommel needs to be rebuilt at the Central Processing Facility. He will have a resolution prepared for next Monday so they can commence with advertising for bids.

Mr. Thorne said they resolved the lawsuits between the county and Brunswick Hills (annexation attachment and past taxes) and Columbia Gas (road dedications) and there is a pending lawsuit (Deputy Detchon and an accident on S.R. 18).

Mr. Hambley said there is a pending court challenge to the approval of the annexation of the 91.0765 acres from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth and he discussed it with attorney Steve Friedman. After his review of the resolution identifying their decision to approve the annexation, Mr. Friedman felt that it was adequate in providing the rationale and no additional statements of fact are required. Clerk Pam Vereb said she would deliver a certified copy of all the annexation documents to the court this week.

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

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 10/23/06

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
06-0966	RESOLUTION COMMENDING DAVE NIXON ON RECEIVING THE FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD
06-0967	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAN BROSTEK ON RECEIVING THE FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD
06-0968	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUNE PREBIS ON RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO 4-H AWARD
06-0969	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOAN ZACHARIAS ON RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO 4-H AWARD
06-0970	RESOLUTION COMMENDING RICK RULE ON RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO 4-H AWARD
06-0971	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
06-0972	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF STATE WATER PROJECT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MEDINA AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
06-0973	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE NEW LONDON EASTERN ROAD (C.H. 84) BETWEEN SPENCER ROAD (S.R. 301) AND RIVER CORNERS ROAD (T.H. 27)
06-0974	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE ABBEYVILLE ROAD (C.H. 47) BETWEEN HAMILTON ROAD (C.H. 76) AND NEFF ROAD (C.H.128)
06-0975	RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES IN MEDINA COUNTY TO SELL MATERIALS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED SECTION 307.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED COSE
06-0976	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
06-0977	RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF JUNE 2006 BY AND BETWEEN TRI MOR CORPORATION AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
06-0978	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR AUTUMNWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE FIVE LOCATED IN TRACT 1 LOT 9 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP

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- 06-0979 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON 17.0407 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1 LOT 9 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS AUTUMNWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE V AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 06-0980 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR REPAIR WORK IN FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 AND 2 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
- 06-0981 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 06-0982 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 06-0983 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDRENS HEALTH FUND
- 06-0984 CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 06-0985 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES
- 06-0986 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCPA FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES
- 06-0987 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES
- 06-0988 CREATION OF A SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0989 CREATION OF THE JUVENILE DRUG COURT FY06 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 06-0990 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 06-0991 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 06-0992 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 06-0993 APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF GLORIA
GLENS
- 06-0994 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
- 06-0995 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
- 06-0996 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR ADOPTION MONTH ACTIVITIES FOR 2006 FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 06-0997 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- 06-0998 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 06-0999 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 twenty-third day of October, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
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