

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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.

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the minutes of September 30 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented 4 resolutions approving the release of retainage for the Marks Road Bridge #17 Replacement to GKL Construction and Whitacre Engineering Company and completion of sealing of concrete surfaces by Wolf Creek Engineering and Contracting, approving a maintenance agreement with the City of Rittman for boundary roads, approving the annual assessments and establishing a public watercourse on improvements in Pebble Creek Preserve North Cluster Homes Phase 2 in Brunswick Hills Township, and granting a remediation of violation for a single family structure at 6750 Grafton Road for the finished floor elevation requirements of the County Flood Damage Prevention Regulations. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 4 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 9 resolutions involving amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Ports Petroleum, approving the submission of the 2002/2003 Funding Recommendations for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Grant, designating the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties to receive proceeds from marriage license and divorce fees for CY2003, approving a lease renewal amendment for office space for the Clerk of Courts Wadsworth Auto Title Office, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$860,314.37. The funding recommendations for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Grant are in the total amount of \$30,008. The estimate that the Battered Women's Shelter will get from fees is \$40,000. The Wadsworth Auto Title lease is a 3-year renewal from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$986.00/month. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 9 resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, 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 presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for Medina County Transit to add 15 part time vehicle operators and 3 intermittent vehicle operators. Towards the end of the year some drivers meet the maximum limit with their social security and can't work, plus there are plans for expansion of some routes next year. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the amendment. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution approving layoff of 7 positions in the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA). He reviewed the names and positions of the employees being laid off for lack of funds and reasons of fiscal economy. The layoffs are affective October 14. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the layoffs. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

John noted that 3 of the people accepted voluntary layoffs. One person has retired from an administrative position that will not be filled, and there are 2 employees anticipating retirement in 2003 and those positions will not be filled. He asked Mike Pataky, CSEA Director, to distribute a handout of the figures for this. Through questioning, John stated that notification to the employees was sent out a month ago.

Mr. Bahr commended John and Mike on the handling of this difficult undertaking. They worked closely with the union and employees. The union procedure was followed for the layoffs.

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There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the 7 layoffs showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution accepting and awarding proposals for elevator maintenance at various county buildings. There were 2 bids received. The low bid is McClain Elevator. Tom Maupin, Maintenance Superintendent, has researched the company. The award is to McClain in the amount of \$21,600 for a 2-year contract. Mr. Bahr moved to accept and award the proposals. Seconded by Mr. Hambley.

Mr. Bahr commended Tom Maupin for his efforts and work on the bidding. Over the years there have been ongoing problems with elevator maintenance and the type of work received wasn't satisfactory. Hopefully this contract will be correct that situation.

John added that in past years contracts were bid from elevator companies. Tom prepared a contract and maintenance schedule that meets new state requirements, and required that they bid on those items.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to accept and award the elevator maintenance proposals showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the investment of the retainer of Sykes Construction into an escrow account for the County Materials Recovery Facility (CPF) 2002 improvements project. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the investment of the retainer. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim presented a resolution to obtain easements for the Erhart, Egypt, Coon Club, Carsten & Stone Roads waterline project. Mr. Bahr moved to approve obtaining the easements. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim reported that they took in 787 appliances at the recent *Appliance Round-Up*. This brings the total appliances taken in for the year to 1,634.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services, stated that they have a caseload of 175-200 and that reflects in more fees being collected. He noted that their fax machine does not work at all and needs to be replaced plus they are checking into what they can do to replace their copier. Things are going fairly quiet. Through questioning, he noted that the malpractice insurance issues worked out well and the new policy is in place. The company he is dealing with now specializes in malpractice insurance for mental health people and he plans to stay away from medical malpractice insurance in the future as they are more costly.

Kathy Yuzwa, MCDAC Director, presented 2 resolutions of appointment. The first appoints Ronald Lewis Likley as the City of Wadsworth's alternate representative to complete the term for Bill Young. The term expires December 31, 2003. The second appoints Michael F. Jervis as the Villages' alternate representative. This position has been vacant for quite some time and the term expires December 31, 2004. There are still 3 vacancies for alternate representatives on the MCDAC Board. Mr. Bahr moved to approve the 2 appointments. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Kathy noted that there will be a half-day Drug Free Work Place seminar/workshop this Wednesday and the MCDAC meeting is this evening.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow expenses of county officials. 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.

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Glenn Sheller, Guilford Township Trustees, stated that he attended a meeting at the Health Department last week regarding West Niles mosquitoes. There was a speaker from Lake County that said they spend \$600,000 a year on a mosquito-spraying program. There was only one case of West Niles in Medina County this year; however, it was a very dry season. The Health Department requested that he ask Commissioners what their thoughts are about contributing to a mosquito control program next year. Townships would also need to contribute to the program. Through discussion it was noted that currently Seville, Lodi, Hinckley and Chippewa Lake have a control program. Last year New York was the only state to have West Nile mosquitoes and there wasn't any this year. It was not a big problem in Medina County this year, but the season was very dry.

Mr. Bahr asked about the ability to spray in the areas of townships that mosquitoes would be nesting due to the vast countryside. In the villages and cities it is somewhat contained and can be more beneficial.

Mr. Sheller stated that they have pellets to use in swamps and different areas. That is the cheapest part of a control program. He understands Lodi spends about \$3,000 every time they spray.

Mrs. Geissman noted that Lodi sprays 3 times during the summer.

Mr. Hambley asked if the meeting was a task force meeting last week. He believes they are looking into various techniques and to establish an estimated cost for a mosquito control program.

Mr. Sheller stated that it was a task force meeting and that it was for mayors and townships. He missed the first meeting.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she was told the cost would be around \$500,000 for the county and that the Health Department doesn't have that kind of money.

Mr. Sheller stated that the pellets are the cheapest thing to use. He believes Lake County has 6 people doing the spraying and that they use a lot of college kids during the summer. He's not sure if New York has a spraying program or not. Until next year there is no way to tell whether or not we will have a problem.

Mr. Hambley stated that the issue will have to be like everything else in the county budget. It will be considered along with everything else in the budget and what is available as well as what the State is doing in terms of their budget with the local governments.

Mrs. Geissman stated that one of the materials she read indicated that the media has made a frenzy of this and there isn't a need for the alarm that is being presented. She believes it is something Commissioners will have to look at next year and see what kind of support there is. She understands that the second meeting held at the Health Department had even less support than the first informative meeting.

Mr. Sheller noted that more people have died from the flu than have died from West Nile across the United States.

Angela McMillan, Treasurer's Office, added that the same thing happened with the gypsy moths when there was talk 2 years ago that the entire county would be defoliated, and that didn't happen.

Mrs. Geissman stated that people have to be careful not to react emotionally to something like this. Commissioners will need to look at this next year and see what happens. She thanked Mr. Sheller for bringing this to the Board's attention.

Mr. Hambley announced that the Natural Resources Assistance Council for our district that oversees the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund met on Friday and awarded the Medina County Park District and Medina-Summit Land Conservancy \$634,600 for the Plum Creek Park expansion. That's the largest amount to any entity or project in this round of funding. He noted

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that Gloria Glens Park and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) submitted a grant for funding for some flood mitigation and unfortunately it was late and turned into the wrong place. However, the Council has \$458,000 remaining in the fund and has decided to go with a third round of funding. This will give Gloria Glens/EMA another chance. The deadline for applying is 4:00 p.m. on December 6. The Council will meet on December 20 and hopefully some funding will be awarded for that program. He noted that Buck Adams, EMA Director, has found a \$3 match from FEMA for every dollar that's received from the State. If we don't have the money by the end of the year we lose the FEMA match.

There was no further public comment.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 9:59 a.m. to move to the conference room.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened the meeting for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley stated that copies of the master video for the history project have been made and he will be getting the final masters to the Historical Society and County School District. There was also a master DVD for copying. The Historical Society will now be able to start marketing the video.

Mr. Bahr stated that the work is almost complete on the parking lot at the Jail. The company did a little more than they had been asked. The new part is south of the existing parking lot, and added about 43 new spaces. He and John noted that the poles are the last things needed to install the lights. The City was helpful by allowing them not to put in a curb on the south side so the lot can be connected some day to the Juvenile Detention Center parking lot.

Mr. Bahr noted that the Planning Department will have an open house on November 8, which is also Regional Planning Day. There will be some people receiving awards for their planning efforts on that day.

Mr. Bahr noted a memo was received from John Jones, Transit Services Director, regarding a request from the Family First Council regarding a bus ad for the teen sexual abstinence campaign that encourages teens to wait. It was noted that there are some people that may be offended by the ad, as some people are offended having the advertisements at all. After a brief discussion Commissioners agreed that there is no problem with the proposed ad and asked John Stricker to contact John Jones that the ad is allowable.

Jim Troike presented a draft resolution and proposed plan for the septage disposal program for consideration at next week's meeting. They have been working on holding facilities at the Liverpool plant since haulers have asked for a place in Medina that accepts septage. A meeting was held with the haulers to find out what they wanted to see in the program and some of those things are included such as scales to weigh in and out, a limit of 9,000 gallons per day, and a limit for septage only generated in Medina County. Through questioning and discussion, Jim stated that the haulers will get a permit from the department in order to keep records and they will have to have a manifest saying where the septage was generated. They also met with the Health Department and incorporated some of their comments into the program. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, has reviewed and approved the program draft. They don't plan to accept septage until everything is finished at the plant, which will probably be January. The permit will cost \$75 plus they will be charged \$40 per 1,000 gallons. The cost comparison of other facilities is the same. They plan to start with hours from 8 am to 4pm. The area has been fenced off so there is one gate to go in and out. There will be a 300,000-gallon storage tank and it is then taken through a high heat and pressure process that breaks it down, and then it is used as a fertilizer. There have been some complaints that there is only one location. He has seen the Akron facility where they manufacture fertilizer material. Lodi did make some assurances with their plant expansion to take in home septage. It's a small plant and it will be hard for them to meet their permit limitations. The EPA offered incentives at the time and Lodi would not have been wise to let those go. He noted that EPA is putting in real strict limitations on mercury, and septage is supposed to be a great contributor of mercury. It could come down to not being able to meet the mercury limit and having to cut down on septage. There is nothing that can be done to neutralize mercury. They do have a program in place for education of industries and dentists. They're in the middle of that now to try limiting how much goes into the system. He believes

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that daily flushing through the sewers helps keep down mercury levels. Septage is accumulated up to 3 years and mercury doesn't decay so there's a higher concentration of mercury there.

Mr. Hambley noted that the EPA is urging the State to pass a law requiring mandatory inspections on a regular basis of home septic systems. Septic systems will be pumped and disposal of the septage will be done more often. That requirement plus having a local facility will help to reduce the problem.

There was no further business before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Bahr moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. to discuss personnel/discipline and compensation. Seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

02-0862 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

02-0863 RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF RETAINAGE ON MARKS ROAD BRIDGE #17 REPLACEMENT TO GKL CONSTRUCTION & WHITACRE ENGINEERING COMPANY AND COMPLETION OF SEALING OF CONCRETE SURFACE BY WOLF CREEK ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, INC.

02-0864 RESOLUTION APPROVING A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RITTMAN AND THE COUNTY OF MEDINA FOR BOUNDARY ROADS

02-0865 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION...ON 14.4839 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOT NO. 3 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS PEBBLE CREEK PRESERVE NORTH CLUSTER HOMES PHASE 2 & ESTABLISHING...A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

02-0866 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY GRANTING A REMEDIATION OF VIOLATION FOR A SINGLE FAMILY STRUCTURE AT 6750 GRAFTON ROAD FOR THE FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEDINA COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS

02-0867 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

02-0868 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND

02-0869 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM

02-0870 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

02-0871 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASES OF 3,000 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

02-0872 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2002/2003 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OHIO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND GRANT

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02-0873 DESIGNATING THE BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER OF SUMMIT AND MEDINA COUNTIES TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM MARRIAGE LICENSE AND DIVORCE FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003

02-0874 APPROVING A LEASE RENEWAL AMENDMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS WADSWORTH AUTO TITLE OFFICE

02-0875 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

02-0876 RESOLUTION AMENDING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT

02-0877 RESOLUTION APPROVING LAYOFF OF SEVEN POSITIONS IN THE MEDINA COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

02-0878 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDED PROPOSALS FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY BUILDINGS

02-0879 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF SYKES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC. FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY 2001 IMPROVEMENTS IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE #700/00-28.3

02-0880 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

02-0881 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0882 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)

02-0883 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas R. Bahr

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Stephen D. Hambley