

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the minutes of August 29 and September 6 was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray voting AYE with Mrs. Geissman voting AYE on the September 6 minutes and abstaining on the August 29 minutes.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions to close a section of Fenn Road for culvert work, accepting & awarding the bid for "CC" treated rock salt, and approving the annual assessment on improvements & establishing a public watercourse for Summer Ridge Estates Subdivision in Montville Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 3 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 amending the annual appropriations, various fund transfers, authorizing excavating & repair of drainage system at the Administration Building & declaring an emergency, approving an agreement with the City of Medina for inmate housing at the Jail, authorizing the investment of the retainer of Fechko Excavating in an escrow account for the University Technology Park Project, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,275,205.06. The emergency repair at the Administration Building was due to water infiltrating the building. The contract was for \$70,000 that included excavation, installation of a line, roof & footer drains, and replacing sod and concrete. The inmate housing agreement with the City of Medina had never been signed by the City and this agreement includes the rate structure that was increased to \$75/day. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 6 resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no 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.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution obtaining easements for sewer and water lines within a subdivision. Mr. Hambley moved to obtain the easements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken presented a resolution obtaining easements from the City of Medina for the Reservoir Sewer Replacement project and vacating previously obtained easements. This revises the easement for the trunk line that was installed for this project. Mr. Hambley moved to obtain the easements; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported that the agency received an award for #1 performance. The agency scored the highest compared to counties of the same size in the caseload category, which is an incentive category. This is the second year in a row the agency has won this award. He is very proud of his employees and they hope for a repeat next year. They will be concentrating on going after people not paying their support.

Ms. Ray congratulated Mike and the staff and noted that the award translates to incentive dollars coming back to the County.

Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley also congratulated Mike and the staff.

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Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Department Director, presented a resolution authorizing an agreement for an independent living skills coordinator. This is for young people in care that are getting out of school to help them learn how to perform living skills, such as balancing a checkbook. 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 the application for a grant for the Child Advocacy Center to the National Children's Alliance and the Children's Trust Fund. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the grant application; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented a letter of support for the Child Advocacy Center for Commissioners' signatures. He noted that the Health Department will be doing medical exams and Dr. Darryl Steiner will be providing analysis and expert testimony. The Sheriff and local police also support the concept of a Center in Medina County.

Mead presented a resolution amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC) Plan for victims of Hurricane Katrina. They will be eligible for assistance at a maximum of \$1500 for one year. The State also has a program for assistance for these people. There have been 11 people that have applied for assistance already at our JFS Office. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Mr. Hambley stated that he talked with Buck Adams, EMA Director, at the Housing Network meeting, about assistance that is available that could augment this assistance. We can also receive help from FEMA and ICAT. These can all be adjusted if needed by working together to assist those people.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve the amendment to the PRC Plan showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead presented information showing the number of children in placement has doubled to 67. Other similar sized counties have over 200 in placement. His staff has done a good job holding the number down and keeping children in their homes. He also presented a picture of the Kesterman's who are foster parents that assistance with promoting foster care in the county. They had over 50 people attend the last orientation for foster care. Mead also presented information on projected population changes that showed Medina County increasing the most in the area. As the county grows in size, needs for assistance grows. They are getting close to 3,000 office visits per month.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution for the installation of active warning devices at grade crossing and permitting the Board of Commissioners to apply for public and/or private grants on behalf of Lafayette Township and/or York Township for grade crossings on Carlton Road and Wolff Road. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman noted that this is the second group of 3 railroad crossings to get funding through the Railroad Safety Task Force program.

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.

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

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Mrs. Geissman noted that the discussion session will be followed by an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, pending litigation, and personnel/appointment/discipline. Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session following the discussion session; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners recessed the meeting to move to the conference room for the discussion session, which started at 9:54 a.m.

Mr. Hambley noted that an unofficial notice was received that the county was awarded a balanced growth grant. He and Chris Hartman, Soil & Water Conservation District, will be accepting the award on Friday. The biggest task is ahead in getting the plan completed.

Ms. Ray noted that one gentleman already on the Workforce Development Board has decided to stay on the Board. This leaves 2 openings on the Board and there were 3 applications received. She will work with the Clerk to set up interviews.

Mrs. Geissman stated that the designer of the county flag, Cal Ganyard, will be representing the county at the flag dedication later this week. His wife and 2 children will be accompanying him. The CCAO will be taking pictures at the ceremony. Through discussion she noted that some counties didn't have flags when they were requested for the state's bicentennial, but all counties now have a flag.

It was noted that Mr. Ganyard is a retired employee of the County Engineer that submitted a flag design with many others. The designs were voted on by the public and his design was the winning one to become the county flag.

Ken Hotz stated that the trenches for utilities are going in next week, and the transfer of utilities and tree plantings on the mound are the last things to be done before the October 24<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking at the University Technology Park.

Mr. Hambley added that he met with Chris Hartman regarding a letter from the OEPA storm water controls and construction. There are a few concerns that are being resolved with them.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the Executive Sessions, which were voted on earlier.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting following the Executive Sessions.

Mr. Hambley moved to reject the fact finders decision on the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association contract between Correction Officers and the Sheriff; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

05-0852                    RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER  
IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

05-0853                    RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE FENN ROAD (C.H. 70) BETWEEN  
HUFFMAN ROAD (C.H. 141) AND WEYMOUTH ROAD (S.R.3)

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- 05-0854 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR "CC" TREATED ROCK SALT FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- 05-0855 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...36.6138 ACRES OF LAND IN LOTS 15 & 16 OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS SUMMER RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 05-0856 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2005 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 05-0857 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND
- 05-0858 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM
- 05-0859 AUTHORIZING THE EXCAVATION AND REPAIR OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT THE MEDINA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 05-0860 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MEDINA FOR INMATE HOUSING AT THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL FACILITY
- 05-0861 AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF THE RETAINER OF FECHKO EXCAVATING IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR THE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT
- 05-0862 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 05-0863 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERIN TO OBTAIN AN EASEMENT FOR SEWER AND WATERLINES FOR PROJECT NO. SW-500/10-69.1
- 05-0864 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FROM THE CITY OF MEDINA FOR THE RESERVOIR SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND VACATING PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED EASEMENTS
- 05-0865 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS COORDINATOR
- 05-0866 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER TO THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND
- 05-0867 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

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05-0868 RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ACTIVE WARNING DEVICES AT GRADE CROSSINGS...APPLY FOR PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE GRANTS ON BEHALF OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP AND/OR YORK TOWNSHIP AT CARLTON ROAD/TWP 161(142-496C) AND WOLFF ROAD/TWP 94 (141-906V)...

05-0869 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

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Patricia G. Geissman

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen D. Hambley

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk

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Sharon A. Ray