

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

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

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

At the beginning of the meeting the oral reading of the September 12 minutes was dispensed with. Each Commissioner has read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions to close a section of Ledge Road and approving the final plat for the Meadow Preserve Subdivision in York Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list.

Chris Jakab, Finance Director, presented and reviewed resolutions amending the annual appropriations by increasing or decreasing appropriations, various fund transfers, revenue adjustments for the Sanitary Engineer, creation of the Victim Assistance FY06 Fund for renewal funding from the Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$53,821, creation of Office for Older Adults Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) FY05 Fund in the amount of \$3,546, the annual designation of the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties to receive proceeds from marriage license and divorce fees for 2006 that is estimated to be \$40,000, allowing the issuance of TANF and Non-TANF Hurricane Evacuee Assistance Programs for Job & Family Services, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,239,371.40. The evacuee assistance will come from surplus funding from the State.

Mr. Hambley expressed concern about the allowance of individuals to declare themselves as evacuees. Mrs. Geissman agreed, noting that there are other questions about this assistance. Through discussion it was noted that every county is being asked to approve these resolutions. If a county is to receive any assistance they must agree to the State's terms, which include this resolution. Commissioners agreed that they set loose guidelines for the programs.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 8 other resolutions and payment of the bills; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Gary presented a resolution approving and authorizing a 30-day suspension of a Building Department employee. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the suspension; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the County Home. In the past year or 2 they have been tracking the nursing staff and trying to keep all positions filled. The amendment is to eliminate 2 intermediate nursing positions and create one full time position. They are hopeful this will solve their turnover problems. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

John presented a resolution amending the Table of Organization for the Transit Department by adding a part time dispatcher/clerk. This new position will help cut down overtime and be less costly than the overtime. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the amendment; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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John presented a resolution approving an easement and maintenance agreement with Progress Industrial Properties Inc. (Simmons Construction) for the use of Fair Road. This has been approved by the Fair Board for Simmons Construction to use the easement as long as they maintain the property they are using. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the agreement; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution accepting easements for the waterline improvement projects in Hinckley and for Phase 2 of Chatham Township. He noted that they should be ready to advertise for bids next week for the Chatham project. Mr. Hambley moved to accept the easements; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, noted that 5 communities received funding through the Comprehensive Planning Grant Program, and that they have been working with those entities. Seville Village and Liverpool Township are about ready to complete their process, and Brunswick Hills Township is almost ready to finalize theirs. Brunswick City is working on their plan and Montville Township is starting work on theirs. DPS has also been working with Sharon Township, Medina City and Lafayette Township; Litchfield Township has contracted a consultant, and Wadsworth Township hasn't decided who to help with their plan.

Art Verdoorn, Building Official, presented and reviewed the August report. They issued 93 residential permits in August versus 102 last August. Commercial was down, except for specials. They are now processing regular commercial permits with Lowe's of Wadsworth coming in for theirs. Kohl's is almost done and plans an opening for October 2. Target is partly done on their construction. Lowe's has not started construction and will probably have their opening in the spring because their sales are based on holiday sales. Commercial will be higher than last year, but residential will be at about 10% less. Relative to the average cost of a home, \$215,421, permits are up for specialty constructions and the more affordable housing does help bring that average down. Mrs. Geissman noted that the average cost does not include the cost for the land. Art noted that the multi-housing units are reflected under commercial permits. Brunswick Hills Township continues to be in the lead for residential development, with Montville Township second. Medina Township growth has started increasing. A lot of the residential permits are for additions. There was a brief discussion of a new development being constructed in Lodi.

Mrs. Geissman read a resolution proclaiming September 26th as "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children". Mr. Hambley moved to approve the proclamation; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mrs. Geissman noted that the Executive Session scheduled at 1:45 has been rescheduled to next week.

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

Commissioners agreed to have the Board of Elections make their presentation during the discussion session.

Commissioners recessed the meeting to move to the conference room for the discussion session, which started at 10:04 a.m.

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Mr. Hambley announced that C. Martin Trucking paid their overdue solid waste bill in full last week. An article in the newspaper reported the owner was not aware they were behind on their billing until July. As a matter of record, however, he knew in May and there had been letters back to 2002 identifying a problem with their payments.

Ken Hotz presented information that Miami County is objecting to an EPA \$1.50 fee being added for landfills, but the fee is to be collected at transfer stations instead of the landfills. Miami County and others feel this is not a fee but a tax. Cleveland Heights paid their fee but also sent in an objection as well. Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, agreed to review the fee information. Mr. Hambley stated that the Solid Waste Policy Committee will most likely meet to discuss opposition to the fee.

Tom Wolfe, Pam Miller, Ralph Berry and Ray Larabee, members of the Board of Elections, discussed their upcoming needs. When Congress required a new voting system, they realized a major expense was going to be storage and transportation and the Commissioners agreed to move their office to their new location. Everyone in their office has been overworked and they are asking for 2 new clerks. It has been over 10 years since the staff size was increased, and they hire 1 Republican and 1 Democrat when they hire. A new precinct was added in Montville Township and there are now 88 voting locations in the county and 118,000 registered voters. Each precinct will have 4 machines for voting. The machines have to be taken to the precincts and returned to the office for each election and they have been running 4 elections per year. They are also required to test the equipment in 2 ways prior to each election. They are seeking quotes for contracting with a private contractor, such as Diebold, for moving and running the tests. Additional training has taken place for the staff and all poll workers will need to be trained. Most of their travel expenses are training related. They will have one person at each polling place with extensive training to do any troubleshooting. Training was part of the purchase and is paid by HAVA funds. They had felt they could re-use some of their supplies such as envelopes but it appears they may need to get new supplies. At this time it is unknown what size paper will be required. They will also need an “on-demand” printer so they can print a ballot for any area when a person comes into the office to vote. There are 19 charter amendments in Brunswick and 17 Sunday sales issues in the county as well as State issues. The cost given just to run the ads for the State issues is \$25,000. There was a brief discussion about the use of inserts in the newspapers that could cost less. It was noted that the whole process have changing equipment has cost the taxpayers across the state a tremendous amount.

At the end of the discussion, the Board of Election members agreed to get the cost for advertising, etc. together for Commissioners to proceed next week with the budgetary items. It was noted that the additional 2 employees are needed very badly and the Board would like to proceed with hiring. Mr. Hambley moved to authorize \$8500 additional in their salary account to hire 2 employees; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman.

Chris Jakab felt a pay period was not included in the estimated figure and believes the amount for the 2 additional employees and to end the year with no additional salary needs that the additional amount should be \$16,500. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hambley moved to amend his authorization to \$16,500; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no further discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.; Seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

At 1:30 p.m. the County Engineer’s Office received bids from Kokosing Construction and The Shelly Company for the resurfacing of various roads. The Engineer’s Office took the bids to their office for review and recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

05-0870

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

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- 05-0871 RESOLUTION PROCLAMING SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 AS "FAMILY DAY - A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN"

- 05-0872 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE LEDGE ROAD (C.H. 135) BETWEEN STATE ROAD (C.H. 44) AND THE SUMMIT COUNTY LINE

- 05-0873 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE MEADOW PRESERVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN TRACT 2, LOT 18 OF YORK TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

- 05-0874 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

- 05-0875 AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER

- 05-0876 CASH TRANSFER FOR FELONY DELINQUENT CARE GRANT FUND

- 05-0877 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

- 05-0878 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SANITARY ENGINEER

- 05-0879 CREATION OF THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE FY06 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS

- 05-0880 CREATION OF THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS HOME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY05 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS

- 05-0881 DESIGNATING THE BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER OF SUMMIT AND MEDINA COUNTIES TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM MARRIAGE LICENSE AND DIVORCE FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006

- 05-0882 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 05-0883 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A THIRTY (30) DAY SUSPENSION OF VICTOR RUSSELL, BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 05-0884 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME

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- 05-0885 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY
TRANSIT DEPARTMENT
- 05-0886 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR
PROGRESS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INC. FOR FAIR ROAD IN THE CITY OF MEDINA
- 05-0887 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS
WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 05-0888 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Patricia G. Geissman

Stephen D. Hambley

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Terrill, Clerk