

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 September 19 minutes 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 Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley voting AYE with Ms. Ray abstaining.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented resolutions closing a section of Guilford Road from Tuesday through Friday, approving the final plat and approving annual assessment on improvements & establishing a public watercourse for Bella Rosa Subdivision Phase II in Wadsworth 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, expenditure adjustments for various funds, various fund transfers, approval of an internship agreement between the Planning Services Department and the University of Akron, resolution allowing the issuance of TANF and non-TANF Hurricane Evacuee Assistance Programs for Job & Family Services (JFS), purchasing fuel for the Engineering Center from Petroleum Traders, declaring county property as excess property to be sold by internet auction, authorizing the Finance Department to proceed with the bid process for fleet vehicle repairs and maintenance services, and the weekly bills in the amount of \$784,513.84. The internship agreement for the Planning Services Department is to continue the use of a student intern for another semester, which is paid by the Tax Mapping funds. The Hurricane Evacuee Assistance Programs through JFS have been amended from last week for tax verification and other means to verify evacuees rather than allowing for self-declaration. The current contract for vehicle repairs and maintenance expires at the end of October. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 12 resolutions and payment of the weekly 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.

Gary presented a resolution authorizing a 3-day suspension of a Transit Department employee. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the suspension; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

John Stricker, County Administrator, had no resolutions or comments this morning.

Ken Hotz, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing change order #1 for the Stony Hill waterline project in Hinckley. About a month ago a resolution was approved to extend the line to Route 303 to connect a cul-de-sac and to only do half of the street; however, residents along the rest of the street want the line extended. The extension will be at the same rate as the rest of the project. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the change order; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Director, reported that he attended the Share Cluster meeting last Friday and they are focusing on coordinated health issues for students. He will be working with them relative to drug & alcohol abuse and smoking. He noted that underage drinking is still the #1 killer of kids in accidents and overdosing. This Friday he will be assisting with the kick off for Partnership for Success to help fill the gap of services for youth and then in the afternoon working on the strategic plan with the Family First Council.

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Sandy Downs, Transit Director, noted that their August report had been turned in. Their big news is that they have finished up on the ODOT grant and they are on track with that funding source. They have started work on other issues, such as simplifying the rate structure to help riders know in advance what their rides will cost. They are also in the process of implementing a new computer system. By the first Monday in October that system will be fully running. The primary comment from the staff has been about how easy the new system is to use.

Cheryl Scheck, Job & Family Services, presented a resolution certifying the legality of the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC). Every 2 years their PRC is reviewed and any required changes are made. This will be turned into the State with implementation taking place by October 1. She reviewed the wording changes that were made, particularly regarding kinship. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the certification; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Township (City of Brunswick). Mr. Hambley moved to approve the petition; Seconded by Ms. Ray.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor, reviewed the resolution. There was a brief discussion that the boundary line adjustment is due to an annexation that went through recently. The City of Brunswick is getting into the routine of approving and requesting the adjustments after annexation petitions are finalized.

Roll Call on the motion and second to approve boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Township showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution appointing Ann Benninger to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) 5-County Council with her term expiring December 31, 2008. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the appointment; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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.

Mrs. Geissman read a poem, *Delivery*, written by the County Poet Laureate, Joan Ritty.

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

Bill Thorne noted that a new lawsuit has been filed and requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Hambley moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation prior to the discussion session and to recess into Executive Session following the discussion session for the purpose of personnel/interviews for the Workforce Policy Board; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:27 a.m. for the discussion session.

Mr. Hambley stated that during a conversation with Nancy Sprowls she asked about seeking county events for the Poet Laureate to attend.

Ms. Ray suggested the groundbreaking for the Technology/University Park, noting that Mrs. Ritty pursued higher education during later years of her life.

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Mrs. Geissman stated that the agenda for the groundbreaking is full; however, she would see if there would be time available during the luncheon. She also noted that she has been reading one of Mrs. Ritty's poems at the end of the last meeting of the month and that Mrs. Ritty has been attending various organizations around the county.

Mr. Hambley asked about the review of the Wadsworth annexation that the court remanded back to the Commissioners.

Bill Thorne stated that he has been out and will work on the annexation this week.

Mr. Hambley noted that the City of Brunswick has responded with support for the fiber optic project and that the City of Wadsworth is also preparing their support. The Port Authority will be reviewing the project and support at their October meeting, and then will bring their proposal to the Commissioners.

Chris noted that he has a meeting with the Port Authority on October 4th.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she was contacted by a senior that is concerned that the Office for Older Adults is not allowed to use Transit buses for their special events and tours and they are forced to use their own transportation. The Wadsworth Center for Older Adults has not had any problems with providing transportation for their trips. She told the senior that it was a liability issue from the feds.

Mr. Hambley noted that the feds will not allow the use of the buses for these types of activities or we could lose our federal funding. The Wadsworth Center has a private bus to handle their trips. Summit County's entire grant is threatened right now because of use of vehicles for charter-type services. These can be allowed with special transportation grants, which are separate from the funding we receive. Those grants can be designated for that type of service and allocated for those activities. He feels the first priority regarding transportation is providing for out-of-county travel for doctors, which is project being implemented with Faith in Action.

Ken Hotz presented a letter on the sanitary sewer charge in Sharon Township, noting that the charge for all facilities is at the same level. The County has a contract with the City of Wadsworth for an area of Sharon Township and the City is preparing for a \$19 million upgrade project. They are raising their rates from \$26.25 to \$31.50, which needs to be passed on to the Sharon Township residents because they are within that improvement area. He presented a draft letter to be sent to the township residents. They will be paying the same as Wadsworth City residents. Commissioners approved the draft letter and preparation of a resolution for next Monday.

Ms. Ray stated that the policies presented by Ken are good and suggested that they be put into resolution form. Ken agreed to prepare a resolution for next week.

Chris Jakab stated that he met with the Board of Elections staff as a result of their Board members meeting with the Commissioners last Monday. Some of the costs in their summary are down, but there are still some that need to be determined.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and convened at 11:00 for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.; Seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll Call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

05-0889

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

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- 05-0890 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE GUILFORD ROAD (C.H. 14) BETWEEN SEVILLE ROAD (C.H. 16) AND GREENWICH ROAD (C.H. 97)
- 05-0891 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE BELLA ROSA SUBDIVISION PHASE II LOCATED IN TRACT 7, LOT 1 OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP
- 05-0892 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED...34.5282 ACRES OF LAND IN LOT 1, TRACT 7 OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP...BELLA ROSA SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 05-0893 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2005 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 05-0894 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 05-0895 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CHILD SUPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D JUVENILE FUND FOR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES
- 05-0896 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
- 05-0897 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 05-0898 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCPA (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES
- 05-0899 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) OT THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR CHILDREN SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATVIE EXPENDITURES
- 05-0900 APPROVAL OF AN INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
- 05-0901 RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF TANF AND NON-TANF HURRICANE EVACUEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
- 05-0902 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4,100 GALLONS OF PREMIUM UNLEADED AND 4,000 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
- 05-0903 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY

