

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting and the public hearing on April 2 were dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the April 2 Commissioners' meeting minutes and the public hearing minutes; the motion was seconded Mr. Hambley. 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 State Road (C.H. 44) between Wilbur Road (T.H. 66) and Remsen Road (C.H. 37) for culvert replacement; and, (2) finding that public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Ryan Road (C.H. 40) in Lafayette Township. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the two resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued March 29-April 4, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing a cash transfer to the County Home Levy Fund from the General Fund; (2) revenue adjustment for real property transfer tax revenue from the General Bond Retirement Fund to the General Fund; (3) transferring General Funds to the Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board for the first quarter of 2007; (4) transferring funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for January 2007 Title IV-D Juvenile Court Magistrate and Prosecutor's services; (5) transferring funds from various county departments to the Print Shop for February 2007; and, (6) approving revenue adjustments from the Surplus Property Rotary Fund to the General Fund and the appropriate departmental operating funds for the surplus items sold over the internet. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$689,068.35. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the six finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution correcting certain erroneous rates on last week's personnel resolution for non-bargaining employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. After an audit, they found that five individuals were incorrectly reported and this resolution corrects the errors. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, had no resolutions to present at the meeting.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) awarding the bids for lawn maintenance services and snow plowing services for their facilities, pump stations, and treatment plants through November 2009 to Gunkleman Property Management, LLC; (2) increasing the monthly sanitary sewer charge for Sharon Township area sewer district; and, (3) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain two sanitary sewer easements on West Liberty Street by State Road. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Debra Radecky, Director of the Office for Older Adults, listed the upcoming April programs as follows:

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April 11 – Bingo	April 20 – Lab Care Plus
April 13 – TBI Tours to discuss San Antonio	April 25 – Bingo and movie
April 16 – Cholesterol screening	April 27 – Health discussion
April 17 – OSU Extension speaker	May 2 - Bingo
April 18 – Craft project	May 4 – Discussion on wills

Ms. Radecky said they are in the planning stages for their big event, Senior Day, held on Tuesday, May 15, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Admission is \$5 at the door and people need to register in advance. In the month of March they had 6 health units, 92 supportive units, 32 Alzheimer's units, 1,302 congregate meals, 5,668 home-delivered meals, and 1,532 transit trips.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported that some bills for Magistrate and Prosecutor's services are being paid today by the Finance Director as a result of the State of Ohio approving two of the Juvenile Court and Prosecutor's contracts. They are still waiting for the Domestic Relations' contract to be completed. Last month the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) report alerted them to cases in the system of people in arrears who have bank accounts. By law, they can attach their bank accounts for past due payments for support of children. Last month they sent out 15 directants to various banks to freeze and seize bank accounts. Of the 15, 12 resulted in excess of \$16,000 in support to pay on arrears. This is a continuous process with some months being more successful than others. Mrs. Geissman asked if people often close their accounts before they can seize the money. Mr. Pataky said they need to act quickly to freeze an account. If the account is shared with someone, they need to determine the obligor's portion of it. They have had to release an account when the other person proved through financial records that all of the money was theirs. Sometimes banks send a "courtesy" letter to their customer alerting them that there has been an inquiry on their account and then the person closes the account.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Inspector, presented a resolution amending the Medina County Building Regulations to change the fee structure increasing the fees to compensate for reduced building permit activity and rising costs within the Building Department. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hambley. Ms. Ray commented that she talked to Tim Pelton, President of the Medina County Home Builders Association, about some of the discrepancies he mentioned at the public hearing as to what they anticipated future building activity will be. He said he felt comfortable with the county approving a two-year rate schedule. If there are any adjustments to be made, they can be made in two years instead of three years, as originally proposed. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution proclaiming April 15-21, 2007 as "American Home Week". Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the proclamation and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution proclaiming April 15-21, 2007 as "National Volunteer Week". Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the proclamation and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of county officials and another resolution to allow the expenses of the County Engineers. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve both resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray noted that there is an application for a new C1 and C2 liquor permit from Rego South LLC, 5270 Center Road, Brunswick Hills Township. C1 is "Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only", C2 is "Wine and certain prepackaged mixed drinks in sealed containers for carry out". There were no comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment and no one wished to speak at this time.

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The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:53 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman said the Commissioners received a letter from Elinor Judson expressing concern about Ryan Road being closed again this summer; the third year in a row. Mrs. Geissman said she called the Ohio Department of Transportation and they are looking into putting a temporary traffic light at the busy intersection of S.R. 3 and S.R. 162. Lynda Bowers, Lafayette Township Trustee, had already called ODOT about the situation. Ms. Judson's letter said they wait in line to turn at the light for as many as fifteen cars. Mrs. Geissman said she has found that to be true in her own experience. Once Ryan Road is closed it will be even worse. Mr. Hambley said he would bring up the subject at ODOT Government Day on Tuesday, April 10.

Mrs. Geissman asked the other Commissioners if they wanted to purchase a horse blanket for \$25 each from the Fair Board again this year, and they both agreed.

Mrs. Geissman said the last time they had a meeting with the school boards regarding the sales tax they discussed providing them with a sample resolution so they could pass it and the Board of Elections could bill them through the Auditor's Office. She asked if that had been done. Mr. Hambley said he had not seen anything further and he would follow up on it.

Mrs. Geissman said the bills for the Commissioners' attorney for the schools' sales tax issue should be forwarded to the schools for payment. Mr. Hambley said the attorney was working for the Board of County Commissioners under its obligation and duty to deliberate an issue going on the ballot. He was not working for the school boards. Mrs. Geissman said she was under the impression that the schools would be picking up all the expenses involved with this sales tax. Mr. Hambley said nothing was mentioned regarding attorney fees. Mrs. Geissman said the issue is going on the ballot for the schools, not the Commissioners. Ms. Ray said the Board of Commissioners made the request to the attorneys regarding the legality and the legal research to see if it was applicable. The reason they chose the law firm was because of their familiarity with the subject and they were working for the Commissioners. Mrs. Geissman said she did not recall discussion about their working for the Commissioners on this issue and the county paying for it. Mr. Hambley said, with any issue, they have their own legal counsel and Mike Sharb from Squire Sanders was referred by Chris Jakab. There was no discussion with the schools asking them to pay for an attorney. Mrs. Geissman asked how much the attorney's bills were. Mr. Jakab said he did not know and offered to obtain an invoice.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, said Mr. Jakab and Commissioner Ray are aware that a grant is available for Medina County Building Department personnel to attend a code development event in Rochester, N.Y., next month. He asked Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne to see if there are any conflict of interest and ethics issues. He will proceed when he gets a reply.

Mr. Huber reported that his clerical supervisor, Alicia Reinhardt, would be out of the office this week on bereavement leave. Her father passed away over the weekend.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said Debra Radecky, Office for Older Adults Director, presented a draft of an agreement to commit the use of the Senior Center in Medina as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. He asked the Commissioners for their opinions on the designation of that facility as a temporary shelter on an as-needed basis. Mrs. Geissman asked if they used the Community Center in the past. Mr. Jakab said he was not sure, but there was an issue regarding the lack of air conditioning. The Senior Center was considered to be an appropriate spot for housing senior citizens at times of heat wave conditions. Mr. Hambley said there is a kitchen at the Senior Center so they have that in addition to the air conditioning. The Commissioners were in consensus that Mr. Jakab continue with the process.

Mr. Jakab said he and Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike met with the Burbank Mayor, a councilperson and the Law Director regarding bringing waterlines to Burbank, located in Wayne County. There will be another meeting on April 20 with a Wayne County Commissioner and the Wayne County Administrator to create a workable draft agreement for purposes of servicing Burbank's water needs. The Village of Lodi will also be presenting a proposal.

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Mr. Jakab said they increased the budget of the Domestic Relations Court as a result of certain Juvenile Court child support-related caseloads now needing to be transferred to DR Court. The increased caseload entailed hiring additional staff so there are some minor renovations being made to accommodate them.

Ms. Ray asked Mr. Jakab if the request for quotation had been sent to the attorneys, and he said it had and would supply her with a list.

Mr. Ray informed the other Commissioners that Del Saffle, Medina County Dog Warden, has been asked to assist the Wayne County Commissioners on April 17 to set up a spay and neuter program for their county designed after Medina County's.

Mrs. Geissman asked Mr. Hambley if Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne responded to his letter yet and Mr. Hambley said he had not.

At 10:05 a.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 4/9/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-303	RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 15-21, 2007 AS AMERICAN HOME WEEK
07-304	RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 15-21, 2007 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
07-305	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-306	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE STATE ROAD (C.H. 44) BETWEEN WILBUR ROAD (T.H. 66) AND REMSEN ROAD (C.H. 37)
07-307	RESOLUTION FINDING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE REQUIRES THE IMPROVEMENT OF RYAN ROAD (C.H. 40) IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO
07-308	AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER FOR THE COUNTY HOME LEVY FUND
07-309	REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND
07-310	TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
07-311	AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR TITLE IV-D JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE AND PROSECUTOR'S SERVICES

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- 07-312 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM
- 07-313 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
- 07-314 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-315 RESOLUTION CORRECTING CERTAIN SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-316 RESOLUTION AWARDED BIDS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND SNOW PLOWING SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED BY VARIOUS MEDINA COUNTY FACILITIES
- 07-317 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN MONTHLY SANITARY SEWER CHARGE FOR SHARON TOWNSHIP AREA SEWER DISTRICT
- 07-318 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- 07-319 RESOLUTION REVISING MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY THE FEES ASSESSED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
- 07-320 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 07-321 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this ninth day of April, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Sharon A. Ray

OF _____
Patricia G. Geissman

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley