

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 August 20 Commissioners' meeting was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 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 a resolution authorizing a change order for the contract for 2007 Medina County Item 405 Resurfacing with Lytle Construction, Inc. After actual replacement started, it was determined that additional work and material were needed due to the variation in the existing roadway conditions and they wanted better quality products for higher quality roadways. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution 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 August 16-22, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following Finance Department resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2007 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (4) authorizing the purchase of 5,500 gallons of diesel and 1,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage from Ports Petroleum for the lowest average combined bid price of \$2.2408 per gallon; (5) authorizing the purchase of 7,450 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center from Ice Oil/BP for the lowest bid price of \$2.2620 per gallon; (6) authorizing a cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (7) transferring funds from the General Fund and the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the Title IV-D Juvenile Fund for Juvenile Court services; (8) approving the submission of a proposal for Title III Grant Program funding for the Office for Older Adults for FY 2008; (9) approving the submission of a proposal for Home Energy Assistance Program Grant funding for the Office for Older Adults; (10) creation of a Family First Council Fast \$ FY08 Fund; (11) declaring Medina County property as excess property to be discarded or made available to the public by internet auction; (12) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Children Services SCPA Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures; (13) transferring funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for the non-allocated portion of Child Welfare expenditures; and, (14) transferring funds from the Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for children Services (IVE) administrative expenses. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$783,376.94. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the fourteen 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.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, had no resolutions to present today.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the President of the Board of County Commissioners to submit one application and execute a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Issue 2 funding for the Medina County Water Supply Loops 2008; (2) authorizing the purchase of one new Case 321E compact wheel loader for the Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plant through state purchasing from Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc., Brunswick, Ohio, for a total cost of \$68,486.05; and, (3) authorizing the bid to purchase one used front end wheel loader to be utilized at the Medina

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County Central Processing Facility. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services (JFS) Director, provided the Commissioners with the MCJFS 2006 Annual Report and commented that the statistics were amazing. For example, there were 31,931 office visits, \$163,187 in shelter costs for the Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC) Program, and \$93 million dollars in Medicaid.

Mrs. Geissman asked how Medina County compares to other counties with similar populations. Mr. Wilkins said Medina County JFS is probably half the size of other counties' human services departments of similar-sized counties.

Mr. Wilkins said they are going "live" at the Child Advocacy Center on September 1 with medical exams and the multi-disciplinary team of law enforcement and Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Wilkins presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending an agreement between Will and Janet Sutton who provide transportation for foster children so they don't have to change schools; (2) authorizing a contract for dispatch services for after-hours 9-1-1 emergencies with the Medina County Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, at an amount not to exceed \$525; and, (3) amending an agreement relating to Help Me Grow between Family First Council and JFS. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three resolutions and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley asked if they were establishing the rate of \$10 or \$12 per hour on the first resolution (it said both). Mr. Wilkins said it should be \$12 per hour. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion with that correction. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Executive Director, said that MCDAC recommended that Medina City Police Department receive \$35,000 per their grant request. In order to do that, \$7,500 was taken from Sheriff's Office grant awards and \$7,500 from the Drug Task Force. Commissioners approved Medina City Police Department to receive \$25,000. He presented a resolution approving MCDAC FY 07-08 grant fund increase of \$5,000 to the Sheriff's Office and \$5,000 to the Drug Task Force. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that they started their new program year beginning in July. They will be holding an Employment Expo on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at the Weymouth Country Club. This is in coordination with the Medina, Wadsworth, and Brunswick Chambers of Commerce. The American Red Cross expressed its appreciation for Workforce's support and playing a role in assisting 21 Medina County residents in the Northeast Ohio Nurse Assistant (NSTA) project. They plan to participate with the Red Cross again in January 2008. Of 1,048 Ford Brookpark Engine Plant workers that lost their jobs, 290 were identified as Medina County residents. The Medina Workforce staff is assisting the Cuyahoga County Workforce Development staff to provide Trade Adjustment Assistance and benefit awareness workshops for those workers at the Brookpark office. The Incumbent Worker Training Subcommittee has completed identifying a Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program from the University Center as eligible for matching IWT funds for interested Medina County employers. The program will provide training support for businesses throughout the county that are interested in improving their competitive edge and advancing their incumbent workforce. The Workforce Development Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 29.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for federal and state operating and capital funds for FY 2008; (2) authorizing Medina County Public Transit Department to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for purchasing three vehicles in 2008; and, (3) approval of an Operations Policy Manual for use by Medina County Public Transit that will put them in compliance with

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Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for transit-specific type policies that relate to the operation of their day-to-day business, and it supports their brochure that was updated last year. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the three resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Uhas reported that July 2007 ridership was down slightly compared to July 2006, but the revenue is still up about 3.9%. They will be having an ODOT quality assurance review on September 12 and 13. He attended the NOACA TAC meeting and also some public focus groups in Medina County for the JARC New Freedom funds. They recently received their third new Expanded Transit Option vehicle that was put into service on Friday. They anticipate positioning that vehicle in Wadsworth.

Jeff Van Loon, Soil & Water Conservation District, District Manager, reported that Friday, September 28, is the Officials Tour of Medina County. They received several phone calls about the flooding throughout the county. He will be attending the Lake Erie Conference next week and they will be discussing the Senate package that Medina County may be eligible for in 2008. The SWCD entered into an agreement with the Village of Seville to provide site assistance on some of their projects.

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

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

Ms. Ray said the Discussion Session was scheduled for 10:15 and a public hearing at 10:30 to discuss the Sanitary Engineers' rules and regulations changes. An Executive Session was requested at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel appointment. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the Executive Session and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Jakab said there were representatives from Southwest General Health Center to make a presentation about the health facility revenue bonds during this part of the meeting. Ms. Ray invited them in and the Clerk called the roll on the Executive Session. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Walter Harper, Bond Counsel and Underwriters Counsel, Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, introduced Janice Dunn, Chief Financial Officer for Southwest General Health Center, and Patrick McMahon, Vice President of Southwest General Health Center. The Commissioners received information for review on the project two weeks ago. Mr. Harper said they were asking the county to issue hospital facilities revenue bonds pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Ohio Revised Code. The project bonds will be issued as variable rate bonds in two series. One series will have a tax-exempt interest rate and the other series will have a taxable interest rate. The interest rate will be determined each week. By being floating rates, they will be very low because the funds that buy these bonds can get out of them with seven days notice. It makes a very good temporary investment fund that investors find very desirable.

Mr. Harper said the project that is being built with these bonds is a medical facility that would be operated by Southwest General Health Center (partners with University Hospitals) in the City of Brunswick. It is being built on land that the City of Brunswick is ground-leasing to Southwest for 50 years and they can renew it for another 50 years. Brunswick is very much in favor of this project because the ground lease was given to Southwest at a favorable rate. Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP is the bond counsel and they plan to have the bond issue completed in October.

Ms. Ray asked him to reiterate that the citizens of Medina County are not liable for any of these bonds. Mr. Harper said the county cannot be responsible for paying the bonds back; it is built into the law that way. The reason the county gets involved is because only political subdivisions can issue tax-exempt bonds. Therefore, they would get a lower interest rate because of that. The statute, Chapter 140, allows the county to take the money that they get from selling

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those bonds and re-loaning it, in effect, to Southwest to build the facility. The county would want to get involved in that in order to have medical facilities for the people of the county at more locations than already exist. Mrs. Geissman commented that the Commissioners have done this before for another medical facility.

Mr. Harper added that Charter One Bank is issuing letters of credit. If it is split into two bond issues (one taxable and one tax-exempt), then they will issue two letters of credit to stand behind each of those series of bonds. Charter One is taking the credit risk on these bonds more so than the bond purchasers because they always pay when interest and principle payments are due on the bonds and then they seek reimbursement from the hospital.

Mrs. Geissman asked what the total amount of the bonds would be. Mr. Harper said it would not exceed \$16.5 million with the two series together. They do not know what the split is going to be yet. They will return in October with the final resolutions.

Ms. Ray said she believes it will be a very nice addition to the county. She asked Mr. McMahan to discuss the facility and its timetable. Mr. McMahan said they broke ground last month and it is scheduled to be completed in May 2008. It will be an approximately 40,000 square foot outpatient facility. They expect to have between 13 and 15 multi-specialty physicians in the facility - several pediatricians, internal medicine, OBGYN, one or two cardiologists - and they will offer diagnostic services such as a CT scanner and X-ray, lab work, and also urgent care services.

Ms. Dunn added that it will be similar to the Strongsville Medical Center that is approximately 64,000 square feet. It will be about 2/3 the size of the same model. The reason they do not know the split of the tax exempt and taxable bonds is because they are in the middle of recruiting physicians. They don't know how much of the space will actually be used as leased space (taxable space) and for their own diagnostics area (non-taxable space).

Mr. McMahan presented a picture of the facility and said the residents of Medina County will be very happy with it. The site is next to the municipal building of Brunswick to the east.

Bob Zienkowski, Brunswick City Manager, said this is a great project for the City of Brunswick and they are very pleased that Southwest General looked to Brunswick to provide medical services to county residents. On the economic development side, job creation and investment will bring a significant amount of money to the community. The project covers different aspects that will benefit the entire community so they are 100% behind it.

Ms. Ray opened the floor to questions. Nancy Girton, Auditor's Office, asked if any of the doctors that are at the Strongsville unit will also have space in the Brunswick facility. Mr. McMahan said there would be time-shared space in the Brunswick building so there will be some physicians from Strongsville and Southwest General's main campus "floating" to the different locations.

The meeting recessed at 10:03 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman presented copies of the massive binders containing the draft "Medina County Board of Commissioners Employment Manual" for the Commissioners' review. She said Human Resources Director Gary Berkowitz would be highlighting the additions and changes at next week's meeting. It will be put on disc for department heads and on the internet. This has been in the works for many years and is one of the reasons they hired a Human Resources Director. The County Administrator has seen that it was done and Mr. Berkowitz has done a fine job on it. Mr. Jakab added that the goal is to have it effective for the employees as of October 1, 2007.

Mrs. Geissman reported that the Sheriff's Office and the Medina City Fire Department conducted a mock emergency evacuation of the Courthouses. They gave her the job of timing it.

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From the time the siren went off and everyone was out, it was two minutes and 50 seconds. Each department had designated spots to go to so that if someone was in the bathroom and didn't hear it, the group would know, by the empty spot, that someone was not there. It went very smoothly.

Mrs. Geissman asked Commissioners Ray and Hambley to let her know their charity/charities of choice for the 2008 Commissioners' Charity Ball.

Mrs. Geissman said she followed up from the discussion last week regarding the \$1,000 for the Ohio State University Extension Service. She was unable to reach Agent David Civittolo so she called Columbus. She said Mr. Hambley and Mr. Jakab were correct; the request is for the 2008 budget. When it was discussed at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) meeting, that never came up and she assumed it was for now since their fiscal year goes from July to the end of June. Therefore, they can consider the request when they do the budget for next year. Mr. Jakab said Mr. Civittolo called him and confirmed the process. He also said that, internally, they can juggle things around and it probably won't be necessary for Medina County to supplement; they can decrease other line items. There may be an increase in the Extension's request, but that would be to cover overall cost of living increases for staff, etc.

Mrs. Geissman said she, Mr. Jakab, and Jeff Plumer of Plumer Insurance, went to Columbus for the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) annual meeting. They were celebrating 20 years. She presented a booklet with the 2006/2007 Annual Report. It shows that the Errors and Omissions (E & O) Insurance over the past five years in law enforcement are the areas that have shown the largest increase in frequency. She has been asking CORSA to give a break to those counties that have earned the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) accreditation. There are only three departments in the state that hold this honor and one of them is the Medina County Sheriff's Office. CORSA will discuss and consider her request at their retreat in September. This would result in a reduction in the county's insurance premium as long as they don't have a large amount of claims.

Mr. Hambley said he attended a Solid Waste Policy Committee last Wednesday, August 22. It included a draft presentation on several chapters of the Medina County Solid Waste District's Policy Update that must be completed by the end of 2008. They will have a final draft presented to the Committee this December and then they will need to go through the ratification process next year. There were not any significant changes, just a lot more data and information. There have been changes in the type of recycling over the past five years. They are being impacted by the decline in newspapers that are seeing a significant loss in circulation; the Central Processing Facility (CPF) then sees it at their end. Likewise, there is more recycling in the paper industry to offset that. Overall, they are still meeting and exceeding the state's goals.

Ms. Ray said she and Mr. Jakab attended a meeting with the Medina City Schools, Medina County District Library, and the Medina City Historic Preservation Committee to discuss future parking needs. They will present alternatives on how to handle the Courthouse expansion that has been plagued with the parking situation. Ms. Ray said it was interesting that Mike Harris, District Library Director, said that circulation has been up significantly since it has been located in the DIY building, probably due to the ease of parking. They need to realize that people are not going to walk a significant distance to frequent the facility. They are looking at a variety of different options and will be meeting again in a few weeks.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:15 a.m. and conducted the Public Hearing to discuss Sanitary Engineers' rules and regulations from 10:30 a.m. until 10:38 a.m.

At 10:40 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel appointment that was voted on earlier.

At 10:45 p.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.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED 8/27/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-0830	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-0831	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-A TO THE CONTRACT FOR 2007 MEDINA COUNTY ITEM 405 RESURFACING BETWEEN LYTLE CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
07-0832	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
07-0833	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
07-0834	EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
07-0835	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 5,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
07-0836	AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 7,450 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
07-0837	CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
07-0838	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE TITLE IV-D JUVENILE FUND FOR JUVENILE COURT SERVICES
07-0839	APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR TITLE III GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS FOR FY 2008
07-0840	APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS
07-0841	CREATION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL FAST \$ FY08 FUND
07-0842	RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
07-0843	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES SCPA FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR SCPA ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES
07-0844	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (0010) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) FOR THE NON-ALLOCATED PORTION OF CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES
07-0845	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES IV-E FUND (0050) TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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FUND (0120) FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES (IVE) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

- 07-0846 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 07-0847 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT ONE (1) APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR ISSUE 2 FUNDING FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY WATER SUPPLY LOOPS 2008

- 07-0848 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW CASE 321E COMPACT WHEEL LOADER FOR THE HINCKLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THROUGH STATE PURCHASING

- 07-0849 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO BID TO PURCHASE ONE (1) USED FRONT END WHEEL LOADER TO BE UTILIZED AT THE MEDINA COUNTY CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY

- 07-0850 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILL AND JANET SUTTON AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 07-0851 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 07-0852 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO HELP ME GROW BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 07-0853 RESOLUTION APPROVING MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION FY07-08 GRANT FUND INCREASE TO THE MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

- 07-0854 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ODOT FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS

- 07-0855 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

- 07-0856 APPROVAL OF AN OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL FOR USE BY MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

- 07-0857 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

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MEDINA COUNTY _____
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