

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. Mrs. Geissman was attending the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) winter conference in Columbus.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meetings on November 19 and 26 and the public hearing on November 26 were dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three meeting minutes; the motion was seconded Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Dan Willhoite, County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the County Engineer to proceed in certain instances by force account in the reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, and repair of roads, bridges, and culverts; (2) authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the replacement of Bridge No. 32 on Spencer Lake Road (C.H. 45) with Rock River Construction; (3) authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract for the replacement of Bridge No. 6 on Beck Road (T.H. 163) with Page Excavating; (4) amending the contract of June 2007 with Tri Mor Corporation for additional work on Ryan Road; and, (5) amending the contract of July 2007 with Tri Mor Corporation for additional work on Ryan Road. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the five resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued November 22-28, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2007 Appropriation Resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) transferring funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for the non-allocated portion of child welfare expenditures for the months of July through September 2007; (4) transferring funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for the non-allocated portion of child welfare expenditures for the months of October through December 2007; (5) entering into an agreement with Medina County Job and Family Services for use of space at the Job and Family Services Building; (6) entering into an agreement with the Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for use of space at the Old Achievement Center; (7) authorizing the purchase of 6,000 gallons of diesel and 1,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Medina County Highway Garage; and, (8) declaring Medina County property as excess to be discarded. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$584,821.75. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the eight finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Holly Muren, 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, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding bids for restroom upgrades at the Human Services Center to Seitz Builders, Inc. for the total amount of \$55,100; (2) amending the table of organization for the Commissioners by revising the reporting relationship of two part-time positions and one full-time position from the Administrative Assistant to the Clerk of the Board and also deleting First Stop as a stand-alone table of organization; and, (3) authorizing the lay off of the secretary in the office of Workforce Development due to grant fund reductions. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that they have 49 residents and this Wednesday they will have 50. November projects were wiring the heating zone, stripping and resealing the tile floors in the restrooms, and installing storage racks. She met with Commissioner Steve Hambley and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) representatives about employing MRDD students at the Home. The capital improvement was upgrading the elevator doors. They completed a food inspection and fire inspection. There were 17 Christmas programs and 20 additional programs for the month of December. Ms. Remington said the holiday donations have been “astronomical” already. There are also five groups that buy each resident a gift. Forty-six individuals volunteered 440 hours to the home in November. Their Christmas is very full and they thank everyone involved in making the season bright.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion and Forensic Services Director, presented the June, July, and August 2007 statistics for his department. He said that they are on track for opening and closing cases and revenues are high. The projections for the year were met at the end of November so they will be above what they had projected. They are in the process of buying a computer for the administrative assistant. Things are going well and they are getting ready for the budget process.

Jim Douth, Economic Development Director, presented a resolution approving the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement and compensation agreement for Pride One, Inc.-Sharon Group LLC. It would provide tax abatement for the last phase of a three-phase multi-tenant project located on Medina Road in Sharon Township that will result in a 14,400 square foot office building. This project will involve an investment of \$1,325,000; the total investment by the company will be \$4,250,000 for all three phases that will be 37,000 square feet of offices devoted to multi-tenant space. To meet the job creation requirements, this phase commits to creating four full-time jobs. The company felt they over-committed on phases one and two because multi-tenant buildings are difficult to forecast. There will be 48 jobs created for all three phases. Mr. Douth advised the Commissioners that all tax abatements are annually reviewed for compliance. The third phase agreement offers 50% tax abatement on real property tax for 15 years on the building. Sharon Township Trustees approved the compensation agreement and CRA agreement. Medina City Schools approved the compensation agreement with the company on November 19, 2007; that will result in a payment of \$1,000 per year for a total of \$15,000. Medina City Schools will realize total tax revenues (including the \$15,000) of approximately \$70,000 during the 15 year period. Pride one will realize tax savings on this space of approximately \$69,000. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Ms. Ray presented a resolution appointing Clifford Nowak as the City of Brunswick’s representative to the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) with his term effective immediately through December 31, 2010. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution appointing Evelyn Czyz as a member of the Flood Plain Board of Appeals with her term expiring on December 31, 2010. It also amended the terms of Elayne Siegfied and Robert Henwood (Resolution No. 07-1151) to end on December 31, 2010. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution reappointing Linda Hoffmann to the Public Defender Commissioner with her term expiring on December 31, 2011. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Ms. Ray presented a resolution reappointing Kathleen Scheutzow as the Township Trustees Association representative to the Medina County Planning Commission with her term expiring December 31, 2009. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Ms. Ray announced that there was a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. to discuss amendments to the Medina County Building Code. An Executive Session was requested for 10:15 a.m. to discuss personnel/appointment. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the Executive Session. Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:56 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Scott Miller, Finance Director, reminded the Commissioners that the budget hearing process starts next Tuesday, December 11, and the report binder would be provided soon so they can begin their reviews.

Mr. Hambley reported that they met with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) representatives last week regarding the county's options for a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Medina County is currently a member of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) along with Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and Lorain Counties. He presented a map created by ODOT showing the new urbanized areas according to the new census, which would play a role in changing MPO's, not belonging to one, or staying with NOACA. He pointed out that the Medina urbanized area grew to include Lafayette Township and the Villages of Chippewa Lake and Gloria Glens. The Brunswick urbanized area (that already included Hinckley) expanded to include Liverpool Township. Brunswick would most likely remain with NOACA as their MPO. ODOT is not taking a position one way or another on the MPO issue, but they identified the "pots of money" the county would have access to without an MPO, which makes a difference. They discovered that staying with an MPO would allow the county more access to funds per capita than if they were not in one. For example, since Medina is not contiguous to an urbanized area it is designated to be in a Large City Program and the funding would be limited. Likewise, the total available ODOT funding for road construction for villages in the State of Ohio is only \$8 million and there would be no funding for the unincorporated areas not in an urbanized area. Not being affiliated with an MPO, the county would also likely lose the federal funds for the county's two upcoming paving reconstruction projects. At this point, Mr. Hambley feels the inclination is for the entire county to be with an MPO in order to maximize the amount of federal funds they can access.

Ms. Ray pointed out that it would not have to be the same MPO and Mr. Hambley agreed. He said it could be Lorain (if they form their own), the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), or NOACA. MPO's are voluntary and affected jurisdictions representing 75% of the population within Medina County would be needed to approve it.

Ms. Ray asked if NOACA is planning to continue to pursue talks regarding the swing vote situation. Mr. Hambley said he and Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair have sent a proposal about the change in the NOACA Code of Regulations that deletes any reference to the weighted vote, which is being circulated to the Executive Committee members for a meeting on December 14 when they will receive Cuyahoga County's response. They have support from Geauga County and Lake County Commissioners. Cuyahoga County Commissioners are aware that they are moving forward and looking at their options. There is also a meeting with Director Howard Maier and the NOACA staff to review the figures this Friday, December 7.

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Mr. Hambley presented the 211/First Call for Help summary that shows the call volume jumped 53% in the third quarter compared to the same period last year. The top service requests are not surprising - utility bill payment, rent payment, food pantries and clothing. The most calls were from the cities of Medina and Brunswick. He pointed out that Holy Martyrs continues to emerge as one of the top referrals for some of these services.

Mr. Hambley said he and Office for Older Adults (OOA) Director Debra Radecky met with Medina Mayor Jane Leaver last week to review the city's funding for OOA. She agreed to set up a meeting after the first of the year with Medina City Council. He and Ms. Radecky will present their case for the need for more funds and they will be asking for the cost of a full-time staff member.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said that Ms. Radecky is preparing a revised budget for the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging that administers the state- and federally-funded programs and services for older adults. They are reviewing some possible reduction options and she will be looking for further direction on what to do between now and the end of December. Mr. Hambley suggested that she come to the next discussion session.

Mr. Hambley asked if the Prosecutor's Office had gotten back with them regarding the possible ethics violation with the water park. Mr. Jakab said he did not hear anything yet, but he sent a letter to the Village of Lodi Council last Tuesday asking for direction on where future Commissioners' letters should be sent.

At 10:03, Commissioners recessed the meeting, and at 10:08, they reconvened into the Executive Session that was voted on earlier to discuss personnel/appointment.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened for the public hearing at 10:31 a.m.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:35 a.m. and the meeting reconvened.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Hambley that was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED 12/3/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-1154	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-1155	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES BY FORCE ACCOUNT IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE, & REPAIR OF ROADS BRIDGES & CULVERTS
07-1156	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO.1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.32 ON SPENCER LAKE RD (C.H. 45) BETWEEN ROCK RIVER CONSTRUCTION & THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
07-1157	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.6 ON BECK RD (T.H. 163) BETWEEN PAGE EXCAVATING AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
07-1158	RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF JUNE 2007 BY AND BETWEEN TRI MOR CORPORATION AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
07-1159	RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF JULY 2007 BY AND BETWEEN TRI MOR CORPORATION AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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- 07-1160 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 07-1161 RESOLUTION AMANDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1162 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
- 07-1163 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
- 07-1164 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR USE OF SPACE AT THE JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING
- 07-1165 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR USE OF SPACE AT THE OLD ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
- 07-1166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 1,500 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE
- 07-1167 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
- 07-1168 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-1169 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
- 07-1170 ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING BIDS FOR RESTROON UPGRADES AT THE MEDINA HUMAN SERVICES CENTER
- 07-1171 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAY OFF OF THE SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DUE TO GRANT FUNDING REDUCTIONS
- 07-1172 APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT FOR PRIDE ON, INC.-SHARON GROUP LLC
- 07-1173 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRUNSWICK TO THE MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)
- 07-1174 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE FLOOD PLAIN BOARD OF APPEALS
- 07-1175 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

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07-1176 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

07-1177 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Ray

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Pam Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen D. Hambley