

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008

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.

The oral reading of the minutes of the special Commissioners' meeting on July 10, the Commissioners' meeting on July 14, and the public hearing on July 14 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three Commissioners' meeting minutes; the motion was seconded Ms. Ray. 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) rejecting all bids received July 14, 2008 (due to a clerical error in the bid quantity) and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to advertise for bids for the replacement of Bridge No. 57 on Spencer Mills Road (T.H. 77) in Spencer Township; (2) closing River Styx Road (C.H. 49) between Rohrer Road (T.H. 117) and Blake Road (T.H. 118); (3) approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on 21.3623 acres of land in Tract 1, Lot 25 of Brunswick Hills Township known as Fox Village Subdivision Phase 1 and establishing a public watercourse; (4) approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on 98.2482 acres of land in Lot 30 of Granger Township known as Ashbury Estates Subdivision and establishing a public watercourse; and, (5) repealing Resolution No. 07-998 and adopting a revised fee schedule for applications for variances from the Medina County Flood Damage Reduction Regulations. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the five resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued July 10-16, 2008.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2008 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) cash transfer for various funds; (4) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (5) authorizing expenditures relating to Planning Commission sponsored workshops; (6) approving an agreement with Countryview Auto Recycling for disposal of salvage vehicles for the Sheriff's Department; (7) approval of an agreement for service coordinators, a family support specialist and intake and referral services for the Medina County Family First Council; (8) approving the submission of the FY 2009 Felony Delinquent Care/Reclaim Grant application; (9) expenditure adjustments for various funds; and, (10) revenue adjustments for the sale of surplus County property. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$3,008,507.24. That amount includes \$2,159,857.05 in second quarter 2008 sales tax disbursements to the school districts. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the ten Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. Mrs. Geissman commended and thanked Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, for getting the donations required for the Planning and Zoning Commissioner Training Workshop's speaker and refreshments from the community and those attending the workshop. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

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Holly Muren, Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department, presented a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

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

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution to obtain water line easements for the Brian Weber Waterline Project. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented and reviewed the department's quarterly report showing income for April through June 2008. Income is down about \$10,000 comparing the second quarter of 2008 to 2007. They reviewed eight minor subdivisions and several major subdivisions, replats, and extensions of preliminary plans where developers are not going forward yet with the development plans.

Ms. Theken discussed some of the upcoming workshops being offered. The Planning and Zoning Commissioner Training Workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m., at the Medina County University Center. The speaker will be Gregory Dale who is from the planning and consulting firm of McBride Dale and Clarion in Cincinnati, Ohio. He will be discussing the processes and procedures of the County Planning Commission and what should be considered when making decisions about zoning requirements. The fee for the workshop is \$30 and that includes dinner. The communities that contributed toward the workshop's expenses were Lafayette Township, Village of Lodi, City of Wadsworth, City of Brunswick, and Guilford Township.

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 30, they will be holding a workshop on foreclosure at the Medina County District Library. The speakers will be Lou Tisler, Executive Director for the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, and Tim Kozlowski, attorney for Community Legal Aid. Mrs. Geissman commented that with 856 foreclosures last year and about 420 so far this year, she hopes that numbers will be lower soon. Ms. Theken said they advertised the Foreclosure Workshop in a newspaper and they sent out press releases to various other newspapers as well. Mr. Hambley praised Greg Dale, speaker at the August 20 Planning and Zoning Commissioner Training Workshop, who is a well-rounded expert that has served on several commissions. He was formerly with PKG Consultants in the 1990's and assisted with Brunswick's rezoning process. It will be well worth attending this workshop for the citizens that sit on those boards and people that work with local boards.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, presented and reviewed the "Medina County Building Department June 2008 Monthly Report". There were 38 one-, two-, and three-family residential housing starts in June 2008, a continuing four-year decline. Permits and building permit revenues collected in June 2008 compared to June 2007 were down 26.68%. Year-to-date permit revenue was down 19.83% comparing 2008 to 2007. The breakout of one-, two-, and three-family residential permits by political jurisdiction showed the most activity in Montville Township followed by Brunswick Hills Township, both in the month of June and year-to-date. The most non-residential permits were obtained by Montville Township in June, and Wadsworth City obtained the most year-to-date. Mr. Huber said the Medina County Board of Building

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Appeals would be meeting on Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Center. The Building Department had been successful in having a prior arrangement reversed and received approval to inspect hospitals and nursing homes in the unincorporated areas of the County. Last month, the Village of Westfield Center and Wadsworth City had their certifications revised to eliminate the exclusion of hospitals and nursing homes from the Medina County Building Department's authority to enforce the Ohio Building Code.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, reported that ridership was up in the month of June compared to June 2007. Ridership for the first six months of 2008 was up 4.57% over the same period in 2007. Fuel usage for the first six months was down about 550 gallons compared to the same period last year. He submitted the required second quarter report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Tomorrow, RLS and Associates will be following up on the Quality Assurance Report from last fall. He said this should present no problem because they completed all of the requirements except for one that requires assistance from ODOT. He attended a Transit Consortium meeting on July 16, and this week he has a meeting scheduled with the representatives from the City of Brunswick to discuss the proposed service cuts from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. These cuts will affect 36-42 riders of Route 451 that originates and terminates at Laurel Square and also goes to Boston Road. He attended the regular Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meeting and the Transit Council meeting. They met with a gentleman from the Ohio Rail Hub Association at the Transit Council meeting. He will be at NOACA this Thursday for the workshop for Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution of commendation honoring Sandy Calvert for her years of service advocating for senior citizens. The Commissioners congratulated Mrs. Calvert for receiving the Benjamin Rose Institute Katz Advocacy Award. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. The Commissioners signed and presented the resolution to Mrs. Calvert and a photograph was taken. Mrs. Geissman commented that she worked with Mrs. Calvert on many projects and it is a pleasure to work with her. She is truly an advocate for seniors, knows how to get people enthused, and truly deserves to be recognized.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution of commendation recognizing the City of Brunswick for being named one of the Ten Best Towns for Families by *Family Circle* magazine. Brunswick was chosen from a list of 1,850 communities nationwide and there was an article in the August 2008 edition. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. The Commissioners signed and presented the resolution to Bob Zienkowski, Brunswick City Manager, and a photograph was taken. Mrs. Geissman commented that it was a great honor to be acknowledged by a nationwide magazine. A copy of the magazine is in the Commissioners' lobby for people to read.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution appointing Susan Rennecker as the Township Trustees' Association representative to the Medina County Advisory Council on Aging with her term to expire on September 30, 2009. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley said that Ms. Rennecker would be replacing Jane Weiland who resigned. Ms. Rennecker had been attending the meetings as an alternate

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representative. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, announced that Chatham Township would be holding an Open House for its Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. Her department has been working with the township for about 1-1/2 years to formulate their plan and they are all very excited that it is nearly completed. Mr. Hambley pointed out that people can download a draft version of the plan from the Planning Commission web site if they are unable to attend the Open House.

There were no further comments.

Mrs. Geissman said a Discussion Session would be held immediately following this portion of the meeting and an Executive Session was requested at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

A public hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. to provide information and receive comments on the amendments to the Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction Regulations. Architect interviews for the Courthouse Addition/Renovation Project would be held at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:03 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Hearing Room.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, said he sent a memo to the Commissioners and County Administrator Chris Jakab on July 10, 2008, regarding current and future Transit service. Their brochures states that the demand response services run Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Before he began working for the County, they were serving some clients outside those parameters. In an effort to reduce costs, he proposed that they only operate within the parameters and save about \$22,000 per year. The Loop would continue to run until 7:03 p.m. There would not be a public hearing required because the brochure states the hours and they were actually exceeding those requirements. They will try to notify all of the individuals that would be affected. This would affect the Office for Older Adults; therefore, they have offered to work with them to get their clients' schedules rearranged. Mrs. Geissman asked about the savings from the reduction in gas usage. Mr. Uhas said they reduced the number of gallons from last year by about 550 gallons, but the reality is that it is not enough because many costs have "snowballed". He said, fortunately, he budgeted for \$4.50 per gallon when doing the Transit budget last year. There are counties that did not and they are suffering or have had to discontinue

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their public transit service. Mr. Uhas proposed the change take place in early September. Mr. Hambley pointed out that this was a problem that Mr. Uhas “inherited” from a prior director that allowed this trend to accommodate the demand. Because of the economics, they are going to have to restrict it.

Mr. Hambley said Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike did a great job on the “Living Green” series that was aired last Wednesday and will be shown again this Saturday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m., on the WEWS 5 ABC affiliate. It was about recycling and living green in the Northeast Ohio region. Mr. Troike said he would be doing a longer piece on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. that will be aired at a time to be determined. The purpose is to advertise the state-of-the-art Medina County Central Processing Facility. Some people don’t realize that Medina County recycles because they don’t source separate, but the County is actually one on the top recyclers in the State of Ohio.

Ms. Ray said she and Scott Miller, Finance Director, attended the State Auditor’s exit interview on Tuesday and she will provide them with copies of the management letter.

Ms. Ray said the parking garage negotiations are continuing and they “may be coming down the home stretch”. She said she would let them know what the City of Medina and the Medina County District Library settle on.

Ms. Ray said they received the Board of Elections request for additional funding for the expenses involved with processing the 30,000 absentee ballots that they expect to receive for the November 2008 election. She pointed out the large sum requested for the additional staffing that would be required and proposed discussing that need with the local school superintendents. They require community service from their high school seniors so perhaps they would like to see the 18-year-old students become involved in the election process as volunteers for the Board of Elections. In lieu of being paid, they would receive volunteer credit hours. The other Commissioners supported the idea.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said he would be meeting with the County’s bond counsel and the City Planning Director again on Wednesday morning for further discussion on a draft agreement for the parking facility. He will provide copies for the Commissioners upon receipt.

Mr. Jakab asked for consent to schedule Mike Jenks, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board Director, to attend Commissioners’ meetings on a quarterly basis to make presentations to the Board. Commissioners contribute to his board’s operations and it is important for him to communicate to them regularly, given the state of funding in Columbus. He also asked to do the same with Tim Lutz, Public Defender, since they also fund his operation that has expanded into Juvenile Court. The Commissioners agreed to the scheduling of both gentlemen. Mrs. Geissman pointed out that the information they will provide is beneficial for the public to know. Mr. Jakab said he spoke with Mr. Hambley, and he would schedule the Health Commissioner to discuss the levy request they had presented to the Board to provide more details. Then they can take action on a levy resolution.

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Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, discussed a hauler that is in arrears and was put on a cash-only basis at the Central Processing Facility. The owner had not responded to the payment schedule; therefore, he suggested they initiate legal action.

Pam Vereb, Clerk, said Senator George Voinovich's office has requested the use of the Commissioners' Conference Room on Wednesday, August 6, noon-1:00 p.m. for his aide, John Stilliana, to meet with the public and answer questions. She asked if that met with the Commissioners' approval and it did.

At 10:17 a.m., the Commissioners reconvened the meeting for the Executive Session that was voted on earlier for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

The Commissioners recessed the meeting at 11:03 to move to the Hearing Room for the public hearing. There was no one from the public. Immediately after the public hearing, the meeting reconvened.

Dan Willhoite, Highway Engineer's Office, presented a resolution repealing Resolution No. 07-798 and adopting new Flood Damage Reduction Regulations and review systems applicable to said regulations. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Hambley that was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 7/21/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0704	RESOLUTION HONORING SANDY CALVERT FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE ADVOCATING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
08-0705	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST TOWNS FOR FAMILIES
08-0706	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0707	RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED JULY 14, 2008 AND AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.57 ON SPENCER MILLS ROAD (T.H.77) IN SPENCER TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
08-0708	RESOLUTION DETERMING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE RIVER STYX ROAD (C.H.49) BETWEEN ROHRER ROAD (T.H.117) AND BLAKE ROAD 9 (T.H.118)
08-0709	RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 ORC ON 21.3623 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT1, LOT25 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS FOX VILLAGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY

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SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE

- 08-0710 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 ORC ON 98.2482 ACRES OF LAND IN LOT 30 OF GRANGER TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS ASHBURY ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISHING THEREBY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AS A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
- 08-0711 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 07-998 AND ADOPTING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION FOR VARIANCES FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION REGULATIONS
- 08-0712 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 08-0713 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 08-0714 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 08-0715 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 08-0716 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES RELATED TO PLANNING COMMISSION SPONSORED WORKSHOPS
- 08-0717 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTRYVIEW AUTO RECYCLING FOR DISPOSAL OF SALVAGE VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- 08-0718 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE COORDINATORS, A FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST, AND INTAKE & REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL
- 08-0719 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY2009 RELONY DELINQUENT CARE/RECLAIM GRANT APPLICATION
- 08-0720 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 08-0721 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
- 08-0722 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 08-0723 AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR

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VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

08-0724 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

8.725 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

08-0726 RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO.07-798 AND ADOPTING NEW FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION REGULATIONS AND REVIEW SYSTEMS APPLICABLE TO SAID REGULATIONS

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-first day of July, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

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