

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. Sharon A. Ray was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the July 16 Commissioners' meeting was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Salay, County Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) closing Ledge Road (C.H. 135) between Kellogg Road (T.H. 180) and State Road (C.H. 44) for culvert replacement; (2) closing Stony Hill Road (C.H. 48) between Center Road (S.R. 303) and Babcock Road (T.H. 142) for culvert replacement; (3) accepting and awarding the bid for the replacement of Bridge No. 6 on Beck Road (T.H. 163) in York Township to Page Excavating for the price of \$117,936; (4) approving the final plat for the West Chase Landings Subdivision Phase 3 located in Tract 1, Lot 12 of Brunswick Hills Township; (5) approving the annual assessment on improvements constructed on 14.5574 acres of land in Tract 1, Lot 12 of Brunswick Hills Township known as West Chase Landings Subdivision Phase 3 and establishing said improvements as a public watercourse; (6) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Forestview Estates Subdivision Phase 6 in Medina Township; (7) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in River's Edge Subdivision Phase 1 & Reserve Subdivision Phase 2A in Liverpool and Medina Townships; (8) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in River's Edge Subdivision Phase 1 in Liverpool Township; (9) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in the Reserve Subdivision Phase 2B in Medina Township; (10) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in River's Edge Subdivision Phase 1 in Liverpool Township; (11) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in the Estates of Sleepy Hollow Subdivision in Brunswick Hills Township; and, (12) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for repair work in Lafayette Meadows Subdivision Phase 1 in Lafayette Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 12 resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued July 12-18, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following Finance Department resolutions: (1) amending the 2007 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) amending the annual appropriations resolution; (3) cash transfers for various funds; (4) cash transfer of interest income for various Sanitary Engineer funds; (5) cash transfer of interest income for various funds; (6) cash transfer of County General Funds to the Diversion Program for July operating costs in the amount of \$8,000; (7) transferring funds from the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the General Fund for Domestic Relations Court services; (8) creation of a Family First Council Wellness FY08 Fund; (9) creation of a Family First Council Access to Better Care FY08 Fund; (10) creation of an Office for Older Adults A.D. Network FY08 Fund; (11) approving the submission of an FY07 Juvenile Drug Court grant application; and, (12) approval of an agreement for a registered nurse and health and development specialist for the Medina County Family First Council Help Me Grow Program. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,213,182.89. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 12 finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both 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. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the transfer of property in Westfield Township (corresponding to the Flood Mitigation Program Grant) to the Medina County Park District for use as a community park; (2) approving a corrected amendment to the agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., for inmate food service at the Medina County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center; and, (3) approving an agreement with Dorman Farrell for health care plan consulting services at a base rate of \$3,000 per month. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the City of Medina to award the contract for the replacement of sanitary sewers in West Park Boulevard in the City of Medina to G. E. Baker Construction in the amount of \$264,193.05; (2) authorizing obtaining easements for the Bramblewood Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; and, (3) declaring the necessity of constructing, approving the detailed plans and specifications for the Medina City Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project 2007 and S.R. 42 Pearl Road Sanitary Sewer Project, and authorizing the advertising for construction bids. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Executive Director, presented a resolution approving a cooperative funding agreement between MCDAC and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health (ADAMH) Board for the provision of outpatient treatment services to Medina County citizens who are abusing alcohol and/or drugs. In turn, MCDAC will provide drug and alcohol prevention services through its array of prevention programs to the ADAMH Board. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that Goodwill met or exceeded the goals of the contract for the program year July 2006 through June 2007. Foot traffic for the program year was 10,030 people. Ohio's unemployment rate was 6.1% in June, up from 5.7% in May. The unemployment rate for Medina County is 4.9%, a decline from February's high of 5.8%. Cuyahoga County received a small state grant for efforts to better serve industrial clients in their county and that could help Medina County residents.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, stated that ridership was up slightly for the months of May and June. The Transit Department received three new buses in June and, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), they were one of the last agencies to receive buses because of problems with the diesel motors. He will put the three old buses on govdeals.com when ODOT gives him permission. At the roundtable discussions, many agencies said they used govdeals.com and were pleased with the results. All Medina County Transit drivers are going through sensitivity training for the elderly and handicapped riders, and wheelchair mobility tie-down refresher training. They had one of the new Transit buses in the City of Medina's Fourth of July Parade. Mr. Uhas said he attended a public hearing in June that was sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency at the Buckeye Library to obtain input from the community about how they would like the JARC New Freedom Funds spent. He also recently attended a NOACA meeting. He has submitted the second quarter report to ODOT and is working on the fiscal budget for 2008. ODOT will now be requiring that they submit the 2009 budget. ODOT has informed him that they will be doing a review of the Transit Department within the next two months.

Mrs. Geissman said she visited a senior citizen yesterday who lives at the Western Reserve Masonic Community. He praised the Medina County Transit Department and she wanted Mr. Uhas to know that.

Jeff Van Loon, Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), District Manager, presented a list of dates for Balanced Growth Initiative local presentations. Twenty-five landowners attended their "Rain Garden and Wildlife Pond Clinic" on July 10. A game protector discussed how to take care of ponds, geese control, muskrat problems, and other pond issues such as how

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to attract wildlife and ways to control it if there are too many; it is an interesting balance. The SWCD annual meeting will be held on August 25 at Buffalo Creek. There will be an officials' tour on Friday, September 28.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented the department's income report showing the quarterly totals for 2007. In the first quarter, they received \$3,829 for services and the second quarter they received \$17,147. This is about half of what they received last year for the same period. Most of their income was for subdivision review and they were busy in the second quarter.

Ms. Theken discussed the Medina County Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program. She said the Commissioners implemented it to assist communities to create or update Comprehensive Plans and to implement the recommendations that are part of their Comprehensive Plans. In the past four years since they began the program, they have completed seven Comprehensive Plans and six are in progress. There were also two implementation projects completed for a total of 15 communities that the Department of Planning Services has assisted in some manner.

Ms. Theken presented a resolution approving a grant award for the Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program to York Township for funds to update their Comprehensive Plan and to implement a recommendation that is part of their Plan (for open space development around their township center). Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Theken presented a resolution approving a grant award for the Comprehensive Plan Grant Assistance Program to the Village of Spencer to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan. They have agreed to include Spencer Township in this process and to consider a memorandum of understanding that would allow the Planning Commission to review text and map amendments for their zoning. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mike Harris, Medina County District Library Director, said that in February the Commissioners were given the history of the Library's efforts that led to the levy being placed on the May ballot. On the May ballot, the operating levy lost by a few hundred votes. In 2001, they put a bond issue on the ballot that also failed so they presented a different vision on the 2003 ballot that passed. That led to a new library in Buckeye and expanded libraries in Lodi, Medina, Brunswick, Highland, and Seville. Expansion has brought an increase of expectations and circulation (Lodi increased by 75%, for example). They have dealt with the increases in circulation with a minimal increase in staffing because they built the libraries to take advantage of efficiency through design and technology. But even with automation, books need to be returned to the shelves and the program demands need to be met, especially for children. They put the levy on the ballot in May after working very hard to maintain their growth within an existing 1.25 millage that they already had. The growth in Medina County allows them to put a replacement levy on the ballot of the same millage and bring in the money they will need to maintain services. After the failure in May, they looked to see if there were any other ways to accommodate this. He said the notion of putting a renewal on the ballot in November and dramatically reducing hours, materials and services in January was not what the board decided was in the best interest of anyone. They are trying to put a replacement levy on the ballot for November and their objective is to change people's minds and make them realize that about \$3.28 per month on a \$100,000 home is a small price to pay for quality library service in Medina County.

Mr. Hambley asked how much this levy constitutes of the total budget. Mr. Harris said it is 40% of their budget and it expires at the end of the year. If it doesn't pass, they are looking at very serious cutbacks in hours, services and programs. In 1992, they passed a 1.25 mill levy and it brought in \$39 per year on a \$100,000 home. The rollbacks that the libraries and the schools encountered in school construction and the increased values have reduced that to slightly over \$20 per year. They are trying to get that to the original commitment so in an era where

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population is increasing and expectations of library use are increasing, rather than “water down” the service to a growing population, to continue to provide the national level of quality service that folks have come to expect. Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners would put it on the agenda for next week.

Mrs. Geissman commented that she loves the new library in Lodi. The summer program for children and the self-check are excellent. She said a few problems were encountered with the self-check. Mr. Harris said that was due to technology because it requires an override when they get books from other libraries. They will have that issue solved by the time the Medina Library opens. Mr. Harris said the only way they can keep up with demand is through automation. They have automated their catalog and their circulation system, allowing the Medina Library to experience a 250% increase in use.

Mr. Hambley said there is a cost to the convenience and value of the library. One thing that didn't come out in the last campaign was how much their budget depends on the levy. Hopefully, once the people hear the small amount that it is plus the 40% impact it has on the budget, that will make some difference and they will be supportive.

The Resolutions of Commendation for the 2007 4-H Outstanding Court were tabled until next week so that all three Commissioners could vote for and sign them.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment. Jim Miller, York Township Zoning Commission, thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the Zoning Commission and Trustees for awarding the Comprehensive Planning grant to York Township. Mr. Hambley said he is very happy every time a community takes the initiative to continue their planning effort and the Commissioners are glad to aid that task. The program is not mandatory, so it is certainly good to see voluntary participation. The intent of the grant program was to encourage communities to plan and that makes for a better county. Mrs. Geissman wished them well on their plan and said she hopes they get everything accomplished that they would like to.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:51 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mr. Hambley said he attended the Medina County Home Cemetery Restoration Project Open House on Saturday, July 21, and about 60 people attended. He presented some historical information compiled by Eli Beachy about the cemetery. Mr. Beachy did a great job of identifying the overall physical evaluation of the site. The crew eliminated much of the growth including the poison ivy. Mr. Beachy did academic research and found that among those buried there were two slaves, a Civil War veteran, and a German veteran from the Napoleonic War that escaped and came to America. He provided a list of volunteers to be thanked for their efforts in the project.

Mr. Hambley said he attended the Living History World War II Reenactment sponsored by the Brunswick Historical Society, the Ohio National Guard, and VFW Post 9520. To his surprise, County Engineer Mike Salay was dressed as an American soldier reenactor. There was a good attendance to watch the Americans win the fight against the Germans and the Italians even though they were outnumbered. They fired blanks and shot dummy mortar.

Mrs. Geissman said the Commissioners are supposed to help with the opening of the Medina County Fair at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30. Mr. Hambley said he would not be able to attend because he would be celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary.

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At 10:20 p.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 7/23/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-724	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE LEDGE ROAD (C.H. 135) BETWEEN KELLOGG ROAD (T.H. 180) AND STATE ROAD (C.H.44)
07-725	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE STONY HILL ROAD (C.H. 48) BETWEEN CENTER ROAD (S.R. 303) AND BABCOCK ROAD (T.H. 142)
07-726	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.6 ON BECK ROAD (T.H. 163) IN YORK TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER
07-727	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE WEST CHASE LANDINGS SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 LOCATED IN TRACT 1 LOT 12 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP
07-728	RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6131.63 OHIO REVISED CODE ON 14.5574 ACRES OF LAND IN TRACT 1, LOT 12 OF BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS WEST CHASE LANDINGS SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC WATERCOURSE
07-729	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN FORESTVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 6 IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-730	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RIVER'S EDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 & RESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2A IN LIVERPOOL & MEDINA TOWNSHIPS, MEDINA COUNTY
07-731	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RIVER'S EDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-732	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2B IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-733	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN RIVER'S EDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-734	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN THE ESTATES OF SLEEPY HOLLOW SUBDIVISION IN BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-735	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REPAIR WORK IN LAFAYETTE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
07-736	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER
07-737	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

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- 07-738 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
- 07-739 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 07-740 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 07-741 CASH TRANSFER OF INTEREST INCOME FOR VARIOUS SANITARY ENGINEER FUNDS
- 07-742 CASH TRANSFER OF INTEREST INCOME FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 07-743 CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 07-744 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT SERVICES
- 07-745 CREATION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL WELLNESS FY08 FUND
- 07-746 CREATION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL ACCESS TO BETTER CARE FY08 FUND
- 07-747 CREATION OF AN OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS A.D. NETWORK FY08 FUND
- 07-748 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN FY07 JUVENILE DRUG COURT GRANT APPLICATION
- 07-749 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A REGISTERED NURSE AND HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL HELP ME GROW PROGRAM
- 07-750 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-751 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
- 07-752 RESOLUTION APPROVING A CORRECTED AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INC FOR INMATE FOOD SERVICE AT THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL AND THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
- 07-753 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES
- 07-754 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MEDINA TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWERS IN WEST PARK BOULEVARD MCSE PROJECT #SR-500/200-163.1

