

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 2, 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 Commissioners' meeting on May 27, 2008, was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 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 resolution: (1) establishing a 25 ton load limit on four bridges on the Medina County bridge inventory because they are inadequate to carry the legal load and the bridges are located on River Corners, River Styx, Remsen, and Medina Line Roads; (2) closing Blake Road (C.H. 118) between Guilford Road (C.H. 41) and Tower Road (C.H. 55) for culvert replacement; (3) closing Blake Road (C.H. 118) between Hubbard Valley Road (T.H. 93) and Guilford Road (C.H. 41) for culvert replacement; and, (4) approving the use of the Subdivision Drainage Maintenance Fund for work in Woodland Meadows Subdivision Phase 2 in Liverpool Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four 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 May 22-28, 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) revenue adjustments for the Sanitary Engineer; (4) approving the vehicle lease agreement with the Soil & Water Conservation District; and, (5) declaring Medina County property as excess property to be discarded or made available to the public by internet auction. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$643,947.53. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the five Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, 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.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution approving revisions to the Employment Manual Policy 4.010, Family Medical Leave. He explained that, in January, President Bush signed into law House Resolution 4986, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, that amends the Family and Medical Leave Act to provide additional leave for military families in two different ways. This was incorporated into the Medina County policy. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing an amendment to the IRS Section 125 Qualified Cafeteria Plan Provider Agreement of the County and authorizing adoption of supplemental plan agreements for certain collective bargaining members. He said this changes an amendment for the plan year for participating employees and aligns the plan year with the employee healthcare plan year. The cafeteria plan was from July 1 through June 30 and would be changed to January 1 through December 31, making it more efficient for the overall healthcare planning for employees in the County system. The plan for the union member program was established and would remain July 1 through June 30 because that is how it was worded in the recently concluded collective bargaining agreements for Job & Family Services and the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing an agreement with Ohio Edison Company for electric service for the Westfield Road well site; (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to invest the retainer of Fechko Excavating, Inc. for the Medina County Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project 2007 on Pearl Road (S.R. 42); and, (3) authorizing the vacation of a portion of an easement and dedication of an additional easement area for the Reserves of Briarthorn Estates in the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed Mr. Hambley and Mrs. Geissman voting AYE. Ms. Ray abstained because the easement runs through her father's condominium's garage.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that there were three admissions and two releases in May; therefore, they have 53 residents currently living at the Home. Three people are active in the Adult Daycare Program. A food inspection was conducted in the kitchen, and the fire alarm was inspected. They had fire alarm repairs completed and they recently held a fire drill. Some of May's activities included Senior Day, bowling, Tai Chi, and walking club. On Saturday, June 7, they will be attending the Relay for Life and all day on Saturday, June 21, in conjunction with Father's Day, there will be remote control gas-powered airplanes flying around starting at 10:00 a.m. Brian Cole will be completing the "Memory Garden" this afternoon that is his Eagle Scout project. There were many generous donations and 102 individuals donated 365 hours of their time.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, presented and reviewed departmental reports for the months of January through April 2008. He said cases are referred from the Medina County Court of Common Pleas, Medina Municipal Court, Brunswick Mayor's Court, and Wadsworth Municipal Court. The bulk of the cases are referred by Medina Municipal Court because of their huge caseload. They projected a collection of about \$30,000 in fees for the year and they have collected \$16,650 to date; therefore, collection should exceed projections. The operations are running smoothly at the Diversion & Forensics Office.

Mead Wilkins, Director of Job & Family Services (JFS), publicly thanked Jeff Adams who works for Medina County Maintenance Department for volunteering his time to replant their front area. Now it presents a much more positive impression to the public.

Mr. Wilkins presented and reviewed the following resolutions that are for contracts for the next State fiscal year: (1) authorizing a contract with Windfall Industries for JFS to provide job training and practical work experience to participants of public assistance work programs; (2) authorizing a contract with Medina County Career Center for JFS to provide employment readiness and job skills services for eligible individuals; (3) authorizing a contract with Catholic Charities Services Corporation to provide a coordinator at the Child Advocacy Center for JFS; (4) authorizing a contract with Catholic Charities Services Corporation for family stability workers and an independent living skills coordinator for JFS; (5) authorizing a contract for dispatch services between JFS and the Medina County Sheriff's Office; (6) authorizing a contract with the Medina County Office for Older Adults for JFS in support of Adult Protective Services; (7) authorizing a contract for the Quarterly Information Consolidation System (QuiC) between JFS and Maximus, Inc. to assist them in filing required monthly financial reports; (8) accepting and awarding proposals for professional services relating to family group conferencing and supportive services (for children who may be at risk of abuse or neglect) between Robin Barto and JFS; and, (9) authorizing an agreement relating to Help Me Grow between Medina County Family First Council and JFS. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the nine resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Wilkins reported that the assistant director and associate director of the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services will be visiting the Child Advocacy Center in Medina County on Wednesday, June 4, and they are honored.

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Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution appointing Lee Kehoe as a representative for the townships to the Transportation Improvement District (TID) with his term expiring on December 31, 2009. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution commending John Rozak on earning the Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts' highest honor. 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 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 and no one wished to speak.

Mrs. Geissman said a Discussion Session would be held immediately following this portion of the meeting and an Executive Session was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel/compensation. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the Executive Session and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 10:07 a.m. for the Discussion Session.

Mr. Hambley presented copies of a United Way of Medina's "Community, Connecting the Dots" report that discussed the Expanded Transportation Options (ETO), an agency partnership that United Way has with Faith in Action, Medina County Transit Consortium and Medina County Public Transit. There was an article about Lowell Andolsen who was the key speaker at the UW luncheon he attended. Mr. Andolsen became afflicted with a disease where he became paralyzed, lost his ability to walk, and had to use a wheelchair. He required physical therapy four days a week at an out-of-county facility for many months. His wife drove him for as long as she could and then he, fortunately, found the Expanding Transportation Options Program. It is a service (for older adults and people with disabilities that are residents of Medina County) that drives them to medically necessary appointments or procedures outside the County and it is operated by Faith in Action. Mr. Andolsen is miraculously walking with a cane now and has returned to work; this is one of Faith in Action's stellar achievements! He is so thankful for the help he received from this United Way-funded Community Impact program, he is now a United Way speaker to help raise awareness and support for community impact programs.

Mr. Hambley said there was a request from Tom James, District Park Director, to name a stream Allard Creek in commemoration of Stanley Allard. The stream goes through Allardale, a County park in Granger Township that was created as a result of a generous donation by Stan and Esther Allard that was their family farm. The Park District Board is supporting the establishment of the name Allard Creek. Mrs. Geissman and Ms. Ray agreed to support the new commemorative name with a letter of support to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she put a "blurb" in her HANDS Foundation newsletter column this month to remind senior citizens about the services of 2-1-1 First Call for Help and to dial it when they are seeking health and/or human services information. Mr. Hambley said statistics showed that there was a 47% jump in usage, and more and more people are using it.

Ms. Ray commented on the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall that visited Wadsworth last weekend and that it was a nice, moving event. The weather was gorgeous and the wall drew a huge crowd.

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Ms. Ray said she received a copy of a journal entry from Common Pleas Courts' Judge James Kimbler and Judge Chris Collier. They are raising the foreclosure fees to pay the entire cost of their magistrates in an effort to offset some of the costs from the General Fund. This is part of their ongoing discussions with the judges who are very committed to moving the Courthouse Expansion Project forward. Financially, they will do everything possible to assist in moving it forward.

Ms. Ray said she and Chris Jakab would be meeting with District Library Director Carole Kowell this afternoon to discuss the uptown Medina parking situation and the library's contribution to help solve the shortage of parking spaces.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, stated that they received bids from the Metropolitan Housing Authority and other consultants for Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) consulting for Medina County. They will assess the bids and provide the information to the Commissioners in a couple of weeks. Mr. Hambley asked when the bids needed to be awarded. Mr. Miller said there was no timeframe, but they would like to award the bid as soon as possible.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, said the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process is taking place and they received and reviewed ten applications. He presented the allocations, an itemize list of applicants, notes of eligibility or ineligibility, other issues regarding the applications, and a list of projects that had been funded in the past. He said they would move forward on the process and hold a public hearing.

Mr. Hambley noted that there was an application from the Village of Lodi for public road repair and improvement. He said there was a possibility that the project could be covered by Issue II funding because the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) has said the amount of money available is going to be doubled this year for roads and improvements. He would prefer that they work with County Engineer Mike Salay to apply for those dollars, which would save some of the block grant money for projects that don't qualify for Issue II money. Mrs. Geissman requested that they check into it before they deny Lodi the opportunity for CDBG funding. Mr. Hambley said he would discuss Issue II funds with Mr. Salay before they make any decisions about CDBG.

Mr. Jakab said, regarding Anthony Ratajczak's suggestion to purchase and install bicycle racks at County building so people would be more apt to ride their bikes to work, they took a quick survey of various users and employees of the buildings. People in the following buildings expressed interest in commuting to work by bicycle: Courthouse complex, Professional Building, Administration Building, and Human Services complex. There is no interest from those at the Engineering Center. The price of a rack is approximately \$77.00 and it would hook up both wheels. He will put together a recommendation this week based on the numbers and the interest expressed this week.

Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, asked Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike about a sanitary sewer situation in Chippewa Lake and he said it was taken care of this morning.

Mrs. Geissman shared a photograph of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Board of Trustees in Columbus. The Board was invited to the residence of Governor Strickland, but she, unfortunately, was unable to attend.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioners recessed to go into the Executive Session to discuss personnel/compensation that had been voted on earlier.

At 10:18 a.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED 6/2/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0516	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOHN ROZAK ON EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD
08-0517	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0518	RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 25 TON LOAD LIMIT ON FOUR BRIDGES ON THE MEDINA COUNTY BRIDGE INVENTORY
08-0519	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE BLAKE ROAD (C.H.118) BETWEEN GUILFORD ROAD (C.H.41) AND TOWER ROAD (C.H.55)
08-0520	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE BLAKE ROAD (C.H.118) BETWEEN HUBBARD VALLEY ROAD (T.H.93) AND GUILFORD ROAD (C.H.41)
08-0521	RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR WORK IN WOODLAND MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
08-0522	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
08-0523	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
08-0524	REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SANITARY ENGINEER
08-0525	APPROVING VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
08-0526	RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
08-0527	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
08-0528	RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO EMPLOYMENT MANUAL POLICY 4.010 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE
08-0529	AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE IRS SECTION 125 QUALIFIED CAFETERIA PLAN PROVIDER AGREEMENT AND ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MEMBERS
08-0530	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO EDISON COMPANY FOR ELECTIC SERVICE FOR THE WESTFIELD ROAD WELL SITE MCSE#700/00-32.0A
08-0531	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO INVEST THE RETAINER OF FECHKO EXCAVATING INC FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 07 AND PEARL ROAD (SR 42) SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT MCSE #S-500/00-209.1b
08-0532	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN EASEMENT AND DEDICATION OF ADDITIONAL EASEMENT AREA FOR THE RESERVES OF BRIARTHORN ESTATES IN THE CITY OF WADSWORTH OHIO
08-0533	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WINDFALL INDUSTRIES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0534	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY CAREER CENTER FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0535	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES CORPORATION TO PROVIDE A COORDINATOR AT THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0536	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES CORPORATION FOR FAMILY STABILITY WORKERS AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS COORDINATOR FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0537	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
08-0538	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0539	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE QUARTERLY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATION SYSTEM (QulC) BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MAXIMUS, INC.

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- 08-0540 ACCEPTING AND AWARDING PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES BETWEEN ROBIN BARTO AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-0541 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO HELP ME GROW BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-0542 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWNSHIPS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID)
- 08-0543 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 second day of June, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Patricia G. Geissman

OF _____
Stephen D. Hambley

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Sharon A. Ray