

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 Commissioners' meeting on April 30 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the April 30 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 to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for bids for furnishing and installation of one new crane service body and all specified accessories for the Medina County Highway Department. 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 April 26-May 2, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2007 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) authorizing the transfer of funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item for April services rendered; (3) authorizing a cash transfer for the General Bond Retirement Fund in the amount of \$12,512.50 for the County Engineer's Office; (4) authorizing the transfer from the Public Assistance Fund (0120) to the Job & Family Services Debt Payment Fund in the amount of \$59,151.25; (5) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund for indirect cost allocation; (6) accepting a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$423.00 per month for 60 months; (7) amending an agreement with Dr. Vince DeGeorge for the Family First Council; (8) approving the submission of a proposal for the Office for Older Adults to provide adult protective services; (9) authorizing an updated procurement plan for Job & Family Services; (10) declaring Medina County property as excess property with Table A to be discarded and Table B to be sold at the county's internet auction; (11) approving the acquisition of property in Westfield Township with FEMA funds through the Hazard Mitigation Program; and, (12) authorizing the establishment and/or continuation of the Linked Deposit Program and authorizing the Treasurer to enter into agreements with financial institutions in furtherance thereof, as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code Section 135.80. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,076,680.21. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the twelve 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, did not attend the meeting.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that they currently have 50 residents. April projects were repairing the shower stall in the ladies' section and the fire inspection upgrade. Inspections last month were: the annual fire inspection and all the fire extinguishers were updated; food inspection that received honorable mention for the third year in a row; boiler inspection that passed; and a new valve installed and inspected. Training has been CPR training for employees and a fire drill. A capital improvement was repairing the dry valve system. Eli Beachy and Sharon Kraynak are writing a book about the history of the County Home that will be available for the Swine-N-Dine in September. The Kids Care Horse Show was a huge success and she thanked the Clutter family. Residents will be attending Senior Day on May 15. The Girl Scouts, Junior Scouts and their leaders will be planting flowers on the

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County Home grounds in preparation for the Memorial Day services. Residents will be visiting Stan Hywet Hall and Garden and exploring the butterfly exhibit. A ping-pong table was donated to the Home and many other donations were received. In the month of April, 55 individuals volunteered 284 hours.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion and Forensic Services Director, presented the report for March 2007. They had 11 new Diversion cases, 79 open cases, and closed 45 cases. The new cases consisted of five females and six males. They are in the closing stages of their Employee Assistance Program and they are referring them to the county's new program. Fees are up slightly.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution commending Carter Joseph Linville on earning the Eagle Scout Award. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the commendation and Mr. Hambley 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. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Recorder Colleen Swedyk introduced Matt Hebebrand, the Recorder's Office's summer intern. The Commissioners welcomed him. There were no other public comments.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:43 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Mike Salay, County Engineer, presented a draft of the "Medina County Bicycle Transportation Route System" prepared by his Tax Map Office and Tony Ratajczak, a consultant for bicycle planning who also serves on the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Bicycle Advisory Committee and advises some townships and cities as well. They are all public roads assigned for bicycle transportation purposes, not recreational bicycle trails.

Mr. Ratajczak said the map forms the framework for a bicycle transportation route system for the county that connects all the major destinations within the county and provides easy access to other counties' bicycle routes as well. It is not an exclusive bicycle route system for the county and he compared it to what the interstate system is to the country. They hope to "sign" the entire system. This would allow bicyclists to know which are the major routes and also alert and continuously reinforce to motorists that bicycles are on the road. With the price of gasoline on the rise, many people will be looking for alternate means of transportation. In the cities, he tried to get the route close to schools and parks; the kinds of things people use for recreational and for commuting purposes. They have incorporated into the map some things from the NOACA Bicycle Map, the Ohio Revised Code, safety tips for bicyclists, and symbols for safe bicycle practices. The east/west routes are lettered and the north/south routes are numbered.

Mr. Hambley asked about Route 7, along I-71. Mr. Salay said that route and some others (with the dotted lines) are on a "wish list". He is not sure of the status of them.

Mr. Ratajczak said the other major proposed route is a short section of Route E (between Medina City limits and Windfall Road) that would require a bicycle/pedestrian bridge across I-71. Many people live east of I-71 and cannot get to destinations on the west side of I-71 unless they drive. The pressure is mounting for some sort of infrastructure to allow people to cross I-71. As S.R. 18 is improved into the City of Medina and with Medina General Hospital being one of the largest employers in the county, he feels there should be a bicycle path along the road.

Mr. Salay said NOACA prepared a bicycle transportation route for Medina County that Mr. Ratajczak also worked on. It is an inventory of all the highways in the county and a rating system showing the suitability of bicycle use. It lets people know if an inexperienced rider

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should try a certain road or if just experienced riders should be on those roads and that was the purpose of the map.

Mr. Ratajczak said the League of American Bicyclists reports that 20% of all trips are one mile or less, and 67% of those trips are made by car. That means that 18% of all trips are car trips of one mile or less. That is a lot of fuel being used and carbon dioxide being generated where there are alternatives available. People just have not had the opportunity to use them.

Mr. Salay said the signs for this route would be a good application for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program through the U.S. Department of Transportation from NOACA. This would require the support of the County Commissioners and some kind of a plan, which is what this route map attempts to do. The Commissioners can see what process they would like to go through to consider the adoption of the plan.

Mr. Hambley asked if they had taken the plan to the County Planning Commission. Mr. Salay said they had not, but that is a possibility. They could make a recommendation as well. This was the first step in presenting the plan. They have had meetings with the cities and the Ohio Department of Transportation to make them aware of the plan. Mr. Ratajczak displayed the sign he designed that would be on each route. He also developed a plan that shows where each sign would be located and how many are required.

Mrs. Geissman asked Mr. Hambley the status of the schools paying the Commissioners' attorney's fees for the sales tax. Mr. Hambley said he had done that verbally and they received one school district's letter saying they would pay whatever was agreeable and others have verbally said they intend to pay for the appropriate costs.

Ms. Ray reminded the other Commissioners of the Sheriff's Office Open House on Saturday, May 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., in celebration of their recent certification from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). There will be children's activities and information about the services the department provides.

Ms. Ray said the Adoptathon held last Saturday was a huge success. There was a large crowd and it was a nice family event. Joan Heller, Deputy Auditor, reported that about 50 animals, including two goats and two rabbits, were adopted. Mrs. Geissman asked for suggestions to find homes (other than the Animal Shelter) for 25 kittens dropped off at her friend's home. Ms. Heller suggested Kitten Krazy. Ms. Ray said she would provide her with the brochure showing all of the organizations.

At 10:05 a.m., Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED 5/7/07

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-423	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-424	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) NEW CRANE SERVICE BODY AND ALL SPECIFIED ACCESSORIES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
07-425	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
07-426	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM

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- 07-427 AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT
  
- 07-428 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND (0120) TO THE JFS BUILDING DEBT PAYMENT FUND (0300)
  
- 07-429 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND FOR INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION
  
- 07-430 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES
  
- 07-431 AUTHORIZING THE AMENDING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL
  
- 07-432 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS TO PROVIDE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
  
- 07-433 AUTHORIZING AN UPDATED PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
  
- 07-434 RESOLUTION DECLARING MEDINA COUNTY PROPERTY AS EXCESS PROPERTY
  
- 07-435 APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD
  
- 07-436 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR CONTINUATION OF THE LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE AS AUTHORIZED IN REVISED CODE SECTION 135.80
  
- 07-437 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 07-438 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICALS
  
- 07-439 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Vereb, Clerk

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

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