

COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 10:33 for the public hearing with Sharon A. Ray, Patricia G. Geissman, and Stephen D. Hambley present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed amendments to the Medina County Building Regulations.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, said this is the first of two public hearings required by Ohio Revised Code 307.37(C) on proposed changes to the Medina County Building Regulations. The second public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room. He presented a copy of an email he sent to the Clerk requesting the hearings. He forwarded copies of the proposed changes to the Medina County Homebuilders Association, the Tri-County Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, and the local chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Mr. Huber said proposed changes add reference to the new statute and new state rules regarding manufactured home installation. There is language acknowledging that Medina County is certified and will provide those inspection services outside of manufactured home parks. They will begin providing those services inside manufactured home parks when an agreement has been executed between the Medina County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Health. They received the draft contract from the Ohio Department of Health and that has been forwarded to the Medina County Prosecutor’s Office for legal review.

Mr. Huber said another proposed change eliminates the Medina County Building Regulations Appendix III, Tri-County Minimum Residential Rewire Electrical Code. Prior to May 27, 2006, Medina County regulated one-, two-, and three-family residential construction under the authority of the Ohio Revised Code 307.37(C) as it was written. Now it is regulated by Medina County via the State of Ohio Residential Code of Ohio. That code has a very strong grandfathering characteristic and language that allows existing construction to continue to remain the same while the Tri-County Minimum Residential Rewire Code has provisions forcing the property owner to upgrade existing electrical systems in one-, two-, and three-family residential construction under certain circumstances. This proposed deletion eliminates that conflict between the Medina County Building Regulations and the new State of Ohio Residential Building Code.

For the record, Mr. Huber noted that there were no members of the public at the hearing and the Medina County Building Department has received no inquiries on the proposed changes. He presented copies of the notices posted on the county’s web page and published in the Gazette.

At 10:43 a.m., Mrs. Geissman made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Sharon A. Ray

OF _____
Patricia G. Geissman

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley