

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 October 15, 2007 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the October 15, 2007 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 and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) entering into an agreement with the townships and villages in Medina County to sell materials pursuant to the authority granted in Section 307.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, and (2) approving the final plat for the River Rock Farms Subdivision Phase 1 located in Montville Township, Township Lot 73. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the two resolutions 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 October 11 through October 17, 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 from various funds; (4) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; (5) transfer of County General Funds to the County Diversion Program; (6) transfer of County General Funds to the Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board; (7) creation of the Juvenile Drug Court FY07 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (8) creation of the Drug Task Force General Revenue Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of a Safe Communities Program FY08 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (10) creation of a Family First Council Children's Trust Fund and authorizing appropriations; (11) creation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Fund and authorizing appropriations; (12) revenue and expenditure adjustments for the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Fund; (13) resolution accepting a lease agreement with Community Legal Aid Services; and (14) creation of the Community Development Block Grant FY07 Fund and authorizing appropriations. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,146,047.60. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the 14 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, presented and reviewed a resolution accepting and rejecting bids for parking lot repairs at various county buildings. 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.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) revising the policy by which individuals petition for water service and extension of waterlines; (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to establish a fluorescent lamp collection and recycling program through the Solid Waste District effective November 1, 2007 for Medina County residents and businesses; (3) accepting and awarding bids for Medina City Sewer Replacement Project 2007 and Pearl Road (S.R. 42) Sanitary Sewer Project MCSE #S-500/00-209.1b; and (4) authorizing a cooperative agreement for the Medina City Sewer Replacement 2007 Project and Pearl Road (S.R. 42) Sanitary Sewer Project, replacement of sanitary sewers along rear property lines between Hathaway and Gaylan Drive, the Circle Crest and Lake Street sanitary sewer replacement, and sanitary sewer replacement in West Park Boulevard between the County of Medina and the Ohio Water Development Authority. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the four resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services Director, presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the advertisement for proposals relating to foster and adoption recruitment services for Medina County Job & Family Services. 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.

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Mr. Wilkins reported that Job & Family Services has been coordinating the collection of Coats for Kids for approximately ten years. They should be distributing over 1,000 coats this year and he thanked the community for their support. Additionally, Mr. Wilkins reported that the State cut their Medicaid administrative funding. Some other programs are expanding, making it a difficult situation of having increased medical coverage with insufficient funds to administer the program. When the first quarter was closed out, 40% of the administrative funds were spent. This is a very difficult situation and Mr. Wilkins is working with Scott Miller and Chris Jakab to find a solution.

Brian Nowak, MCDAC Director, presented and reviewed a resolution proclaiming October 23-31 as "Red Ribbon Celebration Week". Red Ribbon Week was established as a national drug awareness campaign in 1988 following the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena by a Mexican drug cartel. The campaign is a reminder for our community to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children for a commitment to drug enforcement, education, prevention, and treatment. People are encouraged to wear a red ribbon as a sign of support. 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.

Mr. Nowak noted that approximately 100 letters were sent to civic and business leaders throughout Medina County to make them aware of Red Ribbon Week. The letters included a poster and red ribbons. Some business chose to show their support by purchasing an ad in the *Gazette's* Red Ribbon Week section that will be published October 23. The section increased from two pages last year to four pages this year. This also allowed MCDAC the opportunity to publish several articles for teens and parents regarding the myths of drug abuse, making good decisions, and the importance of parental involvement. Every research study published notes that parental involvement is the most important factor in a child choosing not to use alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. If a child reaches age 21 without ever smoking tobacco, using an illegal drug, or without ever abusing alcohol that the person is certain never to do so.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, reported that the performance through September 30 shows that they are exceeding all basic areas. The Medina County Employment Expo will be held October 30 at Weymouth Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The activity is being provided through cooperative efforts of the Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce, and Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce. Currently, 34 employers are registered – 9 manufacturers, 3 healthcare companies, and several staffing firms with exclusive contracts with local firms. Ads are running the local media for job seeker participation, along with a major mailing to 700 unemployed workers that they have on file. They anticipate approximately 1,000 job seekers.

Mr. Hanigan also noted that the Medina County Workforce Development's Incumbent Worker Program is being recognized by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services on October 25 as an innovative program when they participate in the panel forum on the subject. This follows the State's announcement of a streamlined approach in record reporting. Previously, the approach stifled business participation, but at a September 6 meeting with ODJFS, they took note of suggestions and streamlined the process. The oversight is the Incumbent Worker Committee consisting of Rob Peters, Michelle Boczek, Tom Kruegger, and Jim Doutt. He commended the Commissioners' vision of moving workforce development more closely with economic development and education.

Jeff Van Loon, District Manager for the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District, reported that the District is holding a November zoning inspector meeting for 17 townships to discuss ponds, drainage, erosion control, riparian zones, etc. They attended a balanced growth meeting in Columbus. Hinckley Township is being offered the opportunity to join the watershed area.

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:58 a.m.

Discussion Session

Mrs. Geissman reported that Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones had read the commissioners' comments that appeared in the *Medina Gazette* article and he told her that he is going to do everything possible to make changes at NOACA to do away with the weighted vote. Ms. Ray said that it was nice to know that they have their attention. Mr. Hambley noted that there is more than one issue;

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the weighted vote is a large one. Mr. Hambley visited Lorain County last week to meet with Betty Blair at her invitation. They will be sharing legal information regarding withdrawal from the five-county metropolitan planning organization. He noted that they must request to be reassigned to an MPO. There are financial concerns; Medina County has an allocated amount within NOACA that the county is entitled to over a period of time. If the county leaves before the dollars are used, the dollars stay within NOACA.

Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike reported that after looking at part of the design for the Westfield water system, there are significant expenses to develop the water plant on the Garman Road property. By rebuilding the existing water plant at the existing Westfield Village site, approximately \$2 million will be saved. The vacant property can be used as an aquifer region area because it's a wetland and is a potential well site. Mr. Hambley noted that Westfield trustees asked for a reaffirmation of Medina County's 2000 commitment to correct any well problems that residents might have when water is drawn from the aquifer. Mr. Troike also noted that negotiations are ongoing with Lodi.

Scott Miller stated that he distributed the Audit Committee report to the commissioners for their review. The committee members will be meeting again within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Hambley reported that two applications have been received for the two vacancies for the Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The assistant clerk will make copies for the commissioners for their review.

Chris Jakab noted that he had distributed to commissioners an October 16 letter regarding the courthouse project, using architect Bob Arnold to help analyze previous data collected and to determine the best option. Last week, Mr. Jakab met with the Clerk of Courts to look at their space limitations and then met with personnel at Domestic Relations Court to look at some of their capital improvement requests. Mr. Jakab recommended they move forward; Mrs. Geissman agreed that it was appropriate to take action since there have been problems for quite some time. Mr. Hambley mentioned that once the library opens, there will be parking problems again. Ms. Ray stated that there are several things in the study that are important to the county such as a formal schedule and an impact analysis.

Mr. Jakab continued that Room 101 has been painted and carpeted for the Treasurers' office. Mr. Burke is investigating obtaining a new cashier station, equipment and furniture. Auditor Kovack wishes to have space on the first floor and discussions are continuing.

Mr. Jakab also noted that the fiber RFP is being refined. There is a special Port Authority meeting scheduled for November 1. Additionally, 15 vehicles will be placed for auction this week; they are older, high-mileage vehicles and will most likely be sold for parts.

Sharon Ray noted that Rosemary Lempke resigned as the commissioners' alternate to MCDAC; therefore, there is a vacancy. Information will be placed in the commissioners' newsletter and an advertisement will be placed in the *Medina Gazette* for one volunteer appointment for a term to expire December 2009.

Ms. Ray reported that a letter was received from the fiscal officer of Harrisville Township regarding Kokosing Construction Company asking the commissioners not to make payment until repairs are made on the state route. This letter was forwarded to the Highway Engineer.

At 10:23 a.m., Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 10/22/07:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
07-1016	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF USCH LIST OF CLAIMS
07-1017	RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIPS AND BILLAGES IN MEDINA COUNTY TO SELL MATERIALS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 307.15 OF THE ORC

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- 07-1018 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RIVER ROCK FARMS SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOCATED IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, LOT 73
- 07-1019 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1020 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 07-1021 CASH TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 07-1022 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 07-1023 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 07-1024 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY ALCOHOL DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
- 07-1025 CREATION OF THE JUVENILE COURT FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1026 CREATION OF THE DRUG TASK FORCE-GENERAL REVENUE FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1027 CREATION OF A SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FY08 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1028 CREATION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1029 CREATION OF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION & NOTIFICATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1030 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION & NOTIFICATION FUND
- 07-1031 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
- 07-1032 CREATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY07 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
- 07-1033 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 07-1034 ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR PARKING LOT REPAIRS AT VARIOUS COUNTY BUILDINGS
- 07-1035 RESOLUTION REVISING THE POLICY BY WHICH INDIVIDUALS PETITION FOR WATER SERVICE AND EXTENSION OF WATERLINES
- 07-1036 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO ESTABLISH A FLUORESCENT LAMP COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM THRU THE SWD EFFECTIVE NOV 1,07 FOR MC RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES
- 07-1037 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARING BIDS FOR MEDINA CITY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 07 AND PEARL RD (S.R.42) SANITARY SEWER PROJECT MCSE#S-500/00-209.1B
- 07-1038 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE MEDINA CITY SEWER REPLACEMENT 07 PROJECT & PEARL RD (S.R.42) SANITARY SEWER PROJECT REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWERS ALONG REAR PROPERTY LINES BETWEEN HATHAWAY & GAYLAN DRIVE THE CIRCLE CREST & LAKE STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

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- 07-1039 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS RELATING TO FOSTER AND ADOPTION RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR MEDINA COUNTY
- 07-1040 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31 AS RED RIBBON CELEBRATION WEEK
- 07-1041 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER
- 07-1042 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 twenty-second day of October, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS _____
Sharon A. Ray

OF _____
Patricia G. Geissman

Peggy Folk, Assistant Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley