

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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' public hearing on September 4 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the September 4 public hearing minutes, 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 approving the creation of a new storm sewer easement and vacation of a portion of an existing storm water detention and access easement within Sublot 10 of Quarryview Estates Subdivision Phase 1 in Wadsworth Township. 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 August 30 through September 5, 2007.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following Finance Department resolutions: (1) amending the 2007 annual appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (3) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (4) revenue adjustments for the General Fund; (5) authorizing a cash transfer of tax levy proceeds for the County Home in the amount of \$358,273.43 for the period of January 2007 through June 2007; (6) authorizing the Finance Department to proceed with the bid process for fleet vehicle repairs and maintenance services; (7) accepting a lease agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the FSA Building on Wedgewood Road; and, (8) authorizing the purchase of 6,200 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center from Petroleum Traders for the lowest bid price of \$2.2853 per gallon. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$740,180.90. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the eight 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 a resolution entering into an agreement with the City of Wadsworth to provide Fair Housing services to fulfill the obligations of the Fair Housing component of the Community Development Block Grant and Community Housing Improvement Program.

Mr. Jakab presented a resolution authorizing Medina County Building Maintenance to advertise for bids for repairs, this fall, to the parking lots at the Human Services Building, Job & Family Services Building, Engineering Center, County Jail, Professional Building, South Elmwood overflow parking, FSA Building, and the courthouse complex overflow parking lot. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve both resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) releasing the escrow account of Underground Utilities, Inc. for the Hinckley Waterline Phase II Project; and, (2) authorizing the final adjusting Change Order No. 1 for the Brunswick Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project 2006. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve both resolutions. Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Don Hartman from the Office for Older Adults (OOA) announced that OOA has two new programs beginning this month, a book club that will meet the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (in collaboration with the District Library) and a musical jam session that will meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Hartman reviewed some of the activities that the senior citizens are being offered for the remainder of this month as follows:

- September 10 – Book Club
- September 11 – Bingo
- September 13 – Musical Jam Session
- September 14 – Old Fashion Ice Cream Social with Elm Farm Dairy
- September 17 – Cholesterol screening (free)
- September 18 – Sheila Klimas’ Crock Pot Challenge (one & two serving recipes)
- September 19 – Craft project
- September 21 – Reverse mortgages presentation by Wells Fargo
- September 26 – Bingo, and movie “Wild Hogs”
- September 28 – Health talk

Mr. Hartman reported that the OOA will be having their Fall Festival (a.k.a. Oktoberfest without beer) on Friday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Admission is \$5 (must pre-register), which includes polka music, bratwurst and sauerkraut, Sloppy Joes, turkey sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie, and root beer. This month, they had 1,808 Transit trips for 13,746 miles, they served 1,413 congregate meals and 5,836 home delivered meals, 31 Alzheimer’s units, and 97 supportive units. Mrs. Geissman asked if they were seeing more program participants lately. Mr. Hartman said they were seeing new faces and that is hopeful.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, reported that last month they had 318 active driver’s license suspensions (11 were issued last month). The State of Ohio has the authority to suspend or block licenses of obligors who are in default of a support obligation. The child support agency notifies the parent that he or she is subject to license suspension. If the individual fails to comply, the appropriate regulatory agency is requested to act on the license in question. A person can have their license reinstated if they make arrangements to make regular and continued support payments. Failure to continue making regular support payments may result in re-suspension. They are not trying to hurt people by taking away their driver’s licenses, but they do what they can to obtain regular child support payments and this is a tool that sometimes works. The Medina County Child Support Enforcement Agency came in first this month in the state for “freeze and seize” of bank accounts of people in arrears. They issued 22 hold directives on bank accounts last month and received money on 30 accounts (some were from previous months). They collected over \$28,000 in back child support by that method.

The meeting was opened for public comment and no one wished to speak at this time.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution in support of a proposed interchange at I-90 and Nagel Road in Lorain County. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley commented that this interchange has been very controversial within NOACA. When they had a committee vote, it was split primarily along the lines of Cleveland and some portions of Cuyahoga County in opposition to the counties’ votes outside that area (Lorain, Medina, Geauga and Lake Counties) in support of it. In a study, the Transportation Advisory Committee determined that there is a traffic necessity for the interchange. NOACA hired an economic and planning consultant to evaluate the economic development impact. Cuyahoga County was concerned that the interchange would encourage out-migration and development outside the urban core. The findings of the economic consultant were that there would be a net economic benefit, not only to Avon and Lorain County, but also a net economic benefit to Cuyahoga County and the rest of region. There would be no material adverse impact to nearby areas and it is totally consistent with their planning principles. The full report and detailed economic analysis will be available on the NOACA website on Friday. If the county should need an interchange in the future, this sets the pattern as to the procedure and

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analysis. Mr. Hambley said he hopes the facts will prevail for the I-90 Interchange's passage. There was no further 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 recessed at 9:45 a.m. for the commissioners to move to the Conference Room for the Discussion Session at 9:50 a.m.

### Discussion Session

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, provided the revisions to the personnel manual that were discussed at last week's Discussion Session. Commissioners agreed to Mr. Jakab's and Mr. Berkowitz's changes to the dress code and the retirement sick time payout sections. Mr. Jakab provided the Commissioners with a comparative chart for longevity pay (a county employee benefit) for their review. He said the manual will be presented to the Commissioners for a vote on adoption at the next Commissioners' meeting. He is still waiting for clarification of a couple of items in the Public Records Policy from the Prosecutor's Office. The Public Records Law goes into effect on September 29, 2007 and they will hold a meeting before that date with department heads. Ms. Ray said they would be holding a public hearing as soon as the law goes into effect to solicit comments and outline the easiest way for the press to obtain records and Mr. Jakab said he would arrange it. He said a poster needs to be created to be hung in every county office indicating that they are abiding by the state's Public Records Laws.

Mr. Jakab said the Auditor's and Treasurer's software conversion is back on track. They were experiencing some problems over the weekend. It should be done this week.

Mr. Jakab said he notified the State Auditor's Office that they will need to vacate Room 101 of the Administration Building. They are agreeable to relocating into the space the county offered at the Professional Building. The Treasurer's Office will use Room 101.

Mr. Jakab said they received a request from the City of Medina to consider funding the Main Street downtown revitalization effort with \$10,000 per year for five years. The City of Medina has committed to fund \$30,000 per year. They are trying to raise about \$100,000 per year for personnel to promote downtown business and related promotional expenditures. The Commissioners asked him to obtain more details. Mrs. Geissman asked if merchants are a part of the effort. Mr. Jakab was not sure who was asked to be involved, but he would get more details. Mrs. Geissman said at one time the request was for only \$750, so obviously the program has changed. Mr. Jakab said this program is a different focus; it is a full-fledged new program with the City of Medina that has active participation by the downtown merchants. About 40-50 people attend the meetings (businesses, churches, and representatives from the city, county, and library). Mr. Hambley asked when Medina wanted an answer and Mr. Jakab said in about a month.

Ms. Ray informed the other Commissioners that she has selected her charities to be the recipients of her share of the proceeds of the 2008 Commissioners Charity Ball: United Way and the YWCA for their free mammogram program. Mr. Hambley said his charities will be Medina County Community Fund and the Oaks Family Care Center's endowment fund.

At 10:03 a.m., Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED 9/10/07

#### Number

#### Resolution Title

07-0880

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE  
TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS

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- 07-0881 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED INTERCHANGE AT 1-90 AND NAGEL ROAD, LORAIN COUNTY
  
- 07-0882 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A NEW STORM SEWER EASEMENT AND THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE EXISTING STORM WATER DETENTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN SUBLOT 10 OF QUARRYVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP
  
- 07-0883 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
  
- 07-0884 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
  
- 07-0885 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
  
- 07-0886 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL FUND
  
- 07-0887 AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER FOR THE COUNTY HOME LEVY FUND
  
- 07-0888 AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE BID PROCESS FOR FLEET VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES
  
- 07-0889 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
  
- 07-0890 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6,200 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER
  
- 07-0891 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  
- 07-0892 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING SERVICES
  
- 07-0893 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDINA BUILDING MAINTENANCE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PARKING LOT REPAIRS AT VARIOUS COUNTY BUILDINGS
  
- 07-0894 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL ADJUSTING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE BRUNSWICK SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2006 MCSE#SR-500/5.41.1
  
- 07-0895 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO RELEASE TO ESCROW ACCOUNT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES INC FOR THE HINCKLEY WATERLINE PHASE II PROJECT MCSE#W-300/00-1.1.2
  
- 07-0896 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Vereb, Clerk

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

OF

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Patricia G. Geissman

MEDINA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen D. Hambley