Aaron M. Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk and Stephen D. Hambley present. The meeting was held in the commissioners' hearing room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2025 Commissioners' meeting and December 16, 2025 Special Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance.

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Commending Mayor Dennis Hanwell for his years of public service to the City of Medina and community

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Swedyk expressed her appreciation for Mayor Hanwell's commitment to collaboration. She shared her early experiences with him, recalling how, long before she was a commissioner, she was assigned to a committee alongside Mayor Hanwell and Judge Hudson to discuss courthouse projects. Through this collaboration, she quickly recognized his dedication to bringing people together and fostering a spirit of cooperation. Commissioner Swedyk highlighted his willingness to engage, stating that when she did become a commissioner, he was a mayor who always answered his phone. According to her, if you called Mayor Hanwell, he either resolved the issue or was quick to collaborate to find a solution. She remarked that although his successor is a wonderful man, Mayor Hanwell's presence and collaborative nature would be deeply missed. Commissioners Hambley and Harrison agreed noting that Mayor Hanwell stands for collaboration and he has always been with the best outcome in mind for the entire community and that's something from a county perspective that is always appreciated.

There was no further discussion. Roll call all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Judge Bill Hutson shared insights into his enduring professional relationship with Mayor Hanwell, which began during Mr. Hanwell's tenure as Chief of Police. Judge Hutson described their efforts to document the extensive collaborations between the city and county, emphasizing that many projects under Mayor Hanwell's leadership were a result of his commitment to fostering cooperation. One notable example is the management of the Square, which, although owned by the county, is managed by the city- a testament to the effective collaboration overseen by Mayor Hanwell. Judge Hutson praised Mayor Hanwell as "the epitome of a good leader," highlighting the myriad ways in which Hanwell's leadership had brought about significant improvements, not only within the city limits but extending to the entire county. Judge Hutson underscored his immeasurable contributions, noting that the county's relationship with the city strengthened under Mayor Hanwell's tenure through numerous initiatives, such as the coordination with various departments and projects like the renovation of facilities and public spaces that serve both city and county residents.

Mayor Hanwell expressed gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the importance of the renovation of the 1969 Courthouse for the Municipal Court as a significant collaboration. He stressed that successful collaboration requires trust, integrity, honesty, and a track record of following through on commitments. The mayor noted that these collaborative efforts benefit taxpayers regardless of whether the funds come from school, city, or county sources. He concluded by sharing that he actually began his career with 2.5 years as a special deputy for the sheriff's department before joining the Medina Police Department.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Resolutions

County Engineer Administrative Assistant Dan Becker presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Determining the necessity to close Lake Road for tree work

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued December 11–17, 2025.

***Sanitary Engineer** Jeremy Sinko* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Awarding the bid for the Windfall Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project
2. Authorizing change order no. 2 for the Fenn and Marks Road Elevated Water Storage Tank Project
3. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with DLZ Corporation for professional engineering services to model the water system at various locations
4. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for professional design services to analyze the CMAR's GMP for the Chippewa WWTP Project
5. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to purchase a Case Wheel Loader for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant through Sourcewell

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the five resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Harrison inquired whether the Hazen and Sawyer engagement would look for value engineering opportunities. Sinko clarified that value engineering is being handled separately in parallel. The Hazen and Sawyer engagement is specifically to provide third-party analysis of the GMP pricing to ensure it is reasonable.

There was no further discussion. Roll call all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Planning Services Director Denise Testa presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Appointing members to the Medina County Planning Commission (MCPC)

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

***Human Resources** Director Holly Muren* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
2. Amending the table of organization for the Medina County Human Resources Department

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hambley commented that the Benefits Coordinator position was very much needed; Commissioners Swedyk and Harrison agreed.

There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

***Finance** Director Brett Thomas* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Amending the appropriation measure resolution
2. Amending the 2025 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
3. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
4. Revenue adjustments for various funds
5. Cash transfers for various funds
6. Authorizing cash transfer for the County Home Levy Fund
7. Cash transfer for Title IV-D reimbursement
8. Authorizing the acceptance of the FY2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) agreement
9. Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor
10. Authorizing agreements with various veterinarians for dog spay and neuter services for the Medina County Dog Shelter
11. Declaring interested vendors for gasoline fuel phone bids for 2026
12. Certifying the revenue available for disbursement by the Community Improvement Board
13. Authorizing the purchase of 7,300 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
14. Allowing expenses of county officials
15 Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $5,134,083.26
16. Adoption of the 2026 temporary annual appropriation measure

Mr. Thomas noted that the temporary budget includes $100,000 in subsidies to MMHA for the homeless shelter and increased capital improvements to include at least $1,000,000 for the engineering roof repair due to leaking into the server room.

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the sixteen resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

***County Administrator** Matt Springer* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with FMD Architects for professional design and construction management services associated with the Medina County Dog Shelter construction project
2. Approving an amendment to the agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., for food services at the Medina County Home.
3. Approving an amendment to the agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., for food services at the Medina County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center
4. Approving the filing of an "F" Class temporary permit application to allow the sale of beer during 2026 special events

5. Authorizing change orders for the Medina County Home Emergency Repair Project pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §307.86(A)(2)

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the five resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

Transit Director Shannon Rine presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Approval of FY2026 Transit Service agreements with various county agencies and organizations

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Rine provided a brief update on Transit operations, noting that ridership had been down but was starting to tick back up. He attributed the decrease to holiday travel patterns and challenging weather conditions. He reported that the department had filled a road supervisor position with someone who has strong safety qualifications. Mr. Rine emphasized that the contract services included in the resolution would help meet local match requirements for state grants.

Job & Family Services Director Debbie Kiley presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Inter-Medina memorandum of understanding to address child abuse and neglect

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Ms. Kiley provided the following department updates:

- Medicaid enrollment stands at approximately 22,000 county residents
- Open enrollment continues until January 15, with about 600 requests received so far
- For November, the division issued over $3 million in SNAP benefits to approximately 9,500 residents and over $70,000 in TANF cash assistance
- TANF recipients (parents with minor children) decreased from 25 adults last year to only 10 this year, reflecting Medina's low unemployment rate
- The state legislature is not authorizing additional dollars for federal match reduction in October 2026 until a work group including JFS Directors Association, CCAO members, and five county agency directors reviews the situation
- Child support has established paternity on over 95% of requests and support orders on 97% of case requests, collecting over $3 million in current support since October
- Child Protective Services received over 200 calls of abuse and neglect since November 1
- Currently 88 children are in care (up from 85), with 65 in traditional foster care, 5 in pre-adoptive homes, and 23 in congregate or treatment care facilities
- Kiley shared information about Assistant Secretary Alex Adams, who now leads the Administration of Children and Families at the federal level and is working to address disconnects between federal rules and funding

Commissioners Resolutions

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Appointing representatives and alternates to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for 2026

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Reappointing township representatives and alternate, and a representative for the villages to the Medina Council of Governments (COG) on drug enforcement

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m. and the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at that time.

Discussion Session

Fairgrounds

Commissioner Swedyk reported on a meeting with CDW company regarding the fairgrounds, noting that the presentation to the fair board was well received. The commissioners expect to receive final copies of the report soon.

Solid Waste District Upcoming Closure
Barb Walton announced that the transfer facility and entire campus for solid waste will be closed on Saturday, January 10, 2026, for repairs.

Park District Request for Letter of Support
Commissioner Harrison noted receipt of a request from the Parks District for a letter of support for their state capital request related to improvements at Chippewa Lake Park. The commissioners agreed to send a letter of support to Representatives Melanie Miller and Sharon Ray.

Final Meeting of the Year
Commissioner Harrison mention that this was the final meeting of the year. The board wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Commissioner Swedyk moved to go into executive session to consider the sale of real property; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session
At 10:07 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on. The Executive Session ended at 11:03 a.m.

Adjournment
Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DECEMBER 23, 2025

Number	Resolution Title
25-0978	Commending Mayor Dennis Hanwell for his years of public service to the City of Medina and community
25-0979	Determining the necessity to close Lake Road for tree work
25-0980	Awarding the bid for the Windfall Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project
25-0981	Authorizing change order no. 2 for the Fenn and Marks Road Elevated Water Storage Tank Project
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25-0997	Authorizing agreements with various veterinarians for dog spay and neuter services for the Medina County Dog Shelter
25-0998	Declaring interested vendors for gasoline fuel phone bids for 2026
25-0999	Certifying the revenue available for disbursement by the Community Improvement Board
25-1000	Authorizing the purchase of 7,300 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
25-1001	Allowing expenses of county officials
25-1002	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
25-1003	Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with FMD Architects for professional design and construction management services associated with the Medina County Dog Shelter construction project
25-1004	Approving an amendment to the agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., for food services at the Medina County Home
25-1005	Approving an amendment to the agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., for food services at the Medina County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center'
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25-1009	Inter-Medina memorandum of understanding to address child abuse and neglect
25-1010	Appointing representatives and alternates to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for 2026
25-1011	Reappointing township representatives and alternate, and a representative for the villages to the Medina Council of Governments (COG) on drug enforcement
25-1012	Adoption of the 2026 temporary annual appropriation measure

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this twenty-third day of December 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

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