

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The minutes of the March 12, 2019 Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Highway Engineer Administrative Assistant Doug King presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the bid for the replacement of bridge no. 17 on Pawnee Road (TH-28) in Harrisville Township; and (2) determining the necessity to close Rivers Corners Road (C.H. 27) between Spencer Mills Road (C.H. 77) and Smith Road (C.H. 4). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued March 7-March 13, 2019.

Finance Director Mike Pataky presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring resolutions; (3) revenue adjustments for various funds; (4) cash transfers for various funds; (5) creation of a Sheriff's office vehicle fund and authorizing appropriations; and (6) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$531,975.17. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the six resolutions and to pay the bills; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both 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; and (2) amending the Table of Organization for the Medina County Sanitary Engineer. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Sanitary Engineer Amy Lyon-Galvin presented and reviewed a resolution for further amendments to charges and fees imposed at the Medina County Solid Waste Management District Facility. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Transit Director Shannon Rine presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approval of an agreement with the cities of Wadsworth, Brunswick and Medina for provision of CY19 Medina County Public Transit Services; and (2) approval of an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation and FY19 Medina County Public Transit Services. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Economic Development Director Bethany Dentler presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township and Sharon Township; and (2) approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Council representing Sharon Township. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mrs. Dentler announced that they are hosting an Employer Resources Expo on April 2 from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Weymouth Country Club. They have 50 vendors attending to provide employers with workforce recruiting and employee retention and training resources. They encourage all businesses who have ever had a problem with recruiting or retaining workers to attend.

Chief Building Official Chris Randles reported during the month of February, the estimated value of all construction of permits issued was \$10,154,262; they had 28 new home starts; they had one appeal meeting; 613 inspections were performed averaging 32 inspections per day; and during their second month of credit card collections, 48 percent of their fees were collected via credit card. Commercial review times are at 16 days and residential is at 2 days. Mr. Randles noted that he attended the Ohio Building Officials Conference with Dave Molnar; Dave attended on a scholarship.

Health Commissioner Krista Wasowski distributed a copy of the 2018 Annual Report from the Medina County Board of Health. She reported that her staff has been working hard to ensure that the services they provide to the public are efficient noting that 38 percent of their staff is lean trained. Regarding communicable diseases, chlamydia remains at the top of the list for the county. The communicable disease nurses continue to follow every case to ensure proper treatment and control of the disease within the county.

Mrs. Wasowski reported that Living Well Medina County has a new website which is a digital platform – more of a meeting space. The idea is to have information that goes out to anybody in the public who is interested to follow any of the projects the Health Department is working on and anything Living Well Medina County partners are working on.

In answer to a question by Commissioner Swedyk, Mrs. Wasowski stated that in August they became a federally qualified health center lookalike; this was a process that took them five years. They passed the all federal inspections with flying colors. They have seen increasing numbers as their dental clinic serves more than 5,000 patients and their medical clinic is nearing that number. Commissioner Geissman stated that they provide a very important service to the community. Mrs. Wasowski explained that they do not want people putting off seeking help for their health because of money or insurance.

(Commissioner Hutson joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.)

Land Conservancy VP of Western Field Operations Andy McDowell stated that he was requesting a resolution from the commissioners to support an application for farmland preservation to the State of Ohio's Farmland Preservation Program operated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture; this will be the third farm in Medina County to have gone through the program. This property is in Lafayette Township and is owned by Charles and Jill Heath; it is a farm of about 161 acres designated as a century farm by the Ohio Department of Agriculture meaning the deeds clearly show that it has been in the same family for over 100 years. He noted that the Lafayette Township trustees have provided a resolution supporting this request.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution supporting the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. Mr. McDowell thanked the commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution establishing the Medina County Land Reutilization Corporation for the County's Treasurer's Office in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.02 approving initial Articles of Incorporation. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that he believes this will be a good tool for the county to have for abandoned properties. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township (25 acres); and (2) approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township (0.834 acres). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

Greg Depew, 10125 Daniels Rd., Westfield Township

Thanks again for the opportunity to talk. It's kind of a unique situation as to why – no sense to even allege why I'm not on the list. I saw the stuff in the paper regarding the drug enforcement issue and the administrative oversight, and I've been, I don't know if I'd say lucky, but I had to eat a lot of crow basically. I was led to believe that Mike Kovack was involved in a tax investigation cover up. Mike supplied me with all the records, and Sharon Creswell kept immaculate records, showing that they in fact initiated their own tax investigation in '07. The auditor was correct and we worked together last May to notify the State of Ohio as to what we found. I found the county got defrauded out of \$660,000; there is nothing we can do. I'd like to fix things – I'm a well-driller; that's what I do is fix problems.

I met with Dean Holman on this in '09; he said it's civil and I couldn't deal with it. I figured out last week what he meant. The issue I'm having is with a company that was initiated to defraud workers' comp and this was admitted to me by the attorney that did it in 2009 when he decided that he didn't want to play this game no more and jumped off. I've been in court with a guy that's never showed up, his office is across the street, and I'm over here asking for help from the prosecutor because Judge Kovack told me I'm a victim of a crime and I sat on a stand in 2017 watching a 25 year cop told his police report was wrong – it's not a manslaughter, it's a homicide. Colleen knows who this guy is. Watch this guy cry, third generation cop, 25 year detective. We have nothing to do with this. In 2016, I'm sorry, this is just tough to deal with this. I just want my life back. That's all I want. I can't even explain it, but when I go to a courtroom and Richter shows up, the week after he comes in here and says there's no police report, takes the treasurer's records clearly showing he notified Dean Holman of all this, please send all these records to the State Auditor's Office, we want the taxes. He's never released the county from the \$660,000; he's responsible for this. These two individuals in their elected position did their job to the letter, and we have a county prosecutor's office over there that came in and undermined your ability to collect the money. Now if it happened once, it happened a thousand times. I can find these things all over the place going on. Everybody wants their money. This is not oversight; this is dereliction. I was on a crime scene where a police report surfaced showing individuals at the County Health Department engaged with people falsifying well logs and permits with this fake company across the street for over a decade. I talked to the director at the environmental health; he said I had nothing to do with this – call Richter. This is where we're at right now. You guys have dereliction over there and I know it for a fact because Sheriff Miller questioned Forrest Thompson. I receive a letter in '08 from Forrest Thompson saying somebody stole my dad's house and didn't pay for it. I gave that letter to the cops; in '09, they said that's a manslaughter. I go into court with the attorney representing this guy, he'll like 'no cop – you're wrong – that's a homicide. We meant to do that.' I go over to her staff, they'd go call the guy up, I get sued, and I win. Judge Kovack says that's a felony. I go report to Sheriff Miller, give him the cd with all this on it. You know what they say? We can't help you because everybody in court lies and our prosecutor is somehow conflicted in a homicide. Now we're all paying this. I just paid my real estate taxes and it hurts. So I'm asking please pay my default judgment with your insurance for what Richter did to me in 2016 – I gave the paperwork to you last week. You've got everything there, I've got the affidavit from the cop, he's never met Richter in his life. That's theft in office. They left their office...my court case...nothing to do with it, took your treasurer's records showing that the county prosecutor's office impeded a state tax investigation at the treasurer's request. You guys have a problem, fix it. If you don't want your tax money,

I don't care. All I want is my default judgment. I've been in court for 12 years with something I had nothing to do with. Glen Jones set this whole thing in motion – go call him. So that's the whole thing. I'm done with it. Have your insurance company call me. We'll get this handled. If you need any records at all, the Hinckley Police Department's got everything you could possibly need. So end of story. Thanks guys.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:57 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Public Comment

Commissioner Hutson stated that the Prosecutor should be consulted in regards to Mr. Depew. Mrs. Geissman noted that Rhonda could send the minutes to the Prosecutor. Mrs. Swedyk stated she believes it is more than one issue.

Cleaning Department

Steven Basteen mentioned that the cleaning department will be starting soon; has a supervisor and six workers on board. The start date is April 1.

Annual Spring Clean Ups

Amy Lyon-Galvin noted that with the warming weather, the annual spring clean ups will begin across the county. The voucher program they started with Chatham Township's suggestion has been gaining popularity. This allows the townships to distribute vouchers to residents that allow them to bring material to us on the day of their choosing over the four months of summer rather than the one day clean ups.

MCDAC Bylaws

Scott Miller stated that based on the discussion last week, Brian Nowak came up with a new name - Medina County Drug Advisory Committee - to keep the acronym; the purpose was also revised. The amended requests for funds are about to be sent out. Fourth quarter funding will likely be provided to nearly all agencies with the exception of The Recovery Center and The LCADA Way. The ADAMH Board will be funding CATS, Ohio Guidestone and Cathy's House. The schools will be reimbursed through the police departments. Commissioner Geissman stated that she truly feels that the people voted based on what the language was on the ballot - not the Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Geissman inquired if the issue could be sent to the Attorney General. Mr. Miller answered that he would talk to Forrest Thompson about referring the issue. Mrs. Geissman stated that people voted for this thinking that there was education, prevention and treatment. The money should be spent as people intended it to be. Commissioner Swedyk noted that if they don't get grant applications out next week, they will not meet the May 3 deadline. Mrs. Geissman stated she is okay with sending out the grant application next week. Commissioner Hutson noted that if this is referred to the Attorney General, it may take 90 days or more. Mr. Hutson's suggestion is to approve this and simultaneously ask the Attorney General for their opinion. Mr. Miller stated that he will call Mr. Thompson and ask him to refer the issue down, send out the applications next week and get the agencies reimbursed for the 4th quarter.

SPCA Funding

Scott Miller stated that the SPCA took over the cat's population and in the past, the county has given them money to help with the cost of that service; last year, they received \$27,500. At the end of last year, the dog license fees were increased because it was running at a deficit, and they ended the year at a deficit. This year there will still be a deficit, but not as much as last year. This year, we cannot afford the \$27,500. Mr. Miller asked if he had permission to contribute \$10,000 to them and then going into next year, increase the money. Discussion occurred about the cat population. The commissioners agreed to the \$10,000 contribution.

Animal Shelter

Scott Miller noted that the Animal Shelter website has been updated and it looks really good. He thanked Megan and Del for their assistance. Mr. Miller noted that they will begin taking applications for volunteers at the shelter in April.

County Administrators' Association Meeting

Scott Miller stated that the County Administrators' Association will hold their summer meeting at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant to show off the new digester on June 28; county administrators from around the state will be in attendance. Amy Lyon-Galvin noted that they are producing gas and they are working with Black and Veatch to get the last gas conditioning unit.

Board of Developmental Disabilities

Commissioner Swedyk stated that she and Scott met with the new director at the Board of Developmental Disabilities and their finance officer to give them further information about their levy. The director will be attending the discussion session next Tuesday. It is on the agenda for April 2 to do the resolution.

Grant Writing Training

Commissioner Swedyk stated that Megan is going to attend a grant writing training and begin working on obtaining smaller government grants.

CCAO Update

Commissioner Geissman stated that she was in Columbus Friday at the CCAO Board. John Husted provided information on the governor's proposed budget; there is \$60M in the budget for indigent defense. Mrs. Geissman

stated that Mr. Husted stated that he supported the \$60M because he would also like to see our local government funds restored. If they gave us, 100 percent, they would not be able to restore the local government funds. Mrs. Swedyk stated that if they restore the local government funds, it would help the townships, cities, villages, libraries, etc. Mrs. Geissman stated that there was no discussion on the gas tax.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 19, 2019

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
19-0245	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
19-0246	Accepting and awarding the bid for the replacement of bridge no. 17 on Pawnee Road (TH-28) in Harrisville Township
19-0247	Determining the necessity to close River Corners Road (C.H. 27) between Spencer Mills Road (C.H. 77) and Smith Road (C.H. 4)
19-0248	Amending the annual appropriation resolution
19-0249	Amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
19-0250	Revenue adjustments for various funds
19-0251	Cash transfers for various funds
19-0252	Creation of a Sheriff's Office Vehicle Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0253	Allowing expenses of county officials
19-0254	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
19-0255	Amending the table of organization for the Medina County Sanitary Engineer
19-0256	Further amendments to charges and fees imposed at the Medina County Solid Waste Management District Facility and to the Yard Waste Program
19-0257	Approval of an agreement with the cities of Wadsworth, Brunswick and Medina for provision of CY19 Medina County Public Transit Services
19-0258	Approval of an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation and FY19 Medina County Public Transit Services
19-0259	Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township and Sharon Township
19-0260	Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Council representing Sharon Township
19-0261	Supporting the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program
19-0262	Establishing the Medina County Land Reutilization Corporation for the County's Treasurer's office in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 5722.02 approving initial articles of incorporation
19-0263	Approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township
19-0264	Approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this nineteenth day of March 2019.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____ Patricia G. Geissman
	OF	_____ William F. Hutson
_____ Rhonda J. Beck Clerk to the Commissioners	MEDINA COUNTY	_____ Colleen M. Swedyk