

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

The minutes of the May 14, 2019 Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried.

Highway Engineer Administrative Assistant Doug King presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) determining the necessity to close Firestone Road (CH-26) between Black River School Road (CH-83) and Wandel Road (CH-81). 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.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued May 9-15, 2019.

Finance Director Mike Pataky presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) for Children Services (IVE) Administrative expenditures (3) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures; (4) creation of a Sheriff's Office DRE Coordinator 2019 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (5) creation of the Sheriff's Office Communications Technology Upgrade Fund and authorizing appropriations; (6) creation of a Common Pleas Technology Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (7) approving the submission of the FY 2020 Felony Delinquent Care/Reclaim grant application; (8) authorizing the use of an Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Policy in lieu of individual surety bonds; (9) allowing expenses of the county engineer; and (10) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,064,598.43. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the ten resolutions and to pay the bills; Mr. Hutson 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 a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioner. 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.

Planning Services Associate Planner Sonja Pagniano presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding under the critical infrastructure competitive set-aside component of the Community Development Block Grant program for program year 2019. 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.

Chief Building Official Chris Randles reported that their current review times for commercial is at 12 days; residential is at 7 days. The estimated value of construction during the month of April was \$16,555,000 with 46 new home starts and 815 inspections performed (approximately 40 per day.) They went live on May 1 with their new website; it's a vast improvement. Mr. Randles noted that he attended the Home Builders' Association meeting on May 1 where he gave a presentation on the upcoming July 1 new code that will go into effect. In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson, Mr. Randles stated that new permits are a little down from last year, although the average new home prices are up (\$294,854). Mr. Hutson notes that construction prices are up because everyone is so busy that they are charging higher prices. Mr. Randles added that contractors are booked far in advance due to demand.

Chief Public Defender Jocelyn Stefancin reviewed the monthly stats noting that in the first four months of 2019 they have closed a total of 653 cases and have opened a total of 683 cases; the office is staying very busy. They have had four jury trial and one bench trial so far this year. They are also currently working on some community outreach programs including the BMV Amnesty Program which went into effect at the end of January and runs through July. Ms. Stefancin explained that the many of their clients do not have valid drivers' licenses and much of it is due to the financial burden. This program helps them get their reinstatement fees either cut or waived depending on eligibility. Two seminars have been presented this year. They are also working with the Medina County Bar Association for continuing legal education seminars. Two of the office attorneys will be presenting at the seminar that will take place in July.

Public Comment

None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:43 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Chippewa Lake and Muskingum Watershed

Commissioner Geissman stated that Bill Thomes and Mark Cross were here to give information to the commissioners in regards to Chippewa Lake and the Muskingum Watershed. Mr. Cross distributed a packet of information to the commissioners and explained that in 1961, the commissioners petitioned to create the Chippewa Sub district of Muskingum. In 2011, Commissioner Hambley participated in a county effort focused on creating a strategic growth plan for the Upper Chippewa Creek Watershed. Mr. Cross is a volunteer with the Save the Lake Coalition. They are working with the Park District and Soil & Water to address the harmful algae blooms. The cause of the algae blooms is nutrient loading meaning there are issues in the watershed. Mr. Cross requested the commissioners help in the form of a resolution of support.

Mr. Cross stated that on the tax bill there is a special assessment to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District so they contacted them. When they met with Muskingum, they were informed that when the sub-district was formed, two miles of Chippewa Creek Waterway was left out, the lake and the outlet. They are requesting the Muskingum Board to include them in the sub-district. Commissioner Hutson inquired the reasons for leaving those sections out of the district. Mr. Cross answered that there was a private property owner in 1961 who negotiated that both the lake and outlet be excluded. In answer to a question, Mr. Cross stated that Village of Chippewa Lake, Village of Gloria Glens, Westfield Township and Westfield Village passed supporting resolutions.

Mr. Cross noted that Medina County was left out of the main district, too. The Chippewa sub-district is for flood control only. Water quality management services and watershed quality management services are out of scope for the sub-district, but they are in scope of the main district. Mr. Cross stated they see a benefit of merging the sub-district into the main district. Mr. Hutson inquired who makes the decision. Mr. Cross stated there is a conservancy court under ORC 6101. They have the final say on what happens within a district. There are two courts: sub-district court with a Medina County judge (Judge Kevin Dunn) and Wayne County judge and main district court made up of a judge from each of the 18 counties included in the district. Commissioner Geissman stated she has no problem with doing a resolution of support.

Christina Fozio inquired about the ongoing issues with flood control. There was a nine year property buyout in that area to reduce flood aftermath, but have not heard complaints in the area. Mr. Cross stated that the 2019 mitigation document includes the Gloria Glens items and one of them talk about the channel maintenance from Muskingum. There are flooding issues north of the lake along Chippewa Road and has closed that road 33 days so far this year. In discussions with township trustees of Westfield, the township spends a lot of money in ongoing maintenance of Buffham Road and have complaints of property owners. Mr. Cross stated that he drafted a resolution of support. The potential advantages of this includes a decrease in the special assessment fees, water quality management services, watershed quality management services and access to grants that the Muskingum Watershed provides. Mr. Cross stated that he has ongoing discussions with the Park District and is working with Jim Dieter from the Soil and Water District to get a Watershed Coordinator. Commissioner Hutson and Commissioner Swedyk agreed with Commissioner Geissman in supporting this. Bill Thomes stated that he was just assisting Mark with this.

Courthouse

Commissioner Hutson stated that he and Scott had a meeting with the City regarding the courthouse. They will come up with an agreement and continue pushing forward. This is only for the design phase and would be a 75 percent county and 25 percent city cost share. This is based on the square foot allocated in the conceptual plan. Commissioner Swedyk stated she is fine with the cost share on the design phase. Scott Miller noted that the architect will come in and do a schematic design. In the conceptual plan, the city had 25 percent of the space. Once the design is completed and in the construction design, the cost will be based on the actual square footage of the space. Discussion occurred on the common area space requirements. Mr. Miller stated that he gave each of the commissioners a draft copy of the contract with the architect so that they can review it and suggest changes. Mr. Miller stated he would like to vote on the contract next week.

Wadsworth Energy Project

Scott Miller stated that he provided the commissioners with a memo with additional information on the Wadsworth Energy Program. This can be discussed next week.

Water Voltage

Chris Randles stated that two weeks ago, the electrical inspectors took the water voltage tester to perform a swimming pool inspection and they found voltage in the swimming pool. It was a small voltage, but the department will continue to push the inspections. This was a single-family residence.

Dude University

Steven Bastean stated that when he was at Dude University, he was asked to be on the client advisory board to drive innovation and change in their programming.

Restrooms

Steven Bastean noted that they are in the process of changing the restroom dispensers in the county facilities. The cost of the dispensers were one penny a piece. The dispensers require a specific product, but the case cost is saving about \$10 a case for paper towels.

Maintenance Supervisor

Steven Bastean stated that his new maintenance supervisor has turned in his two week notice; he has accepted a position as a facility director at a hospital.

Human Service Center Wall

Steven Bastean stated that the resolution to go out to bid for the Human Service Center Wall will be ready for next week.

MCDAC

Commissioner Swedyk stated that the distribution of MCDAC funding will be decided tomorrow.

Facebook

Megan Holly noted that the Commissioners' Facebook page is up. It was up on Thursday and currently has 83 likes. Commissioner Geissman inquired about the cost. Ms. Holly stated that it was free. Mrs. Geissman clarified that she meant the cost of the website. Scott Miller stated that initially it was \$15,000, but everything after that has been \$1,000 or \$1,500.

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 10:30 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MAY 21, 2019

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
19-0514	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
19-0515	Determining the necessity to close Firestone Road (CH-26) between Black River School Road (CH-83) and Wandel Road (CH-81)
19-0516	Determining the necessity to close Smith Road (CH-4) between Spencer Road (SR-301) and River Corners Road (CH-27)
19-0517	Amending the annual appropriation resolution
19-0518	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) for Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures
19-0519	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services SCPA Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures
19-0520	Creation of a Sheriff's Office DRE Coordinator 2019 Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0521	Creation of the Sheriff's Office Communications Technology Upgrade Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0522	Creation of a Common Pleas Technology Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0523	Approving the submission of the FY 2020 Felony Delinquent Care/Reclaim grant application
19-0524	Authorizing the use of an Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Policy in lieu of individual surety bonds
19-0525	Allowing expenses of the county engineer
19-0526	Allowing expenses of county officials
19-0527	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
19-0528	Authorizing the submission of an application for funding under the critical infrastructure competitive set-aside component of the Community Development Block Grant Program for program year 2019

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-first day of May, 2019.

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