Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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 June 4, 2019 commissioners' meeting was emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes of the June 4 commissioners' meeting; 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) approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on approximately 27.1781 acres in Lot 43 of Hinckley Township known as Trails at Redwood Falls Subdivision Phase 1 and establishing thereby said improvements as public watercourse; (2) approving the final plat for the Trails at Redwood Falls subdivision Phase 1 located in Hinckley Township Lot 43; and (3) determining the necessity to close Eastern Road (CH-150) between Pifer Road (TH-261) and Mount Eaton Road (SR-94). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; 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 30-June 5, 2019.

Finance *Director Mike Pataky* presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2019 appropriation resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item; (3) creation of a Prosecutor's Office Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund and authorizing appropriations; (4) authorizing the acceptance of an addendum to an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrective Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant Agreement; (5) authorizing the County Maintenance Department to purchase two used vans from the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities; and (6) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of $791,808.43. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the six 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 commissioners. 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.

County *Administrator Scott Miller* presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving an application for an Ohio Qualified Energy Project Tax Exempt Program; (2) approving an agreement to share costs of professional design, planning and construction management services for the joint construction and management of a county-city courthouse; and (3) authorizing the purchase of beverages and refreshments for various commissioner meetings. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Commissioner Hutson thanked the City of Medina for working with the County toward a joint courthouse. Mayor Hanwell stated that the City Finance Committee unanimously passed it last night; it goes to council June 24. Commissioner Swedyk stated that this is a huge next step. Commissioner Geissman stated that this is a big difference from what has been planned in the past. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution approving the appointments of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Medina County. 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.

Public Comment

Richard Marco, Hood Rd., Medina, stated that they had met with the commissioners last year when the Medina Township trustees decided they were going to close Hood Road. The matter was referred to the county engineer who made several suggestions to the trustees concerning how to resolve the problem. Mr. Marco stated that the cliff is eroding and has been eroding under the road for years. The suggestions made by the county engineer were referred to contractors for review and study. Several contractors submitted bids and the township trustees rejected them on the basis of being too expensive. Although the expense was probably a legitimate concern in the past, since the City of Medina has taken over the fire protection for the township, the township is saving approximately $400,000 a year. There are those and other funds available for doing the repair work. The objective of closing the road, or moving the road to a historical property, is only a temporary measure and will not solve the problem. Mr. Marco stated that he is concerned about the motivation of the trustees as two of the trustees were firemen on the township, and they want the fire department back in the township. He stated he believes this to be the motivation for their interference with the repair work that is necessary to protect the road. This road is highly-utilized and a lot of people are being put upon by the actions of the trustees in closing the road. He stated he believes the county engineer could solve the problem by telling the trustees what to do, and getting them to do it.

Mr. Hutson asked Mr. Marco if he has spoken to the trustees on this issue. Mr. Marco answered yes, and the trustees provided no response. Mr. Hutson stated that this is not a county road and the county does not have jurisdiction over it. Andy Conrad recently met with the trustees, but ultimately, it is up to the trustees to manage that road. Mr. Hutson offered to have more conversation with Mr. Conrad and will advise Mr. Marco of those discussions. Mr. Marco stated that Mr. Conrad has made many recommendations, but the trustees don't want to follow it. Mr. Hutson will follow up with Mr. Conrad.

Pat Walker, 231 S. Broadway St., Medina, stated that she is president of the Medina County Law Library Resources Board, the Medina County Law Library Association and also serves as bar counsel of the Medina County Certified Grievance Committee. She explained that the Law Library Association and the Legal Resources Board are located presently in the basement of the new courthouse. Statutorily, they have a county function to provide legal resource to the elected officials, public defenders, prosecutors, lawyers and, by statute, they are open to the public. Ms. Walker stated that she was told that the present plan for the law library space at the courthouse is 800 sq. ft.; however, the architects told her today that it is 600 sq. ft. She wants to make sure the law library has the opportunity to discuss this with people. She then referenced a letter she previously distributed stating that they have not been contacted since the April 10 letter. She stated that 600 sq. ft. will not permit them to do their statutory function and the county has a contract with the Law Library Association. The Grievance Committee has been certified by the Ohio Supreme Court and to maintain certification, they must have a full time employee and a place they maintain that is open during business hours – which they do. Ms. Walker reviewed the function of the committee.

Ms. Walker stated that a 20 x 30 space is not sufficient for an employee with some type of privacy, and you need privacy when dealing with budgets and grievances. Another issue is the books that have been collected over 100 years. They only have the books they need, but contrary to what many would think, the computer research doesn't totally do it. On at least three occasions in the last year, she has had opponents cite cases that are not in the computer legal research. The law library currently has five computer terminals, storage that is necessary by the Ohio Supreme Court and 24/7 access for the lawyers. Ms. Walker stated that the county has a statutory and contractual duty to the law library, and she requested the commissioners to continue to support the law library and to allow everyone to have input into the courthouse plans.

Commissioner Swedyk stated that there has been some misnomer with the conceptual plan. The conceptual plan is not the plan of the courthouse. The plan of the courthouse has not even begun. All departments will be given an opportunity to express their needs, but it really needs to be stated that drawings that have been circulated are not the plan of the courthouse. They will most definitely be looking at their needs as we move forward. Ms. Walker stated that the architect today said they need to eliminate 25,000 sq. ft. from the conceptual plan and she thinks it's going to be quite difficult to facilitate all the functions that are necessary.

Commissioner Geissman stated that she had been thinking that they probably don't need as much room as they currently have because so much is now computerized; but Ms. Walker answered that and she was glad to hear her comments.

Commissioner Hutson stated that they had a kick-off meeting last week with the architect. They are still waiting on the City to approve their side of the agreement. Moving forward, the architect will engage all of the stakeholders, both inside the courthouse and external to the courthouse. Ms. Walker stated that her understanding was that the architect did not have the law library on their list. Mr. Hutson answered that they corrected that. Mrs. Geissman stated that they are anxious to see some drawings so they can get input.

Kathie Jones, 2606 Hidden Spring Lane, Sharon Township, thanked the commissioners for having an evening meeting. She stated that it is important for the landowners and neighbors to recognize and respond to a pipeline emergency whether it's a leak or an explosion. Residents needs to be familiar with safety systems, testing procedures including timed blowdowns, and emergency response protocols for the Nexus pipeline in the Wadsworth compressor station. These leaks and ruptures may cause explosions and damage to the environment, damage to property, injuries and/or death. Mrs. Jones stated that she reviewed the Medina County Operations Plan and is shows that it was last revised in 2011. She asked if the commissioners know if it has been updated since then. If this is the latest we have, the entire document doesn't show any coordination agencies such as PUCO nor does it list PMHSA. The plan is totally deficient in covering the Wadsworth compressor station and the Nexus pipeline because the plan is from 2011 and we didn't have the compressor station or the pipeline then. She also noted that on page VII under D, it mentions the importance of educating and informing the public of protective actions before disaster occurs. She read paragraph 2, Public Awareness and Education, which states: "It is important to educate and inform the public of protective actions before disaster occurs. Public actions may depend upon public information during the period before a disaster is imminent in an actual threatening emergency situation and in post-disaster emergency recover period. Pre-disaster education programs serve to increase awareness and to educate the public on ways to protect life and property." Mrs. Jones stated that this would cover the Wadsworth compressor station.

Mrs. Jones stated that she has repeatedly asked the commissioners to please plan a public meeting and have Nexus come and hear residents' concerns and respond to any questions whether there is a leak or a blow down. On the permit application, Nexus stated they would have at least 260 blow downs a year. If they have changed

that, they need to have a public meeting and explain why the change in no blow downs because right now, instead of five compressor stations, we have three compressor stations. They all have questions and concerns. She stated that the commissioner all probably don't live near the vicinity of it, but she does and so do several other people in attendance, and they will be the most effected. She asked the commissioners if they can put together a meeting with Nexus to speak to them to hear their concerns, and to explain why they shouldn't be concerned or what they are doing or why there aren't any blow downs. She asked if this is still a problem – they can't have a public meeting with Nexus. Mrs. Geissman stated that she doesn't think it's a problem, but she thought a meeting had already be held for the public. Mrs. Jones stated that they never had a public meeting where the public could ask questions, and she has been asking for this for a few years. She again asked the commissioners if they can arrange a public meeting with Nexus. Mr. Hutson stated that the commissioners cannot force Nexus to have a meeting, but he will ask them if they will hold a meeting. Mrs. Jones stated that if they do not want to do it, they will let the media know that they don't want to explain anything or hear any concerns. She stated if it's safe and good like they say, they shouldn't be afraid to come speak to the public and explain how safe it is and hear any concerns. Mrs. Geissman stated that she doesn't think the commissioners have a problem asking Nexus for a meeting. Mrs. Jones asked then why haven't they done it as she has asked several times. Mrs. Geissman answered that they will find out if they are willing to come. Her belief was that there were already a couple of meetings. Mrs. Jones stated there was never a public meeting with Nexus. Mr. Hutson stated that he doesn't think Nexus is going to hold a public meeting to have folks bash them, but they can ask Nexus to come in and have a meeting to talk about their safety plans. Mrs. Jones stated that if they deny that request, she wants to know why. Other pipelines have agreed to let the public know 24 hours before a blow down. Mr. Hutson stated that he believes EMA has published a more recent version of the All Hazards Response Plan and suggested Mrs. Jones contact Christina Fozio. Mrs. Geissman stated that she attended many meetings when Nexus was first being talked about and there were firemen from all over the county at those meetings. Mrs. Jones asked if that was a public meeting; Mrs. Geissman answered it was a closed meeting for emergency management. Mrs. Jones stated that even Nexus said that it is important for our neighbors to know how to recognize and respond to a pipeline emergency. She doesn't understand why there cannot be a public meeting. Mrs. Jones stated to Mr. Hutson that they are not bashing anyone. It's their lives and their families' lives. It's about finding information that they need so they can survive.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 6:34 p.m.

Discussion Session
At 6:38 p.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' conference room.

EMA Exercise
Commissioner Hutson stated that EMA held a full scale exercise at BleachTech in Seville. Departments from Seville, Wadsworth, Lafayette Township and several other agencies did a simulated rescue from a tank.

Church of Christ's 200 Anniversary
Commissioner Hutson noted that he attended the United Church of Christ's 200th anniversary and it was a very nice ceremony.

Planning Department
Rob Henwood stated that the Planning Department is requesting the president of the board sign a letter committing to put $1,000 towards a critical infrastructure grant application that is being completed on behalf of Lafayette Township. The township will be contributing $1,000 and the Park District is contributing $40,000 in the area near the entrance of the old Chippewa Lake amusement park. There is a bridge that serves 49 households. The grant would replace the bridge and reconstruct a new public road to provide access to the residents. The money will go towards the project cost. There is a 10 percent local government match. The Lafayette Township Fire Department will not cross the bridge; they carry an extra 300 feet of hose to serve the houses there. The Sanitary Engineers have a pump station adjacent to the bridge and they only allow pickup sized vehicles to cross it. Commissioner Geissman stated $1,000 is a small price to pay for an improvement like that. In answer to a question from Commissioner Geissman, Scott Miller stated that the $1,000 would come from the general fund. Commissioner Hutson noted that since there is a facility down there, it makes a lot of sense. Mr. Henwood clarified that since it is through CDBG funding, the department will be administering the grant and selecting contractors. It is CDBG funding, but a different pot of money than the allocation. This pot of money is called competitive applications. Each application has to compete against all applications in the state. This is the first attempt at this grant. The commissioners agreed to provide a $1,000 match.

Courthouse
Scott Miller stated that last Friday he received an email from Daniel Maynard of Judge Kovach's court. He wanted to come in to talk about the courthouse and the needs of the court. It was too late to put him on for public comment, so Scott invited him to attend discussion session. Daniel Maynard stated that a feasibility study has already been paid for, and that it is his understanding it was done to determine whether or not the square footage needed for the courts to function could be met within the space available on the square. He heard earlier today that the law library isn't happy with the space that they would be allocated in this new plan. The space allocated to the Domestic Relations Court falls far short of current functioning, much less functioning for the future. He stated that he would argue that while we are charging forward with half a million

dollars plus in investment on architects, we should still be at the feasibility stage. That is, we did a feasibility study, we did a design and we never got to the point where the square footage requirements of the courts and of the various users of the courthouse was met. Mr. Maynard stated that he is not entirely sure why we are moving forward, when we don't even know what the users need just yet. The Domestic Relations Court consists of 40 percent of the overall caseload in the courthouse. They have six active dockets running daily. On weeks when they have a visiting judge, those numbers go to seven dockets. In the feasibility plans, they are provided with four hearing rooms which is two less than what they would need to keep their docket moving. Mr. Maynard stated that it was proposed to them that sharing court space would be some type of option so that they could make up the difference. He explained that they have too many hearings compared to other courts, and it is not possible to share space. Despite the best plans of building the building, they would still be governed by the Rules of Superintendence; civil cases are all second to criminal cases. So any criminal cases go forward, their cases would be dumped. That is a problem other courthouses face all the time. When you run a criminal and civil docket, even with this courthouse, the civil trials move much slower because criminal trials take precedent.

Continuing, Mr. Maynard stated that the plan right now that appears to be going forward, although he guesses it is not going forward, because they are shutting down 24,000 square feet allocated in the feasibility study and it must be cut back that much just to meet the $38 million budget that is currently being discussed. He stated that from the Domestic Relation Court's perspective, there are some real concerns on how far this project has really gone without having their baseline measured and established. They are going forward with designing a building without having any idea what this building is supposed to be doing.

Commissioner Swedyk inquired on the conceptual plan, was the square footage for Mr. Maynard's department bigger than what they currently have. Mr. Maynard answered that honestly they don't need anything elaborate. He stated that at a previous meeting, he made a comment and he meant it, that they would be perfectly fine if they could be set up in a giant warehouse that would be divided so that they could conduct their business in the way it was set up. Mrs. Swedyk stated she was just curious if the conceptual plan had a bigger footprint than what they currently have. Mr. Maynard stated he didn't know because the way it is broken up is the problem. He believes it is less square footage, but it is tough to say because the actual plan does not have the perimeters outlined as to what the space would be. It is highlighted, but not outlined. Mrs. Swedyk stated what she believes is that these architects are awesome and she believes they will sit down with Mr. Maynard and analyze the department needs and will get an opportunity to tell them his footprint needs, square footage needs, how many people are in the department now and in five years from now, but we have to go to the next stage in order to have these meetings. Mr. Maynard stated with all due respect, he has been waiting for the architects to contact him since he was first told they would be contacting the court. Mr. Maynard stated that he personally brought it up to the same group of architects during a task force meeting that was months and months ago. The first contact they had with his judge was when his judge brought them back and kept them from leaving the building so she could talk to them last week.

Mr. Maynard stated that he has also seen the notes. A calendar is set for construction and he understands, it is a rough calendar, but this project is moving quickly without knowing where it is moving. He stated they are 40 percent, and by the way, when the economy turns around, as they tend to do, Domestic Relation Court grows more so than others; after the last downturn, they expanded. Mrs. Swedyk stated that is the point she is trying to make is he will be given an opportunity to sit down with the architect, discuss the needs and the details of his department. That is absolutely going to happen. Mr. Maynard stated that from the court's perspective, they believe they should be given the opportunity to have that discussion before spending half a million dollars designing the building. Commissioner Hutson noted that it is part of the process. Mr. Maynard stated it was part of the feasibility process that was skipped over. Mr. Hutson stated he disagreed with that. Mrs. Swedyk explained that that they have been talking for two years. Mr. Hutson stated there was plenty of opportunity for his judge to participate had she chosen to. Mr. Maynard stated that is completely untrue. Mr. Hutson noted that in fact, Judge Dunn sent her a letter in January, with all sorts of information and has invited her to participate, so if she chooses to participate she may. Mr. Maynard stated that since that time, they have participated. It is not true that we were given the option to participate prior. Mr. Hutson stated he was not so sure about that. Mr. Maynard stated he was. He stated that they were given a survey that was given to the entire number of departments, and were told that survey was for people designing the administrative building. They never came to talk to them and they never discussed their individual space needs. It was not clear how to fill out the survey since the options given to them, in the multiple choice, wouldn't accommodate any of their needs anyway. Mr. Hutson inquired who they contacted to talk about that. Mr. Maynard stated that limited ability to participate hardly makes up for the fact that they are the largest court by case volume, they have the smallest space, and there are mystery court rooms provided for in these plans, for judges in the future that the numbers do not support at all. This won't happen; it is not realistic. There is a feasibility problem not a pay the architects half a million dollars design problem.

Commissioner Geissman stated that the commissioners' major job is to make sure that departments that fall under the county have adequate space for now and in the future. If this concept comes back that we are not giving adequate space says we cannot include the municipal court along with the county court, and we would not be able to make a combined courthouse. We would have to go back to what we originally were going to do back in 2008, 2009, 2010 and take care of just the county. We did not ask the city to come in on this; they asked to be a part of this. We are trying to accommodate because definitely that would save some tax dollars,

but she is not sold yet that we would be able to accommodate both the municipal court and the county court in one building with everyone with the space that they need. That is what we have to look at, that the architects are looking at now. Mr. Maynard stated he appreciated that perspective.

Mrs. Swedyk stated that all three commissioners can assure Mr. Maynard that he and Judge Kovack will get an opportunity, significant time with the architects, to express their concerns, express your needs, and express your square footage requirements now and going forward. Mr. Maynard stated he understood that, but again, he has been given that reassurance for some time now and he has yet to speak to anyone. Scott Miller stated he knows that several months ago, he believes the end of last year, all the judges met with the architects. He knows Judge Kovack was invited to that meeting. He was not sure if she was out of town, but she was not able to make it. She was invited to that meeting and that was when they actually talked with the judges about what do they need. He does not know what happened to the communication there. Mr. Maynard stated he would also argue that Judge Kovack is the administrative judge, of again, the largest by caseload, division of that court. Forty percent of the cases that go through that building are for them. Looking back 10 years, it goes up another 1,000 with population growth it will likely go up another 1,500 in the next economic downturn. As the administrative judge of a division, she should have had her own meeting at that point.

Mr. Miller inquired how many hearing rooms they currently have. Mr. Maynard answered that they currently have seven. The magistrates all use their offices as hearing rooms; there is one space to do everything. Mr. Miller inquired how many hearing rooms are there that are not offices. Mr. Maynard stated one - the judges. Everything else is a multi-use space. The fact is the current set up doesn't accommodate the needs of domestic violence victims. Mrs. Swedyk stated that they want a new facility and they want them to have a more 21st century secure facility and they want it to have everything they need in a better format than you have now. That is the whole purpose of this exercise. Mr. Maynard stated that they appreciate that although, arguably, if they were concerned about security, they would increase the budget for the number of deputies. Right now, they are running less deputies than five to ten years ago. Mr. Hutson and Mrs. Geissman stated they did not know that. Mr. Hutson stated that part of the design of this courthouse is a modern courthouse that meets contemporary security standards and separates the folks that need to be separated. Mr. Maynard stated he understands. He has read the security reports that Judge Dunn doesn't want to release. Mr. Hutson stated the architect will go forward and contact Mr. Maynard and/or Judge Kovach to engage in the process. Mrs. Geissman thanked Mr. Maynard for his comments.

Veterans Breakfast

Amy Lyon-Galvin wanted to see if she had commissioners support for the annual Veterans Day breakfast held in November. The commissioners agreed to support the breakfast.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED JUNE 11, 2019

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19-0589	Approving the appointment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Medina County

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk to the Commissioners

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