

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 August 6, 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) approving the final plat for Canyon Reserve at Lake Medina Reserve Subdivision Phase 1 located in lots 57, 58 & 69 of Medina Township; (2) determining the necessity to close Firestone Road (CH-26) between Black River School Road (C.H. 83) and Wandel Road (C.H. 81); (3) creating a multi-way (4-way) stop at the intersection of Abbeyville Road (C.H. 47) and Spieth Road (C.H. 65); (4) determining the necessity to close Tower Road (C.H. 55) between Good Road (T.R. 120) and Paradise Road (T.R. 121); and (5) determining the necessity to close Mennonite Road (C.H. 51) between Eastern Road (C.H. 150) and Stewart Drive (T.R. 339). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the five 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 August 1-August 7, 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 appropriations; (3) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County print shop revenue line item; (4) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; (5) authorizing the purchase of 5,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the engineering center; (6) authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Grant Agreement for Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Funding; (7) authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Grant Agreement for Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Funding; (8) approving a lease renewal with Macedonia Property Management for office space for the Clerk of Courts Medina Auto Title Office; (9) authorizing Medina County Clerk of Courts to purchase a used 2018 Toyota Sienna Van from Brunswick Auto Mall; and (10) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,288,340.98. 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 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.

Economic Development Kathy Breitenbucher presented and reviewed a resolution amending the Medina County Public Transit Consortium Bylaws. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson thanked Mrs. Breitenbucher. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Planning Services Director Rob Henwood reported that there was a final plat approved in Sharon Township that created seven new units. They revised a preliminary plan that was 129 units in total, but they created 22 because the previous preliminary plan had expired. There is 22 in this phase and 29 in the remaining phase. There was another final plat in Liverpool that created 12 units. Mr. Hutson stated that residential continues to grow; Mr. Henwood agreed.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution proclaiming August 2019 as Child Support Awareness Month. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. Jeff Felton stated Kim White and her team in the Child Support Enforcement Division in partnership with the Sheriff's Department, Domestic Relations Court and Prosecutor's office really make this program successful. So far this calendar year, they have collected nearly \$18M in child support payments which supports the children in this county. Kim White stated that in Ohio, 1 in 3 children are affected by the child support program. In 2018, there was \$1.7B collected in Ohio; Medina wants to be in the forefront for collections. Ms. White thanked the partners and commissioners for their support. The division is trying to expand and work more with partners. Mr. Felton noted that the team recently visited Mansfield prison for a prison resource fair to meet with inmates who are scheduled to soon be released. They will be going again in September to meet with those from Medina County.

Mrs. Swedyk moved to go into Executive Session after Discussion Session to discuss pending litigation and employment of a public employee; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

Kathie Jones, Sharon Township, inquired about Commissioner Geissman's stance on the courthouse construction project. Mrs. Geissman stated that of course she is for the courthouse project. In fact, she was on a committee for a long time. It was going to move forward back in 2009. She was the commissioner that held out on it and said she would not pass a budget with that coming forward because they had just laid off 42 people, but the other two commissioners, Mr. Hambley and Ms. Ray, wanted to go forward with it. She stated that finally, Mr. Hambley had joined her and decided not to go forward with the project. She stated that of course it is something she would like to see done. There is a way to do it now that would not cost the taxpayers, new tax dollars. Ms. Jones stated that we really don't know about it not causing us more money. Ms. Jones inquired what the rush was. There could be a public meeting for the stakeholders. There are a lot of questions and concerns out there and a lot of the stakeholders don't have any clue of what is going on and feel this has been done by secret meetings. She is not saying it was, but couldn't they make a good faith move to put everything on hold since there is so much concern. This meeting could explain to people what transpired, what has been started, what the costs are. There will be road damage and asbestos clean up. It will run over \$41 million - not under. Ms. Jones stated she asked Mr. Hutson if he would check with the commissioners about having a public meeting. Mr. Hutson explained to Ms. Jones that they had the meeting Thursday and this is the first commissioners' meeting since then. Ms. Jones asked that these public meetings be held in the evening at a reasonable time like 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mr. Hutson explained that there were two meetings. The first one was a general meeting for folks to come in and make comments; this was back in July. The last meeting, which was last Thursday, was specifically for the groups in the city including the CDC, Archive Commission, Historical Society and Main Street Medina to provide their input. Ms. Jones stated the public meeting happened in July, many people did not know about this. She asked where this meeting was posted and stated that people in the county had no idea about this and they would like to voice their concerns. We are the taxpayers and even though you say we don't have a vote, we do have a vote on this and we should have a vote on this because it is going to come from tax money, too. When you do post the public meeting, she asked the commissioners to post it in the Beacon Journal, the Gazette, and The Post, and have the townships post it and have it on all the calendars for townships and cities. There can be separate meetings for different cities and townships in the county. It is their responsibility to the county residents. Mr. Hutson stated he is sure there will be additional public meetings. It will be put on the normal notification system for public meetings. Rhonda Beck stated they are posted in the Gazette, the commissioners' website and agendas as well as several different social media sites. Ms. Jones stated that not everyone gets the Gazette, The Post, not everyone is on Facebook and they don't know about getting on the Commissioners page. It would not hurt to put it on the townships news and calendars. Mrs. Geissman stated it will be posted and thanked Kathie for her comments.

Pat Walker, submitted her comments in writing to the Commissioners to let Mary Emhoff speak in her place. *Mary Emhoff, Brunswick Township*, provided a handout to the Commissioners. She stated that the initial thing is that they need to know a date, place and request a Monday-Thursday 7:00 p.m. meeting. They feel that most residents in Medina County would have the ability to attend. Invite all city, village, and township officials and ask them to invite their citizens. Ms. Emhoff stated that she believes there should be a representative from all the stakeholders that were in attendance at the August 8 meeting and in addition, the Medina County Chamber of Commerce and the Medina County Bar Association. She stated that she would contact all the interested public who were at the August 8 meeting and the others who have signed up on the courthouse website. Ms. Emhoff stated that at the first meeting, Mr. Hutson and Mrs. Swedyk were in attendance, not as a speaker, but in the audience. Mr. Hutson was the man taking the heat. Ms. Emhoff stated that the structure of the meeting should be Mr. Hutson talking to the public. It was important to hear from the architects, but they don't need to be there or at least to the side to answer questions. Ms. Emhoff stated that when contacting the elected officials, ask them to publicize this to their communities. She explained that they would like to start at the beginning. The first two meetings began with the plans as they are drawn now. They would like to start with what are the problems we are trying to fix. She is sure there are problems at the courthouse and she stated they would like to start there. As if we didn't have plans. Ms. Emhoff would like him to come and tell them if there were drawings made to work with the buildings that we currently have. Finally, a good faith promise to put a hold on the current plans would really help the public be more accepting of any plans that occur in the future. Quit spending money and quit planning for something that the public is not sure they want.

Commissioner Swedyk stated there is a huge misconception of "rush." She explained that the Facilities Commission has been in existence for over two years and there have been discussions. The perception that the commissioners woke up and decided to do this and are now at this point is absolutely false. There has been a lot of consideration and thought and careful perspective put into this project.

Commissioner Geissman stated there has been a very long time period of doing renovations and expansion in the courthouse. This goes way back before the recession. The judges have been wonderful about allowing the commissioners to halt their decision back in 2009 because they did not have the funds available to move forward. Every year, she has asked the finance director if they were in a position to move forward with the courthouse. She explained that Bill Hutson came in and wanted to start a Facilities Committee because he knows there are problems all over the county with space issues. Ms. Geissman noted that they are trying to deal with this and do the job the Ohio Revised Code requires them to do which is to maintain and take care of all of their buildings. It certainly has been her priority for many years to get the courthouse renovation and expansion done as soon as we could afford to do it. We are finally at a point where we can do that. A lot of the misinformation going out and the concerns that people have as to how much we are expanding and what we

might be destroying, those decisions have really not been made yet. She explained that they are working on those decisions and as soon as they have answers, they will be discussing it publically and the public will know exactly what the commissioners think the right solution for Medina County is. The judges can give court orders and make us do things that we may not want to do, but they have been wonderful. They are crunched for space and need updates and that is what we want to do. Give them what they are asking us to do so they can do their jobs properly.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 10:01 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' conference room.

USDA

Dave Hall thanked the commissioners for their time. Mr. Hall stated that his role now is as an appointee of President Trump and he is in the position of USDA and Rural Development. USDA is a funding entity that works with rural communities. There are a lot of rural communities in Medina County. They do projects like broadband, single-family housing, business loans, etc. and there are 46 different programs that are administered out of his office. They are here to help small communities and work with nonprofits. There are programs that work with community action agencies and many programs that work with stakeholders. Mr. Hall emphasized that they are a tool in the toolbox for Medina County. Mrs. Geissman inquired if there were fees for this. Mr. Hall stated he is free. USDA is basically a bank and is a sister of HUD. For the fees, there is nothing except for what it costs in the bonding process or loan action process. These are guaranteed loans for homeowners. There are certain programs that can be served in a certain population base and that is case-by-case for the programs.

Mrs. Geissman inquired how he was helping Lodi. Mr. Hall stated he is working with businesses who are looking at expansion. Mr. Hall noted that they have helped health departments, schools and they are the backing agency. They do massive projects. Mr. Hall will be holding 1 on 1 meetings with townships further down the road. He is getting to know the 88 counties and their needs and wants. Mr. Hutson asked if Medina County has a general designation as an urban or rural county. Mr. Hall can piece and part it out under population from the last census. Each county in the state has a rural area. Mr. Hall noted that his agency is a resource and will help them through the process of their programs. Mr. Hutson inquired if there is a certain population density. Mr. Hall stated it depends on the program. Discussion occurred on the broadband program. Mr. Hall distributed information about USDA and their programs. Discussion occurred on the programs related to Habitat for Humanity that they offer. Mrs. Geissman invited Dave to go on Your Medina County. It is shown in Brunswick, Medina and Wadsworth. It will help to get the message out to not only the government agencies, but the nonprofits also. Mr. Hall stated he will have his public information officer set it up. John Burke noted that he may want to have the housing expert check with the Housing Network for the county. Chuck Calvert apologized for his phone going off during the regular meeting.

Executive Session

At 10:25 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 12:15 p.m.

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 12:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 13, 2019

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
19-0737	Resolution proclaiming August 2019 as Child Support Awareness Month
19-0738	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
19-0739	Approving the final plat for Canyon Reserve at Lake Medina Reserve Subdivision Phase 1 located in lot 57, 58 & 69 of Medina Township
19-0740	Determining the necessity to close Firestone Road (C.H. 26) between Black River School Road (C.H. 83) and Wandel Road (C.H. 81)
19-0741	Creating a multi-way (4-way) stop at the intersection of Abbeyville Road (C.H. 47) and Spieth Road (C.H. 65)
19-0742	Determining the necessity to close Tower Road (C.H. 55) between Good Road (T.R. 120) and Paradise Road (T.R. 121)
19-0743	Determining the necessity to close Mennonite Road (C.H. 51) between Eastern Road (C.H. 150) and Steward Drive (T.H. 339)
19-0744	Amending the annual appropriations resolution
19-0745	Amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
19-0746	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item
19-0747	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the gasoline rotary fund
19-0748	Authorizing the purchase of 5,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the engineering center
19-0749	Authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Grant Agreement for Justice Reinvestment and Incentive funding
19-0750	Authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Grant Agreement for Justice Reinvestment and Incentive funding
19-0751	Approving a lease renewal with Macedonia Property Management for office space for the Clerk of Courts Medina Auto Title Office
19-0752	Authorizing the Medina County Clerk of Courts to purchase a used 2018 Toyota Sienna Van from Brunswick Auto Mall
19-0753	Allowing expenses of county officials
19-0754	Approving personnel changes for employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
19-0755	Amending the Medina County Public Transit Consortium Bylaws

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

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