

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 13, 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 that equipment used by the Medina County engineer is excess property and authorizing its disposal under the provisions of Section 317.12 Ohio Revised Code; (2) determining the necessity to intermittently close Grafton Road (C.H. 42) at Pearl Road (S.R. 42); (3) determining the necessity to close Pawnee Road (C.H. 28) between New London Eastern Road (C.H. 84) and Moss Road (T.H. 176); and (4) determining the necessity to close River Corners Road (C.H. 27) between Spencer Mills Road (C.H. 77) and Smith Road (C.H. 4). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the four 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 4-August 14, 2019

Finance Director Mike Pataky presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) cash transfers for various funds; (3) accepting a lease agreement with Community Legal Aid Services; (4) approving the submission of a program funding amendment of the FY20 Felony Delinquent Care/Reclaim Grant; (5) creation of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY20-21 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (6) creation of a Justice of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY 20-21 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (7) creation of an Adult Probation Drug Court Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations; (8) creation of an Adult Probation Mental Health Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of a Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Grant FY 20-21 and authorizing appropriations; (10) creation of an Office for Older Adults Senior Prevention Services Fund and authorizing appropriations; (11) allowing expenses of the county engineer; and (12) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$2,730,149.28. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the twelve resolutions and to pay the bills; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mrs. Swedyk noted that Mr. Pataky's monthly report was very good. Mrs. Geissman stated that she is pleased to see the ADAMH Board working with the Office for Older Adults on mental health and alcohol issues with seniors. There was no further 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) authorizing a legal services agreement with Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor, LLC; (2) authorizing the sanitary engineer to apply for 2020 grant monies available for the replacement/repair of failing septic systems through the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Funds; (3) ratifying the plans and specifications for Project No. S-500/00-287.1 in Medina County Sewer District No. 500, the character and termini thereof, the boundaries of the assessment district, and the tentative assessments thereof; (4) improvement resolution to proceed with the construction of Sanitary Sewer Project No. S-500/00-287.1 in Medina County Sewer District 500 and authorize the sanitary engineer to commence advertising for construction bids; and (5) authorizing a legal services agreement with Eastman & Smith Ltd. 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.

Chief Building Official Chris Randles reported that commercial review times during the month of July was nice days; residential was five days. They had 42 new home starts and estimated value of construction was \$17,307,306 which is a 21 percent increase over this month last year. They also saw a 25 percent increase in permits issued in July over last year which is interesting because they have been trending a little lower than where they were last year. Mr. Hutson commented on the increase of the average cost of a new home. In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson regarding the software, Mr. Randles stated that it's still a challenge, but as far as the customers are concerned, it seems to be working for them. They are still working with their workflows in the office. The contractors like the idea that they don't have to come into the office and have offered a couple of improvement ideas.

Chief Public Defender Jocelyn Stefancin stated that in comparing the current year and last year, they are seeing an increase in new felony indictment appointments. In 2018, they saw 67 new felony indictment appointments and this year, they are already at 85. They are also still keeping the majority of the probation violations, especially in Judge Kimbler's courtroom. They have also agreed to appoint the office for appeals, so they currently have 6 pending appeals which is a savings to the county. In Juvenile Court, the caseload is increasing

as well. They had a total of 319 cases in 2018 and to date in 2019, they have been appointed to 295 cases. They are increasing their services provided in Wadsworth as well. Right now, they are on task to exceed the 502 cases that were opened in 2018. The office is keeping very busy providing services on a regular basis to the indigent clients in the county.

Ms. Stefancin discussed the passing of the budget which included nice benefits with respect to indigent counsel. Effective October 16, there will be an increase in reimbursement to 70 percent for the fiscal year. That increase is likely to go even higher for the next fiscal year; they are anticipating a 90 percent reimbursement for the following fiscal year.

Mrs. Swedyk inquired about the decrease in total cases percentage. Ms. Stefancin answered that the Medina Municipal Court has her office in a rotation schedule rather than assigning all of the cases which has impacted her number of total cases in the office, however, they are increasing in other areas and still providing a great service to the county commissioners.

Continuing, Ms. Stefancin referenced a memo from the State Public Defender regarding qualifications for appointed counsel, caseload standards and what is being expected with respect the reimbursement that is going to be coming. The State Public Defender is also looking to make sure that the guidelines in the Administrative Code are being met with as well. They have imposed caseload standards for attorneys who are representing indigent clients. She explained that at a felony level, no individual attorney should have: more than 150 felony cases per year, more than 400 misdemeanor cases per year; more than 200 juvenile delinquencies per year; more than 200 mental health specialized dockets per year; and more than 25 appeals per year. The other guideline standards would be the guidelines for appointed counsel. That is not only years of experience, but also trial experience within the set number of years – the lookback right now is a ten-year period. In order for the reimbursement to come in, you need to make sure that the people being appointed to handle those cases are people who meet the qualifications for appointed counsel. Mrs. Swedyk inquired if the misdemeanors include the pleas and trials; Ms. Stefancin answered yes. Regarding what Ms. Stefancin recited about the qualifications, Mr. Hutson asked if that is being put into the Administrative Code. Ms. Stefancin answered that it already has been. Mrs. Geissman stated that it has been for a long time and that's where a problem arose earlier this year in the fact that she was overloaded with one of the courts. Ms. Stefancin explained that her Wadsworth attorney had an excessive caseload at one point so they had to stop taking appointments for a 30 day period; Judge McIlvaine understood. She now has two attorneys in Wadsworth to help manage that docket a little better and Judge McIlvaine has been wonderful working with her attorneys. Unless there is a conflict or somebody doesn't qualify, they are getting all of the misdemeanor cases out of the Wadsworth court as was the intention when the resolution to create the office was passed in December of 2003; Mrs. Geissman agreed.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution commending A.I. Root Candle Company on their 150th anniversary. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that 150 years is a long time and it goes to the values that the company has, the products and the services they provide. Mrs. Geissman added that we are very fortunate to have them in Medina County. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution commending the Kiwanis Club of Medina on their 100th anniversary. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that they are a great organization that does great things for kids. Mrs. Geissman stated that she couldn't get over all the things they've done; they're very involved in the community and it's wonderful. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Geissman noted that on August 12, 2019, the Clerk of the Board received a municipal annexation petition for one parcel of land totaling 10.2978 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth. No public hearing is required. The commissioners' will review the petition at their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 during their regular meeting.

Mr. Hutson recognized Norman Brague, the Law Director for the City of Wadsworth, who was in attendance. Mr. Brague will be retiring at the end of the year after 46 years with the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Hutson congratulated him and thanked him for his service to the city and to Medina County. Mrs. Geissman also congratulated him and stated that he has been an iconic fixture in Wadsworth.

Public Comment

Mark Fredrick, 6146 W. Smith Rd., Medina, stated that he was doing a public service and was thanked for doing it – for keeping an eye on public government and keeping them straight. He's glad he has the opportunity to come and serve the people of the county. Politicians often forget their job is to serve "we the sheeple." He stated that it's a revolving door mentioning Friedrich, Hambley, and Miller, and he added that Geissman's almost permanent. He stated that the politicians need to keep in mind that the politicians service him – his taxes pay them.

Mr. Fredrick stated that when the municipal court was built, it was planned for expansion. It has a flat roof and an elevator because they figured someday they would need to enlarge it. You could easily add another story to the municipal courthouse and double the space. He stated that there is a parking problem in the city and

anticipates more parking problems with a new courthouse. Mr. Fredrick also asked where the parking is where the Masonic building was torn down. He stated that his brother suggested doing something worthwhile such as fixing the traffic problems. He added that after speaking two weeks ago about the parking lot at the Engineering Center, the cones were removed before he got there so he drove over the concrete that his taxes paid for. Mr. Fredrick stated that there's more than one alternative to a new courthouse.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 10:01 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 10:03 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' conference room.

Main Street Medina

Mr. Hutson stated that he addressed the Main Street Medina Design Committee this morning about the courthouse project. He reassured them that the 1840s/1870s section of the courthouse will be preserved and we are still in the planning stage. He noted that there were some comments from a certain group that wants the entire 1969 edition preserved and others that seemed that they would accept preservation of the façade. He advised them that they are still working through that and no decision has been made.

Joint Meeting

Mr. Hutson suggested an evening joint meeting with the City of Medina at Buffalo Creek and invite the townships and cities for the purpose of input. The commissioners agreed. Mr. Hutson will talk with the Mayor and President of Council to discuss.

Local Meetings

Chris Randles reported that Rob Henwood has been having meetings to local zoning officials and trustees; he will be running the next meeting with Mr. Henwood. They will be talking about their tool they have to detect voltage in waterways and some other issues with buildings and crowds.

Route 18 Widening Project

Scott Miller stated that due to the Route 18 widening project, ODOT needs to acquire a small portion of commissioner-owned property at the Domestic Relations Visitation Center. The request was for either the county to donate the property or to permit the purchase the property in the amount of \$15,870. The commissioners agreed to sell the property.

Budget Hearings

Mike Pataky stated that he and Rhonda Beck had worked on dates for budget hearings. The dates are scheduled for October 8-11 and October 15-16. Mr. Pataky will begin contacting the courts and various departments to get them scheduled.

Cleaning

Steven Basteau provided an update on the cleaning staff.

Kiwanis

Colleen Swedyk noted that she is a member of Kiwanis with Curtis Perkins; both have been members for approximately 15 years.

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 10:11 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 20, 2019

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
19-0756	Resolution commending A.I. Root Candle Company on their 150th anniversary
19-0757	Resolution commending the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Medina
19-0758	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
19-0759	Determining that equipment used by the Medina County Engineer is excess property and authorizing its disposal under the provisions of section 317.12 Ohio Revised Code
19-0760	Determining the necessity to intermittently close Grafton Road (C.H. 42) at Pearl Road (S.R. 42)
19-0761	Determining the necessity to close Pawnee Road (C.H. 28) between New London Eastern Road (C.H. 84) and Moss Road (T.H. 176)
19-0762	Determining the necessity to close River Corners Road (C.H. 27) between Spencer Mills Road (C.H. 77) and Smith Road (C.H. 4)
19-0763	Amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
19-0764	Cash transfers for various funds
19-0765	Accepting a lease agreement with Community Legal Aid Services
19-0766	Approving the submission of a program funding amendment of the FY20 Felony Delinquent Care/Reclaim Grant
19-0767	Creation of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY20-21 Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0768	Creation of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY20-21 Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0769	Creation of an Adult Probation Drug Court Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0770	Creation of an Adult Probation Mental Health Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0771	Creation of a targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Grant FY20-21 and authorizing appropriations
19-0772	Creation of an Office for Older Adults Senior Prevention Services Fund and authorizing appropriations
19-0773	Allowing expenses of the county engineer
19-0774	Allowing expenses of county officials
19-0775	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
19-0776	Authorizing the sanitary engineer to apply for 2020 grant monies available for the replacement/repair of failing septic systems through the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Funds
19-0777	Ratifying the plans and specifications for project no. S-500/00-287.1 in Medina County Sewer District No. 500 the character and termini thereof, the boundaries of the assessment district, and the tentative assessments thereof
19-0778	Improvement resolution to proceed with the construction of Sanitary Sewer Project No. S-500/00-287.1 in Medina County Sewer District 500 and authorize the sanitary engineer to commence advertising for construction bids
19-0779	Authorizing a legal services agreement with Eastman & Smith Ltd.

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twentieth 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