

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 November 5, 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 Mrs. Swedyk and Mr. Hutson voting AYE; Mrs. Geissman abstained. The motion carried.

Highway Engineer Administrative Assistant Doug King presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) establishing bridge load limits in Medina County; (2) approving the final change order to the contract for MED-CR50, the replacement of Bridge No. 1 on Chippewa Road (CR-50) in Chatham Township, between Lockhart Concrete Company and the Medina County Board of Commissioners; (3) approving the final plat for The Trails at Redwood Falls Subdivision Phase 2 located in Hinckley Township Lots 43 & 38; and (4) approving the annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on approximately 24.2628 acres in lots 43 & 38 of Hinckley Township known as Trails at Redwood Falls Subdivision Phase 2 and establishing thereby said improvements as a public watercourse. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the four resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that the Engineers Office has done an assessment on the bridges and the current load limits is not adequate so these limits listed on here reduce the limit for safety. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued October 31 – November 6, 2019.

Finance Director Mike Pataky presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriations resolution; (2) amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) expenditure adjustments for Juvenile Court; (4) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Cleaning revenue line item; (5) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary fund; (6) approving an agreement for pest control services for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) Rehabilitation projects; and (7) allowing expenses of county officials. Mr. Pataky requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,193,991.90. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the seven 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 Assistant Nicole Lee presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County commissioners. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk 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 accepting and awarding a bid for the City of Wadsworth Watrusa Waterline Project. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson noted that the funds that pay for this are coming out of the CDBG account which are federal funds. He stated that they are happy to support Wadsworth in this endeavor. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Job and Family Services Director Jeff Felton thanked the commissioners' for their support and to the voters who passed the levy. Medina County is now one of three counties who have a human service levy. Mr. Felton presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing an updated procurement plan for Medina County Job and Family Services; (2) amending a subgrant agreement for CCMEP TANF Summer Youth Program between Medina County Department of Job and Family Services and Tri-County Jobs for Ohio Graduates; (3) amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services; and (4) authorizing a memorandum of understanding for the Ohio Start Grant through Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for Medina County Job and Family Services. 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.

Office for Older Adults Director Laura Toth thanked the commissioners and the voters for the support on the levy. Ms. Toth stated that when she took this position in 2011, she wanted to make sure the seniors would have secure funding. Mrs. Geissman stated that she was very impressed with the volunteers that spoke at a couple events; they did a marvelous job. Ms. Toth stated the volunteers were wonderful. Ms. Toth reported that the kitchen was inspected by the Health Department last week; it was an excellent inspection without any findings. She commended the kitchen staff and Maintenance Department for their work. Ms. Toth distributed the services update for the year. There were 29,000 home delivered meals provided throughout the county and they are on track to deliver 38,500 meals for the rest of 2019. Over 4,000 congregate meals and over 6,000 curb to curb transit rides have been provided. September reads as a low month due less days of service. She distributed the 3rd quarter report that was provided to City of Medina which shows how many City of Medina

residents are utilizing services. The total local cost for the City of Medina is \$56,041 and of the \$20,000 contribution, \$14,999 has been utilized. Paid from the general revenue fund is \$41,041. Medina City continues to contribute money, however, the county is contributing at a much greater rate. The City has agreed to contribute \$20,000 in 2020 toward their city resident services. Due to a \$1,500 donation, the Medina Center Holiday Meal is being offered free of charge. There will be a Thanksgiving meal on Friday, November 22; the 100 spots have been filled up and there is a waiting list. A Christmas meal will be served on Friday, December 20 and the Noon Year's Eve party will be held on Friday, December 27.

Chief Public Defender Jocelyn Stefancin stated the first round of letters and contract renewals are going out to the cities and villages for indigent defense services. They strive to have those by end of January with everything complete in February. Mrs. Geissman inquired if the contracts were based on the number of use during the previous year. Ms. Stefancin explained that they are based on cases that are filed under ordinances for either the village or city. Mr. Hutson inquired if a multi-year contract could be done. Ms. Stefancin stated that would probably be a question for the State Public Defender; she will look into this. Mr. Hutson stated it would seem to be more efficient to do it that way. He stated that with zoning and tax issues, the public defender only handles criminal prosecutions, correct? Ms. Stefancin explained that failure to file a tax is a criminal charge. They are being prosecuted because they have violated junk ordinances or haven't maintained their grass, things of that nature. Ms. Stefancin distributed stats from July to the end of October. In doing an overall comparison between this year January through October and last year, for 2019, there was a total of 1,620 cases and in 2018, there were 1,706 cases. The appellate cases were not included. Increases in areas such as juvenile court and the felony court. Ms. Stefancin distributed a letter from the State Public Defenders Office to the County Commissioners Association to help clarify confusion about the new indigent funding presented in the governor's budget. Ms. Stefancin stated that she believes that the commissioners' have received a memo from the State Public Defender's Office on changes in the reporting requirements. This doesn't necessarily affect the County Commissioners, but will impact the Auditor's office and other departments that send reports to the State Public Defender's Office. Mrs. Geissman stated that there was a lot of confusion on the funding so this is great. Ms. Stefancin stated that every county is having the same confusion.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution commending Randy and Christine Jarrell for founding and serving as a board member of Cathy's House. 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. Jarrell thanked board members including Mark Skoda, Wally Schaedel, and Ed Anderson. It was a blessing for his wife and him to be involved in such a beautiful mission; they truly were following the dictates of a higher power. Mrs. Geissman noted that they have definitely made a difference in the community.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing representative and alternate to the Medina County Planning Commission. 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.

Commissioner Geissman presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing representatives to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council and Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Review Councils. 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.

Commissioner Geissman noted that the Clerk of the Board received a regular annexation petition for one parcel of land totaling 19.485 acres of land from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick. The hearing for this petition is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at approximately 10:00 a.m. during the regular commissioners' meeting if no objections for filed between now and then.

Public Comment

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:48 a.m.

Mark Fredrick, 6146 West Smith Road, Medina, stated with liberty and justice for all, that is why he shows up. There are a couple problems in this county and on the way here, he discovered more. There were icy roads. Mr. Fredrick stated he came to talk about elections about a week ago. It is public record. He wants to know who won what. He wants the names and numbers. He filled out a public information request and did not get an answer yet, but he will. He is going there again today and if they didn't get the first request, he is saying it publically now. This election business might come pretty handy some day for the county commissioners. When government doesn't want to hear from its constituents and its citizens, we need to yell a little louder. There is something fishy when he can't get the numbers. Mr. Fredrick stated the real reason he is coming is because of the snow. For over 30 years, he has not complained about the snow removal in this county. He stated that West Smith Road is one of the last streets done. They need to reexamine the snow removal plan for the county. That should be a written record, too. At least get the main streets done. Everyone coming from boondocks, comes down West Smith to avoid traffic on Route 18. Let's keep these roads clear. He stated that in Medina City, he slid a few times. Regarding the Courthouse and public input, he stated he has heard they are moving full speed ahead. Let's hope it's not. If we need more public input, invite him to these meetings, he would be glad to

show up. Mr. Fredrick noted that the Planning Commission and Recorder's Office are always polite and helpful. We are blessed to be in Medina County. Mr. Hutson stated that the preliminary election results are online. Mr. Fredrick stated that he has those, but he wants to see the 20 votes in Cloverleaf School District write-ins. He knows one of those names on the write-in. and he wants to see it. Mrs. Geissman thanked him for his comments.

Wally Schaedel, 15 West Maple, Seville, stated he has been a resident of the county since 1967. He has always been impressed with the county operation and commissioners who run it. Mr. Schaedel would like to thank those who put their heart and soul into the two levies that have passed; it will make a major difference. Mr. Schaedel thanked the new board members and Randy and Christine and Linda who have decided to stay on and serve the board. He is chairman of the Board for the present time. Back in May, it was a very disappointing time. He stated that he served on the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission for 21 years. Back in May, they were advised that they were operating illegally for the last 36 years. The board was disbanded and the funds went to the enforcement side of the levy. Mr. Schaedel stated that he had previously made a request to Commissioner Swedyk that the commissioners consider reducing the millage when the levy comes up for renewal and is making this request again here today. Government doesn't return money when it has it. It would be a statement of trust in the community and trust that we put in the commissioners' office. Mr. Schaedel stated that Mrs. Geissman will be speaking at the Kiwanis breakfast group at 7:00 a.m. at the Medina County Hospital in the cafeteria area. Anyone interested in coming or joining a very active Kiwanis is invited. Mrs. Geissman stated she looks forward to it.

Commissioner Swedyk moved to go into Executive Session after Discussion Session to consider the sale of real property, the appointment of a public official and employment of a public employee; Commissioner Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Discussion Session

At 10:08 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' conference room.

Maintenance Fee in Rustic Hills

Amy Lyon-Galvin stated that she provided a memo to the commissioners regarding changing the maintenance fee that the homeowners in the Rustic Hills neighborhood pay into for the E1 grinder pumps. The project was done in 2011 based on findings from the EPA. Of the 227 homes, 189 are served by residential grinder pumps. Public hearings were completed and a maintenance agreement program was entered with the homeowners where the Sanitary Engineer's office takes care of the pumps. At the onset, \$2 per month was charged per resident and has not been changed. The warranties for the E1 pumps expired. There are growing expenses for the maintenance. Personnel are trained to maintain the units. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated she would like to amend it from \$2 to \$5 per month because of the growing costs in operating the program. Commissioner Swedyk inquired about public hearings. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated the hearings were held during the construction project. Commissioner Geissman stated that the residents appreciated paying \$2 towards maintenance. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated residents had an option to opt-out and no one opted-out. Commissioner Hutson stated that anyone else with a home grinder pump have to pay for the maintenance themselves so the \$60 a year is a deal. The Commissioners' agreed to amend the cost.

Water Tower Districts

Amy Lyon-Galvin stated that there are multiple water tower districts and there are two areas that staff have identified as having existing water towers where there are plans to install a second water tower in near proximity; one is Substation Road in Brunswick Hills and the other one is Weymouth Tower in Medina Township. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated she would like to request proposals from consulting firms to help them update their modeling and do end counts for the water system. The two new water towers will need to be in the 10 year plan and are a \$3 million endeavor. They want validation of the water supply. Ms. Lyon-Galvin asked for permission to present a resolution to request proposals from engineering firms to help get a model to update water districts; the commissioners agreed.

Community Energy Advisors

Scott Miller noted that Community Energy Advisors provided a report showing the savings to residents since April 2019. There has been savings of \$609,000 to residents of Medina County.

Year End

Rhonda Beck distributed a calendar. Scott Miller stated that year end needs to be discussed because the auditor is in the process of implementing the new accounting system which will go live January 1. They will have to determine the last day the checks will be entered and PO's. In looking at December, what days do the commissioners want to have a meeting. Discussion occurred on the dates in December for a meeting. The Commissioners agreed to meet on December 31, but there will be no commissioners' meeting held the week of December 23.

Child Support

Jeff Felton stated that they have a contract with the Sheriff's Office to provide service in child support cases as well as to pick up people with outstanding warrants. A gentleman was arrested in Alaska and he fought extradition. The judge in the extradition hearing said it was only child support and denied extradition. Forrest will contact their prosecutor in Alaska to register our concerns. In this case, more than \$17,000 was owed in Medina County and there were other outstanding cases. Mr. Hutson inquired if there was anything we could do. Mr. Felton stated that Forrest is contacting them. Mrs. Geissman stated that Alaska doesn't seem to have the good programs Medina County has. Mr. Felton noted that it is a lot of money not going to the kids.

Vietnam Memorial

Commissioner Swedyk stated that she went to the ribbon cutting for the completion of the Vietnam Memorial renovation; it is lovely.

Executive Session

At 10:24 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 11:04 a.m.

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 11:04 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED NOVEMBER 12, 2019

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
19-0962	Resolution commending Randy and Christine Jarrell for founding and serving as a board member of Cathy's House
19-0963	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
19-0964	Establishing bridge load limits in Medina County
19-0965	Approving the final change order to the contract for MED-CR50, the replacement of bridge no. 1 on Chippewa Road (CR-50) in Chatham Township, between Lockhart Concrete Company and the Medina County Board of Commissioners
19-0966	Approving the final plat for the Trails at Redwood Falls Subdivision Phase 2 located in Hinckley Township lots 43 & 38
19-0967	Approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on approximately 24.2628 acres in lots 43 & 38 of Hinckley Township known as Trails at Redwood Falls Subdivision Phase 2 and establishing
19-0968	Amending the annual appropriation resolution
19-0969	Amending the 2019 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
19-0970	Expenditure adjustments for juvenile court
19-0971	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Cleaning Revenue Line Item
19-0972	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund
19-0973	Approving an agreement for pest control services for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) Rehabilitation Project
19-0974	Allowing expenses of county officials
19-0975	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
19-0976	Accepting and awarding a bid for the City of Wadsworth Watrusa Waterline Project
19-0977	Authorizing an updated procurement plan for Medina County Job and Family Services
19-0978	Amending a subgrant agreement for CCMEP TANF Summer Youth Program between Medina County Department of Job and Family Services and Tri-County Jobs for Ohio Graduates
19-0979	Amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services
19-0980	Authorizing memorandum of understanding for the Ohio Start Grant through Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for Medina County Job and Family Services
19-0981	Reappointing a representative and alternate to the Medina County Planning Commission
19-0982	Reappointing representatives to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council and Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Review Councils

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

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