

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

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the minutes; Mrs. Geissman 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 a resolution adopting agreements with "co-permittee" townships for participation in Board of Medina County Commissioners' Stormwater Program. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued January 16-22, 2020.

Finance Director Mike Pataky presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the temporary appropriation resolution; (2) cash transfer for various funds; (3) authorizing expenditures related to Adult Probation sponsored meetings; (4) allowing expenses of the Adult Probation Department; (5) allowing expenses of the County Engineer; (7) allowing expenses of county officials; and (8) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$785,741.75. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the eight resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson inquired if the travel requested by Adult Probation was covered through grant funding rather than the general fund; Mr. Pataky confirmed. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Human Resources Director Holly Muren 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. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Sanitary Engineer Amy Lyon-Galvin presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the County Sanitary Engineer to invest the retainer of Marks Construction, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Marks Road 2019 Project in an escrow account MCSE # S-500/00-287.1; (2) establishing and amending charges and fees levied by the County Sanitary Engineering Department in all Medina County sewer districts; and (3) declaring the necessity of constructing water mains and a sanitary force main in Sharon Township and approving the detailed plans and specifications and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence advertising for construction bids MCSE #SW-500/00-281.1. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the three resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. T

Transit Operations Supervisor Amanda Hooser presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for FY2020 Ohio Transit Partnership Grants; (2) approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for FY2020 State GFR Urban Transit Program Grants; and (3) authorizing the services of Private Emergency Physicians, Inc. as the Medical Review Officer for Medina County Public Transit. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the three resolutions; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Planning Services Associate Planner Sonja Pagniano presented and reviewed a resolution extending the contract period for the Township of Hinckley Historical Society Community Development Block Grant Entrance Alteration Project. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson inquired as to the completion date of the project; Mrs. Pagniano answered February 28. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution commending Beth Mika for over 24 years of service with Medina County. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mrs. Swedyk stated that when she was County Recorder, her department worked very closely with Tax Maps. Beth was always a wonderful representative of the County. She always had the answers, was always polite and a wonderful example of an excellent public servant. Mr. Hutson stated he worked with Beth more from a private practice standpoint and whenever there was an issue, she was always a person that solved the problem. She will be missed. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution amending representatives to the Medina County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution amending representatives to the Medina County Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC). Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson explained that Darren Stout has worked on the Drug Task Force for a number of years and has been promoted to Director. Will Koran is stepping down due to his upcoming retirement; Bob Hlasko will be taking his place. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution appointing a member to the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority Board. Mr. Hutson moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Public Comment

Pat Walker, 523 E. Friendship St., Medina, congratulated the commissioners on agreeing to meet with the city on the Courthouse Project as she thinks this will help get things set straight. It's always good to have things done in public. She stated she understands the city and the county are meeting on February 4 at City Hall at 4:00 p.m., the same day as the Steering Committee, and she understand the public is welcome but will not be up for public comment. She stated she thinks this is great. Sunshine is what's needed in this project. December 3 there was a Steering Committee meeting and the architects were talking about the different designs and everybody was saying we didn't have a design, and then December 10 we suddenly had a design with no public meetings in between. She stated she think this needs to be out in the public. Ms. Walker stated the county commissioners may put the funding for the courthouse on the ballot. The prosecutors were asked can you put the renovation of the courthouse on the ballot. It's true you can't put the design of the courthouse on the ballot, but R.C. 133.18 says that the commissioners may put bond levies for a single project on the ballot. She stated that they request that the commissioners do that for such an important project.

Mrs. Geissman stated that she was the one who called the prosecutor on this and what she asked him was there any mechanism that would allow them to put the issue on the ballot. There is no mechanism. Ms. Walker stated that the email asked if you could put the renovation of the courthouse on the ballot and she believes that either the question was a different one that what she is imposing or the fact that the prosecutor read the question wrong. Mrs. Geissman stated that Ms. Walker is asking the commissioners to put a tax issue on the ballot and that is not necessary, so that is the main reason they are not putting that on the ballot. Ms. Walker asked why it is not necessary. Mrs. Geissman explained that the funds are available to pay off the bond. They do not need more money. Mr. Hutson added that throughout this whole process, they have complied with all of the open meetings laws; Mrs. Geissman and Mrs. Swedyk agreed. Everything has been open to the public although she may not have attended every meeting to get the details on every decision that has been made. There is no design. The only thing the commissioners have conceptually agreed to is that there will be an addition built to the back of the courthouse and whatever part of the courthouse needs to be demolished will be demolished. That way we don't have to move people and spend \$2M on temporary space for courthouse operations. It will be less expensive and we can maintain courthouse operations, move into the addition and then finish the whole project. Ms. Walker asked what public meeting that was decided. Mr. Hutson answered that it was discussed sometime in December. He stated that as far as her comment about the levy, he agreed that if a levy was necessary, it would have to go on the ballot. If a levy is not necessary, there is no reason to put it on the ballot. If a levy was not necessary and it were to be put on the ballot, why would anybody vote for it? He stated that if the county gets to the point where it requires that it needs additional public resources to support the bonds, then they will have no choice but to put it on the ballot. Ms. Walker stated so if they need bonds, they will put it on the ballot. Mr. Hutson answered that is not what he said. He explained that if the county needs additional money that it cannot support through its budget and it needs to issue bonds for that purpose, then a levy would go on the ballot.

Keith Rasey, 908 Laurel Glens, Medina, stated that the process that has been shared as being transparent, and he's not blaming anybody here, he thinks the people that have contacted many of the stakeholders had cursory conversations with people as they gathered information. Hearing and listening are two different things. The design is one thing and funding it is another. One of the things that has concerned him is the way the when it is said in the Gazette that a vote is really allowed, people who are not following the situation carefully will conflate the design with the vote if we can't fund the bond issue over time. He stated this isn't Texas – this is Medina. He referenced the musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Mr. Rasey shared a story from 1979 when a senior minister of a church he was serving took him to New York City with his wife and they went to Broadway. He stated that afterwards, they went to a hot dog stand where a "lovely young black lady" asked him for a "date" where the entire restaurant stopped and looked at him with a look of disdain. When you answer a question that has not been answered, you are doing the side-step. What they want to know is how you're going to pay for it when the market turns. A correction is coming and when that happens, do your economic forecasts say that your revenues will be enough to pay for this? Don't try to avoid saying that yes, you have the right to go to a vote from the people. The muse of Terpsichore is the one that a lot of people like when they are in public office so they can dance a little side-step. The one that we really need here is the muse of Calliope which is the muse of justice and serenity.

John Hardin, 6816 River Corners Road, Spencer, stated that he was here representing Ohio Stands United Medina County. They are looking to make Medina County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County like many others you may have seen. They currently have more than 400 signatures in the county. He presented the commissioners with a copy of a proposed resolution that will reaffirm the citizens of Medina County that the commissioners not only have their second amendment rights at their forethought, but all of their constitutional rights. Their next meeting will be held Saturday, February 1 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Medina Library. He provided a map of counties that have already adopted resolutions and others who are working on it as well as signatures.

Commissioner Hutson moved to go into Executive Session after Discussion Session to consider the employment of a public employee; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed for Discussion Session at 9:54 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:57 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Main Street Medina

Commissioner Hutson noted Main Street Medina and the Medina County Historical Society are trying to get a grant to host an Old House Fair and they have asked for a letter of support. The commissioners agreed to sign a letter of support.

NOACA

Commissioner Hutson stated there is a meeting Thursday at NOACA to talk with the City of Wadsworth about the facility planning area. Amy Lyon-Galvin stated it has been going on for a year. Mr. Hutson noted it is with their counsel. It is an agreement that lays out the transitions of the facility planning areas. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated Eric Aiken let her know that he heard from Robert Patrick about the willingness to attend the meeting and that they do have some comments back from their prosecutor. She is not sure why they have not shared those ahead of time.

Courthouse Project

Commissioner Hutson stated there is tentatively a joint meeting set for February 4 at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Geissman noted she received the email, but has not looked at her schedule. Mrs. Geissman stated she wanted to know before meeting with the City if everything had been conveyed that was discussed here so that she would know where we stand before meeting with them. Mr. Hutson noted he has had various conversations with Mayor Hanwell who has communicated to John Coyne and council. The desire is to get together and have conversations on where we are headed and to see if we can come to a more firm agreement. He stated that for instance, Pat had made a comment that the County and City should entertain swapping our 1841 and the muni court. He is not sure he is in agreement with that. Mr. Hutson stated he okay with allowing the City of Medina to occupy that area of the court, but he is not interested in giving them title to it. He doesn't think we want title for their muni court or giving them title to the 1841 courthouse. Mrs. Geissman stated it came from Scott's idea of taking their municipal building in exchange for that. That is what was discussed here and what was going to go back to the City. Mr. Hutson noted his impression of the concept of that was not a transfer of title. It was essentially allowing them to use that section of the building and understand that there would be area to add restrooms and court facilities. Mr. Hutson stated further conversations would need to occur with Gilbane and the Architect to understand what is feasible. Mrs. Geissman stated she has no problem with that. It was an idea Scott came up with and she believed it was a good idea. If she was a city councilperson, she would probably not support it. Her understanding of our discussion was that it would be going back to the City. The City would be told that they could have the old courthouse in exchange for the municipal building. Mr. Hutson stated he didn't have the concept that we were actually going to transfer titles. His position is he is perfectly willing to have the City occupy the 1840-1870 courthouse, but he is not willing to transfer title. Mrs. Geissman noted she believes that came in the discussion she had with Scott. If they are going to be taking the old courthouse and renovating it, there is value to that building and the land. It is probably why Scott suggested that. There was no formula of dollars added to what it would cost for the City to be part of our project. Scott Miller stated we are currently paying \$100,000 in rent payments for the Board of Elections. They need a lot of space to store their voting machines. The municipal court has a lot of space in their basement to store the equipment and records. If the City is moving out of the building, it will be empty. He doesn't believe they need it for anything and thought it would be something that could be brought up with the City. Mr. Miller noted when they toured the building, they talked about having a joint storage space for records. There are a lot of possibilities. Mrs. Swedyk noted it is good the meeting is happening next Tuesday to discuss a lot of things. Mrs. Swedyk clarified that noon is Facilities Commission and 4:00 p.m. is with City Council. Mr. Hutson stated it is a joint meeting. Mrs. Swedyk stated the joint meeting will be advertised. Mr. Miller stated we have to build behind the courthouse to keep the courts in place. Once the new courthouse is built behind, everyone can move to the new court and the 1969 courthouse can be torn down, the 1841 would be empty and renovations could begin or whatever is most economically and functionally functional for the City. Once Gilbane is on board and he can sit down with the architects, he will know more.

Mr. Miller stated the Construction Manager at Risk contract really needs to be approved. The new contract should be received tomorrow and he will send it out for review. Mr. Hutson stated the sequencing is important and we need to understand what is feasible. Mrs. Swedyk noted moving forward with the CMAR is very important and helpful in making decisions. We will need the CMAR no matter whether the City is a part of the project or not. Mrs. Geissman stated that it absolutely it needs to be done. There will be a lot of questions we cannot answer until the CMAR answers them for us. Mrs. Geissman noted she likes this so much because once our employees move to the newly constructed courthouse, then the City can, on their own, do whatever they want to and take the time they want to renovate the courthouse. That will take care of some of the problems that Seneca County had. Mr. Hutson stated he does not think it will be as seamless as that because it will all be one building when it is done. Mrs. Geissman stated it will be one building, but they can go at their own pace and renovate as they wish. It is a separate cost and renovation factor. Mrs. Swedyk stated that there will be overlaps.

Letter of Support for EMA grant

Commissioner Swedyk inquired if everyone saw the letter of support for EMA's grant. Commissioner Hutson and Geissman saw the letter and signed it.

Annexation

Commissioner Geissman stated that the Commissioners have an annexation to consider. Last week they received several letters and she agrees with many of the comments. Mrs. Geissman stated she thinks those that want the annexation have done everything legally that they need to do, so we need to support the fact that they have met all the legal requirements, but she does hear the residents' concerns. Mrs. Geissman inquired if it would be the city

that makes the final decision whether they give them the ability to build; Mr. Hutson answered that is correct. He answered many of the emails and essentially his answer said if they meet the legal requirements for annexation, we have to approve it. What happens and how the property is developed is up to the city. Mrs. Swedyk stated it is more of a zoning issue.

Second Amendment

Commissioner Geissman inquired if the commissioners needed more information on the Second Amendment; Commissioner Hutson stated yes. Mrs. Geissman stated she spoke to her son about the history of it, but the bottom line is that it means nothing. There is no enforcement involved with this. Mr. Hutson suggested sending it to the prosecutor's office for review. Mrs. Geissman noted that this did not come up at the last CCAO meeting, but she expects it will come up at the next board meeting. Mr. Hutson stated he would be interested in knowing what the other counties passed. Mrs. Geissman stated the counties that have passed a resolution are southern counties along the border.

Executive Session

At 10:14 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:57

Adjournment

Mr. Hutson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED JANUARY 28, 2020

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
20-0051	Resolution commending Beth Mika for over 24 years of service with Medina County
20-0052	Adopting agreements with townships for participation in Stormwater Program
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20-0067	Extending the contract period for the Township of Hinckley Historical Society Community Development Block Grant Entrance Alteration Project
20-0068	Appointing a member to the Medina County Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees
20-0069	Amending representatives to the Medina County Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC)
20-0070	Appointing a member to the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority Board

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-eighth day of January 2020.

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