

William F. Hutson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk present; Stephen D. Hambley attended virtually via Zoom from Columbus. The meeting was held in the commissioners' hearing room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The minutes of the April 13, 2021 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.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed a resolution commending the following students on graduating from Junior Leadership Medina County, Class of 2021:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Zach Bohmer	Medina	Katie Borla	Highland
Andrew Chand	Highland	Emma Bush	Medina
Aiden Cogley	Wadsworth	Anna Burns	Medina
Hannah Eckelberry	Cloverleaf	Gabriel Byrne	Medina
Stephanie Fox	Medina	Mia Chan	Medina
John Paul Fyda	Medina	Jason Darrell	Medina
Charlotte Garant	Cloverleaf	Katie Duke	Cloverleaf
Abby Habegger	Wadsworth	Anthony Frasure	Brunswick
Gabi Ilg	Medina	Alessandra Goyette	Highland
Riley Kerber	Medina	Elisabeth Gromofsky	Wadsworth
Sydney Kindrat	Medina	Kaitlin Herman	Highland
Lydia Lanier	Highland	Eva Hollingsworth	Highland
Lilly Latkovic	Highland	Cassie Hooper	Medina
Peter Marinelli	Highland	Caden Klein	Highland
Hannah McLeod	Medina	Ananya Kompella	Brunswick
Evan Miceli	Highland	Maggie Kristan	Medina
Maddie Miller	Highland	AnGe Lao	Buckeye
Kaylee Moran	Wadsworth	Luke Malena	Cloverleaf
Nick Nagel	Medina	Lauren Marquard	Medina
Georgia Nielsen	Medina	Ella McNutt	Wadsworth
Sophia Novak	Wadsworth	Rachel Murphy	Wadsworth
Alex Paliga	St. Ignatius	Bruce Newlands	Medina
Grace Pantalone	Wadsworth	Olivia Ortiz	Buckeye
Kaitlyn Pierce	Medina	Sommer Ostendorf	Medina
Ellie Radabaugh	Brunswick	Nick O'Sullivan	Medina
Olivia Rudd	Medina	Elise Patton	Cloverleaf
James Scavuzzo	Highland	Vinny Pfahl	Medina
Lexi Sesock	Medina	Natalie Piatak	Medina
Emma Sielski	Medina	Joudi Saadeh	Buckeye
Kathryn Siliko	Highland	Maddy Silver	Highland
Grace Smith	Highland	Regan Simpson	Wadsworth
Faith Webb	Medina	Leah Stidham	Highland
Madi Zaccaro	Medina	Jackson Stillwagon	Highland
Jessica Bisesar	Brunswick	Nora Sublett	Cloverleaf

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed a resolution commending graduates of Leadership Medina County Signature class of 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Matthew Addis	Edward C. Hopson, CBA
Jennifer Roman Anzalone	Laure Javorsky
Gary Blake	Laura Kettering
Cheriece Boyd	John Liebler
Angie Braidich	Stacey Maleckar
Steve Butler	Matthew A. Neil
Dan Carter	Erin Ploucha
Bryan Corbin	Jason Sanders
Taylor Celeste DeClerico	Branden Todd
Kristy M. Dobes	Gabe Tudor
Donielle Finding	Bradley Virgin
Kevin A. Hack	Brad Winter
Becky Hambley	Kim Wolff
Robert A. Hlasko, Ed.D.	Lori Zoss Kraska, MBA

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed a resolution commending students on being chosen as an outstanding senior by the Medina County Share Cluster for 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Emmit Kolowski	Black River	Molly Stillwagon	Highland
Carly England	Black River	Chase Marquis	Highland
Angela Case	Brunswick	Rowan McDonald	Medina
Margaret McGinnis	Brunswick	Weston Mansier	Medina
Matthew Baumiller	Buckeye	Emily Watkins	Medina County Career Center
Lilly Porta	Buckeye	Collin Kalina	Medina County Career Center
Colton Sadowski	Cloverleaf	Alexander Miller	Wadsworth
Colette Laughlin	Cloverleaf	Cara Griffin	Wadsworth

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed a resolution commending students on graduating from Leadership Exploration and Development Institute, Class of 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Christopher Anzevino	Mason Harper
Nicole Argirakis	Andrew Kubena
Meghan Bates	Sara Lynn
Bryan Elliott	Lori Miner
Brittany Erdos	Brooklyn Mott
Bailey Ewing	Danielle Razavi
Ty Fritz	Amy Smoyer
Mark Gryskiewicz	Ashley Stevens
Kaleigh Talaganis	Samantha Wonkovich

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners offered congratulations to all recipients.

County Engineer Administrative Assistant Dan Becker presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the bid for the project known as MED-CRPM-FY2021 to install pavement markings on various Medina County roads in Medina County; (2) determining the necessity to close Kennard Road (C.H. 78) between Ballash Road (T.R. 85) and Westfield Road (C.H. 15); (3) determining the necessity to close Kennard Road (C.H. 78) between Ballash Road (T.R. 85) and Westfield Landing Road (T.R. 159); (4) determining the necessity to close River Corners Road (C.H. 27) between Holshoe Road (C.H. 82) and Simcox Road (T.R. 195); (5) accepting and awarding the 2021 Medina County item 422 resurfacing bid on various county roads in Medina County, Ohio for the Medina County Engineer and (6) accepting and awarding the 2021 Boston Road improvement project in Hinckley Township for the Medina County Engineer. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the six resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The Medina County Engineer's weekly permits for April 8-14, 2021 were reviewed.

Assistant County Administrator Amy Lyon-Galvin presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) amending the 2021 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (4) cash transfers for various funds; (5) authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Vehicle Maintenance revenue line item (6) authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; (7) creation of the Board of Elections Health Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (8) creation of a Sheriff's Office Jail Capital Improvement Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of a Sheriff's Office Extradition Reimbursement Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (10) creation of the Sheriff's Office Transportation of Prisoners Fund and authorizing appropriations; (11) creation of the Medina TV Fund and authorizing appropriations; (12) allowing expenses of the County Engineer; (13) allowing expenses of county officials; and (14) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$961,008.44. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the fourteen resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk 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 the personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with GT Environmental to assist the Medina County Solid Waste District with temporary management services; and (2) authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Chippewa Lake Village to replace existing sanitary sewer laterals and water main as part of the Village's Clovercliff Drive Road Improvement Project. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson thanked Mr. Sinko for working with Chippewa Lake as they had expressed some concern about not having their roads torn up after they were redone. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Transit Director Shannon Rine presented and reviewed a resolution approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation 2021 Rides to Community Immunity (RCI) Program Grant. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson asked if Mr. Rine was required to document and use the funding specifically by individual for each trip. Mr. Rine stated all trips are tracked even if it is a follow up visit. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried

Chief Building Official Richard Nelson reported that the amount of monies being spent compared to last year has increased by approximately 40%. The average cost of new homes increased in March to \$470,000 compared to the previous month of \$424,000. This increase is likely due to the increased of material prices. March receipts are up 20% over last year and year-to-date receipts are also up 7%. He noted that one clerk is leaving the department tomorrow; there are no immediate plans to fill that position. Megan Holly filled in for her while she was off and she did a great job, so they will keep this going for a while. An inspector also left a month ago and they are waiting to fill the position. They are getting caught up on state reports.

Mr. Hutson asked if the large commercial project in March was Cloverleaf Schools. Mr. Nelson confirmed noting that it is their stadium and new concession stand, which include restrooms and ticketing booth; the project is currently underway. Mr. Nelson stated that the turnaround on residential permits is 3-5 days and commercial permits is about three weeks. Mr. Nelson stated that they have a very good plans examiner who keeps up on things very well.

Economic Development Executive Director Bethany Dentler reported that they are tracking 50 companies and together they have made \$44.7 M of new capital investments and have absorbed or committed to build over 117,000 square feet of space. Looking forward, there is a great deal of business expansion activity happening and they have had various interests in Valley City, Harrisville Township and Brunswick, and they are seeing a robust recovery particularly in the construction and manufacturing to the point that inflation is a bit of a concern. Companies have increased their starting wages significantly and are offering hiring bonuses. Business are having issues in logistics and transportation because of the shortage of long haul truck drivers, backups at port of entry on the coast as well as supply chain issues with steel, wood and semi-conductor chips, and they hope that these concerns will be taken into consideration in future federal efforts.

Mrs. Dentler stated that workforce concerns are the biggest issues our companies are facing. There are more than 500 open positions in the manufacturing sector alone, with a county unemployment rate of 3.6% and a workforce participation rate of over 80% in Medina County. The national average workforce participation rate is 67% so we are well above that figure. They are working with the Summit Medina Workforce Development Board as well as OhioMeans Jobs Medina County and are putting together social media marketing campaigns to promote manufacturing jobs and careers. They are also partnering with the Medina County Auditor's Office and Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority to send out a mailing in to targeted residents to drive attention to the worklocal.net website, which features job openings specifically in Medina County.

Mrs. Dentler noted that their final virtual high school and middle career fair is being held tonight and focuses on healthcare. It is a good effort going virtual, but the kids seem to enjoy the in person fairs much more. Information was sent to the school districts and both vocational programs about jobs in Medina County as well. Their office coordinates The Talent Pool Document, which is updated weekly on everybodyworksmedinacounty.org and lists the names of all of the employment candidates that are available through our workforce partners including OhioMeansJobs, Job & Family Services, Board of Development Disabilities, Probation and more. Individuals work directly with the job counselor to help find work; they encourage companies who are hiring to reach out to those individuals about job openings.

Mrs. Dentler stated that current initiatives include House Bill 123, which would significantly change how the Community Reinvestment Area Property Tax Abatement Program works in Ohio. It is a well-used program in Medina County and is one of the most valuable tools that we have. Proposed changes would significantly impact the level of transparency and accountability of the program. Mrs. Dentler noted that she is testifying at many government gatherings as an opponent to the bill and hoping they are open to amendments that would make it more reasonable and less harmful to our local school systems. She noted the bill's sponsor did not seem very open to changes, but she did send in amended language that would allow for at least a job creation requirement.

Mrs. Dentler thanked the commissioners for the leadership for responding to NOACA's proposals to the Long Range Transportation Plan. She expressed concerns about the economic development implications of the plan particularly around incentives and data gathering. She has asked Team Neo to take a look at the proposals and gather feedback from the five counties in the NOACA footprint so they can weigh in as well. She reminded the commissioners that there is a virtual NOACA meeting on Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM. Pre-registering is not required and it is a Zoom Webinar.

Mrs. Dentler stated the Energy Special Improvement District Board met last week and voted to approve a project in the City of Brunswick that opens up the City of Brunswick for property owners to take advantage of the Property Accessed Clean Energy Program. The 2021 Medina County Business Awards Program is being held on October 26th. They are accepting nominations for companies in four award categories for both 2019 and 2020, which include capital investment, business growth, outstanding community advocate and entrepreneur of the year. The deadline is June 1st for nominations which should be sent before the deadline to Sherri Patterson at spatterson@medinacounty.org.

Mr. Hutson inquired of the 117,000 square feet of new space and asked if the “old” space is going to be fully absorbed. Mrs. Dentler answered that there are very few vacant industrial properties; it is an issue in Medina County. They would love to see developers develop speculative industrial real estate because they tend to get absorbed very quickly. In response to Mr. Hutson’s question, Mrs. Dentler stated that the project in Westfield Township ended up in Valley City because they could not wait to construct a building; they bought the former Independent Steel building and are renovating the space. This company plans to create 150 new jobs over the next two years. Mrs. Swedyk stated that they are a great company and asked if the October event will be held in person. Mrs. Dentler stated that it is their hope to hold the event in person as well as an outdoor cookout in July.

In response to Mr. Hutson’s question, Mrs. Dentler stated that she received some feedback on the NOACA letter, which included a Cuyahoga County official who pushed back on our assumptions. There were other folks who were grateful that we took the leap. Mrs. Swedyk stated that the direction does not provide many benefits to Medina County. Mr. Hutson agreed and asked Mrs. Dentler to forward the response from Cuyahoga County.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 10:03 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 10:03 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session.

Montville Township

Scott Miller stated that the commissioners received an email from Montville Township regarding a builder who is building a model home in preparation for the Parade of Homes. The Building Department reviewed and approved the plans, but they were waiting for the zoning permit from Montville before issuing the building permit. The email was requesting that the commissioners issue a stop order, but this is a zoning issue – not a building issue. Mr. Miller recommended advising Montville that they need to enforce their zoning and once the zoning permits have been issued, the county will issue the building permit. Mrs. Swedyk asked for confirmation that we don’t issue inspections unless a permit has been given; Richard Nelson confirmed noting that until they have a permit, they won’t do any inspections because the inspection is similar to giving them permission to proceed. Mrs. Swedyk stated that is reasonable and asked Mr. Miller to reach out to Montville and explain that we can’t do an inspection until there is a permit. Mr. Nelson stated that Montville was upset with him because when he found out about it, he didn’t issue a stop work order. He stated that they were informed that the builder was going to start his model home. Mr. Hutson asked if the plans were approved at that point. Mr. Nelson answered yes, but they didn’t have zoning and couldn’t get a permit. Mr. Hutson stated that from Medina County’s standpoint, we did what we needed to do and are ready to go if the township would have issued their permit. Mr. Nelson confirmed and noted that when they do issue it, they are ready to go. Mr. Hutson stated that it’s not material from the County’s standpoint whether Montville Township is ready or what their holdup is, but we’re ready to move as soon as they resolve their issue. Mrs. Swedyk asked for communication to be kept open with Montville so this can get resolved quickly.

State and Local Funds

Mr. Miller stated that no guidance has been provided on the monies the County will be receiving from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan. Mrs. Swedyk noted that she had attended a webinar on this matter and no substantial information was provided. Mr. Miller stated that an email was received noting what local governments need to have in place in order to receive the monies; we have that in place. In answer to a question by Mrs. Swedyk, Mr. Miller stated that from what he’s seen, the amount is around \$35M. Mrs. Swedyk stated that she doesn’t think suggestions can be offered until we know the rules; Mr. Hutson agreed. Mr. Miller explained that a separate fund will be established for these monies. Mrs. Swedyk stated that she hopes it is expanded over what was allowed last year. Mr. Hutson stated that the areas they are focused on are not necessarily COVID-related; more definition of what the monies can be used for is needed. Mrs. Swedyk suggested coming together collectively to discuss how these monies should be spend after direction is provided; Mr. Hutson agreed asking if a special commissioners’ meeting should be held to discuss this. After brief discussion, the commissioners agreed to have a special meeting in late May to discuss this matter.

North Pump Station

Jeremy Sinko stated that Jones & Henry did the engineering for the North pump station. During their initial estimate, they had a not to exceed amount of \$30,700. The estimate was based on them obtaining plans from the manufacturer; the plans they received were not complete enough to get the plans out, so additional work was needed. They are requesting an additional \$12,600 to cover the additional work. He will present a resolution next week to reflect these changes.

Mrs. Swedyk inquired about some issues on a project in Sharon Township with some staging issues. Mr. Sinko stated he will work with the contractor and Sharon Township offered to help find them another staging area.

Letter of Support

Mrs. Swedyk stated that the City of Wadsworth is going for some funding for downtown infrastructure. She wrote a letter of support and will send it out after the meeting; Mr. Hutson agreed.

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 10:18 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED APRIL 20, 2021

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
21-0276-0348	Commending students on graduating from Junior Leadership Medina County, Class of 2021
21-0349-0376	Commending students on graduating from Leadership Medina County Signature Class of 2021
21-0377-0392	Commending students being chosen as Outstanding Seniors by the Medina County Share Cluster for 2021
21-0393-0410	Commending graduates of Leadership Exploration and Development Institute
21-0411	Accepting and awarding the bid for the project known as MED-CRPM-FY2021 to install pavement markings on various Medina County Roads
21-0412	Determining the necessity to close Kennard Road (CH-78) between Ballash Road (TR-85) and Westfield Road (CH-15)
21-0413	Determining the necessity to close Kennard Road (CH-78) between Ballash Road (TR-85) and Westfield Landing Road ((TR-159)
21-0414	Determining the necessity to close River Corners Road (CH-27) between Holshoe Road (CH-82) and Simcox Road (TR-195)
21-0415	Accepting and awarding the 2021 Medina County Item 422 Resurfacing bid on various county roads in Medina County, Ohio for the Medina County Engineer
21-0416	Accepting and awarding the 2021 Boston Road improvement project in Hinckley Township for the Medina County Engineer
21-0417	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
21-0418	Amending the 2021 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
21-0419	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
21-0420	Cash transfers for various funds
21-0421	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Vehicle Maintenance revenue line item
21-0422	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund
21-0423	Creation of the Board of Elections Health Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0424	Creation of a Sheriff's Office Jail Capital Improvement Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0425	Creation of the Sheriff's Office Extradition Reimbursement Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0426	Creation of the Sheriff's Office Transportation of Prisoners Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0427	Creation of the Medina TV Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0428	Allowing expenses of the County Engineer
21-0429	Allowing expenses of County Officials
21-0430	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the Treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
21-0431	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
21-0432	Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation 2021 Rides to Community Immunity (RCI) Program Grant
21-0433	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with GT Environmental to assist the Medina County Solid Waste District with temporary management services
21-0434	Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Chippewa Lake Village to replace existing sanitary sewer laterals and water main as part of the Village's Clovercliff Drive Road Improvement Project

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twentieth day of April, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____ Stephen D. Hambley
	OF	_____ Colleen M. Swedyk
_____ Rhonda J. Beck Clerk to the Commissioners	MEDINA COUNTY	_____ William F. Hutson