

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

The minutes of the March 30, 2021 commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed the following resolutions for the County Engineer: (1) accepting and awarding the 2021 multi-road improvement project OPWC No. C123X in York/Medina Townships for the Medina County Engineer; (2) determining the necessity to close Fenn Road (C.H. 70) between N. Huntington Street (T.H. 483) and Pearl Road (S.R.42); (3) determining the necessity to close Lake Road (C.H.19) between Wedgewood Road (S.R. 162) and University Boulevard (T.R. 818); and (4) authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-22) for road salt. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mrs. Swedyk stated that the Engineer's Office is extremely busy so she isn't surprised by their absence today. Mr. Hutson stated that the State Route 18 project, the Liberty Street city project, the courthouse project, and the roundabout at 162/Route 3 construction will be underway all at once; it will be an interesting summer. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The Medina County Engineer's weekly permits for March 25-31, 2021 were reviewed.

Budget Officer Drew Lacey presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) cash transfers for various funds; (3) approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices; (4) declaring Medina County property as excess property; (5) authorizing the purchase of 7,100 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center; (6) authorizing the submission of a grant application for a Family First Council Operational Capacity Building Funds Grant; (7) amending the purchase of services agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the Office of Older Adults for FY21; (8) allowing expenses of county officials; and (9) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$5,223,867.71. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the nine resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson thanked the Clerk of Courts Dave Wadsworth for allocating excess Auto Title funds to fund the Sheriff's Office new weapon systems. Mrs. Swedyk noted that Mr. Wadsworth also helped out last year with the Sheriff vehicles. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

County Administrator Scott Miller presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving the personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners; (2) authorizing an agreement between the Medina County Sheriff's Department and Medina County Port Authority (MCPA). Mr. Hambley moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried

Transit Director Shannon Rine presented and reviewed a resolution approving the submission of an application for the purchase of replacement transit vehicles via the Ohio Department of Transportation FY21 Ohio Transit Preservation Program Grant. 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.

County Home Superintendent Greg Brown reported current occupancy of the home at 39 residents; 19 women and 20 men. Adult Daycare reopened April 5th. An advertisement was placed in the Commissioners' newsletter last week to get the word out. Two interviews are being conducted for candidates this week and one client is returning from last year. Staff shortages include a part time second shift LPN and one part time first shift LPN. The recently hired Charge Nurse is filling in the gaps until those positions can be filled. Mr. Brown wanted to give recognition to Nurse Diana Carrigan for her quick actions that helped their resident during a medical emergency. Internal improvements this month include training for the electronic medical records in which is expected to go live April 13th. He noted donations from the Salvation Army, Sharon Center Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club of Medina, and the Medina Coterie. Collaborations include the Health Department for vaccinations and Access the Arts of Wadsworth will be offering resident's music lessons this year. An Easter bunny appeared at the home and dropped off goodies for the residents. Indoor/outdoor visitations resumed on March 29; 87% of residents being fully vaccinated.

Mr. Hutson asked if Mr. Brown was conducting any testing protocols for staff and residents. Mr. Brown stated if an incidence occurs, CDC guidelines will be followed including isolation, and testing on an individual basis if the resident shows is symptomatic. In response to Mr. Hutson's question, Mr. Brown stated that they are slowly ramping into outdoor activities and starting in May, they will begin nature walks and things of that sort.

Planning Services Senior Planner Rob Henwood stated that Medina County has been awarded \$389,000 in critical infrastructure funding for the Lafayette Township Bridge and Road Replacement Project. Both Lafayette Township and Medina County will be contributing \$1,000, and the Park District will be contributing \$40,000 as in-kind donations. This project will include the installation of a new bridge and a public street for the neighborhood that is currently isolated. He noted that the bridge is in such bad condition that township maintenance vehicles and

emergency service vehicles will not cross the bridge and the Fire Department has to carry extra hose to provide fire suppression. The project will replace the existing bridge and construct a new roadway which will connect to Lake Road. The new road will be 20 feet in width and approximately 1/3 mile long and constructed of asphalt; the bridge will be a four sided box culvert. Mr. Henwood stated that he is very excited that this project has been approved.

Mr. Hutson stated that the bridge is on Euclid Avenue in Chippewa Lake and it is an old bridge that went from the park to a residential community that were formerly cottages and cabins, but now residents live in them all year round. Mr. Hutson stated that this new bridge will be very helpful to the county.

Mrs. Swedyk asked if the development on 130th in Hinckley is still happening because she saw their Board of Zoning Appeals rejected something. Mr. Henwood stated that as far as he knows, they just have to go back and rework some things to get approved. In response to Mr. Hambley's question, Mr. Henwood stated that it is the senior housing development and that the Planning Department will be working in conjunction with the Sanitary Engineer's Office to help them bring some expertise into the bidding process. Mr. Hutson stated that the Park District owns the land and the bridge and asked if this is technically a Park District Project. Mr. Henwood answered that it is a Lafayette Township project, so it will be a township road and a county bridge. He noted that part of the early problems with the project was because the land was in private ownership and once the Park District purchased the land, it made it possible the application to be resubmitted. The commissioners recognized Mr. Henwood's hard work with this project and thanked him. In response to Mr. Hutson's question, Mr. Henwood stated that they have until March of 2023 to complete the project and are hoping to have construction start this year.

Planning Services Director Denise Testa thanked Mr. Henwood for his work on the project noting that he has been a tremendous colleague. She thanked Mr. Hambley for his assistance and comments on the Brunswick Hills map amendment as well as the Westfield map and tax amendment. Concept plans have been received for Hinckley Township (87 acres with 28 lots) and Liverpool Township (24 acres with 20 lots). Mrs. Testa reminded the commissioners about Dave Williams being appointed by Mayor Laubaugh; Mrs. Swedyk noted that he has always done a great job. Mrs. Testa reported that the subdivision regulations workgroup will be launching this April and Cliff Nowak has agreed to co-chair with her this year. She also mentioned that the remaining projects for CDBG in Harrisville, Lodi, Montville and Wadsworth are in the process of having the procurement completed. We are still waiting to hear from Brunswick Hills regarding the demolition – we are still waiting to see if the land owner will sign the paperwork. She stated that the CHIP contract was signed regarding the Ohio Regional Development Corporation and two public hearings were scheduled. Fair Housing is ramping back up again; have scheduled approximately 18 presentations between now and October in cooperation with the city and Sandy Davis. Mr. Hutson stated that it sounds like there is a lot of activity.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:51 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session.

Healey Creek Restoration

Mr. Hambley stated that the City of Brunswick are applying for a federal grant for a community project with a very short time frame. The project effects not only Brunswick, but also Hinckley Creek Restoration, and they are looking for our support. They received \$500,000 from a capital budget. Mrs. Swedyk stated that the grant description was very good. Mr. Hambley stated that they have an opportunity to receive federal funding to add to a \$3.7M project. Mr. Hambley asked the commissioners their opinion on sending a letter of support for the project. Mr. Hambley suggested that if any other communities are doing this kinds of project that they should let the commissioners know so they can be evaluated. The commissioners agreed to sign and send a letter of support for the project.

Transit Strategic Plan

Mr. Rine stated that they are going to be going out for RFP for a strategic plan which will help them develop a near term and long term plan for transit services for the county. It will solidify some of the ideas that we currently have and bring up some things that need to be done for the region to counterbalance some of the ideas brought up in the NOACA plans. In response to Mr. Hambley's question, Mr. Rine stated that the last time this was done was maybe 10-11 years ago. Surveys have been done, but only as partial planning and not an operational strategic and marketing standpoint. Mr. Hutson asked if this is going to be specifically for Medina County transit or will it be broad enough to include other transit agencies. Mr. Rine answered that they reached out to the 18 Express, which is a Summit County partnership, and are working on some Cuyahoga connections involving Brunswick. You will see some partnership, but it will be mainly for Medina County Public Transit. He noted that some other counties will be effected positively economically with job growth and mobility freedom. In response to Mr. Hambley's question, Mr. Rine stated that they are moving quickly with the RFP process and once a consultant is selected the planning will begin right away. Mr. Hambley stated that we are seeing an unprecedented amount of money going out in the state and federal level for transit, and in order to access those dollars, we need to have a plan in place. He stated that this is the correct move to develop this plan and make sure those dollars are available long term for transit. Mr. Hutson stated that they have not forgotten about the bus ride and mentioned that they will put this in place sometime in May. Mr. Rine stated that their south circular is very popular on Tuesdays and some of the plans we have for next year include connecting the southern part of the county.

Bond Project

Mrs. Swedyk thanked Mr. Miller for all of his hard work on the bond project and for securing a wonderful rate of 2.6. In response to Mr. Hutson's question, Mr. Miller stated that we should have the money on the 15th.

Adjournment

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED APRIL 6, 2021

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
21-0243	Accepting and awarding the 2021 Multi-Road Improvement Project OPWC No. C123X in York/Medina Townships for the Medina County Engineer
21-0244	Determining the necessity to close Fenn Road (CH-70) between N. Huntington Street (TH-483) and Pearl Road (SR-42)
21-0245	Determining the necessity to close Lake Road (CH-19) between Wedgewood Road (SR-163) and University Boulevard (TR-818)
21-0246	Authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-22) for road salt
21-0247	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
21-0248	Cash transfer for various funds
21-0249	Approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices
21-0250	Declaring Medina County property as excess property
21-0251	Authorizing the purchase of 7,100 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
21-0252	Authorizing the submission of a grant application for a Family First Council Operational Capacity Building Funds Grant
21-0253	Amending the purchase of service agreement between Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the Office of Older Adults for FY2021
21-0254	Allowing expenses of county officials
21-0255	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the Treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
21-0256	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
21-0257	Authorizing an agreement between the Medina County Sheriff's Department and Medina County Port Authority (MCPA)
21-0258	Approving the submission of an application for the purchase of replacement transit vehicles via the Ohio Department of Transportation FY21 Ohio Transit Preservation Program Grant

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

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