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

The minutes of the August 17, 2021 public hearing, commissioners' meeting and special meetings, and the August 18, 2021 special 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 a resolution proclaiming August 31, 2021 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in Medina County. 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.

Stefanie Robinson, Executive Director of Hope Recovery Community, stated that she too is a person in recovery. She thanked the commissioners for the resolution acknowledging Overdose Awareness Day and noted that we have an addiction crisis on our hands, but thanks to the ADAMH Board, the County, citizens and organizations, they are able to provide recovery support services today and break that stigma. Medina is doing a fantastic job and has a long way to go. She announced an event at the Brunswick Church of Nazarene on August 31 at 6:30 p.m. recognizing Overdose Awareness Day.

Phillip Titterington, Director of the ADAMH Board, stated that he cannot express enough the good that Stefanie Robinson and Hope Recovery Community have done in the very short period they have been in existence. They have surpassed their original vision and couldn't do it without the support of the county commissioners. The citizens in recovery in Medina County have so many different supports to help them. It's a terrible disease and requires a lot of help, but with the support and all that Hope Recovery Community offers brings hope. He thanked the commissioners for the proclamation and their support.

County Engineer Andy Conrad presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the 2021 Medina County Item 423 Crack Seal bid in Medina County, Ohio for the Medina County Engineer and (2) determining that one vehicle used by the Medina County Engineer is excess property and authorizing its disposal under the provisions of Section 317.12 Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll called showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The Medina County Engineer's weekly permits for August 12-18, 2021 were reviewed.

County Administrator Scott Miller presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) amending the 2021 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) creation of the Mandatory Drug Fund and authorizing appropriations; (4) creation of the Operating Vehicle Intoxicated Fines Fund and authorizing appropriations; (5) creation of an Adult Probation Drug Court Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations; (6) creation of an Adult Probation Mental Health Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Fund and authorizing appropriations; (7) creation of a Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Grant FY 23-23 and authorizing appropriations; (8) creation of the Drug Task Force Ohio Drug Law Enforcement FY 20 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY 22-23 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (10) creation of a Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant FY 22-23 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (11) creation of Juvenile Court Special Docket FY 22 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (12) creation of an Office for Older Adults Senior Prevention Services Fund and authorizing appropriations; (13) creation of the Sheriff Office Vehicle Training Fund and authorizing appropriations; (14) creation of the Sheriff's Office Opioid Response Team Fund and authorizing appropriations; (15) creation of the Drug Use Prevention Grant Program FY 22 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (16) allowing expenses of county officials; and (17) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $937,590.59. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the 17 resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk 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 the retention of Gilbane Building Company as the Construction Manager and approving the letter to proceed; and (2) authorizing the contracts with Involta for assistance in hiring a Commissioner Department Director of IT and consulting services. 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.

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 contract negotiations to replace the existing scales at the Medina County Solid Waste District; and (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers for professional design services to monitor the flow of sanitary sewers along Medina Road (S.R. 18). 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.

Chief Building Official Richard Nelson reviewed the July Monthly Report noting that the average cost of new construction was $511,315; year-to-date average is $435,571. Receipts for July compared to last year are down, but year-to-date receipts are remain good; overall, they are under budget this year. Due to the resignation of an inspector they have hired a replacement and are hopeful for a seamless transition. The recently issues partial Certificates of Occupancy for the school projects in the county and will soon be issuing full ones in time for school to begin. Residential permit response times are under 2 days with commercial at 16 days. In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson, Mr. Nelson estimated the average square footage of new homes to be approximately 4,000 sq. ft.

Transit Director Shannon Rine reported that ridership is fluctuating with demand service remaining consistent. Service is not returning as he had hoped and today's events are causing more people to use telehealth again which impacts ridership. In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson, Mr. Rine stated that his understanding is that doctors are preferring telehealth more so than patients. They recently applied for ODOT grants in the amount of $400,000 and were awarded $64,000 for one new vehicle. The vehicle maintenance program is a success and they continue to see the benefits of this. The greatest challenges have been in hiring. Mr. Hutson inquired about qualifications for drivers. Mr. Rine answered that they hire non-cdl drivers that pass the background check and physical with good driving records, and they train them to get their cdl within one year. He then reported that they received three responses to their RFP for a Strategic Plan and are scheduling interviews prior to scoring. The mask requirement for public transit has been extended until January 18, 2022 per the CDC and TSA. Daily cleaning is completed on the vehicles to keep the public safe.

Job & Family Services Director Debbie Kiley reported the following divisional updates:

- Child Protective Services – Over 1,100 abuse/neglect calls have been received to date; 83 children are in care; and the annual review process has begun
- Public Assistance – 3,200 applications have been received to date and the division will begin participating in an employment incentive program
- Child Support - $19M has been collected to date; have approximately 7,000 open active cases; Child Support Awareness Month continues to be recognized in their office; and the Amnesty in August program will take place August 30-31

Mr. Hambley moved to go into Executive Session after Discussion for the purpose of consideration of the purchase of property and to discuss imminent litigation; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners' voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment
None.

Discussion Session
At 9:57 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the commissioners' hearing room.

Aggregation
Scott Miller stated that in looking at becoming more green and in effort to provide residents the cheapest electric prices, Community Energy Advisors suggested issuing a proposal that would have a base price for brown energy (which is least expensive) while asking the companies to submit proposals that would allow residents to upgrade their service to a green energy if they choose to pay the higher price. Mr. Hutson clarified that even though we would be a countywide aggregate program, the individual property owner would have the option to select the green option at a higher price, they could do so without effecting anyone else; Mr. Miller confirmed. Mrs. Swedyk asked if this would be a new notice where they choose or would they stay in the regular program. Mr. Miller answered that they would automatically stay in the program unless they requested to be upgraded. Mr. Hambley stated that it would basically be an opt-in program. The commissioners agreed to allow Community Energy Advisors to issue a proposal.

Courthouse Update
Mr. Miller stated that the foundations have been poured for the elevators and are working on the building foundation next to the 1841 Courthouse. Next week they should begin installing the block around the elevator shafts and all permits have been issued with the exception of the finishes. Guaranteed maximum price #3 should be in later this week for final review and will be presented next week for approval. He stated that value engineering was done last week and he expects the commissioners will be very pleased to be under budget.

ARP Work Sessions
Mr. Miller noted that Veterans Services reduced their request subsequent to the ARP work session by $200,000 and the Sheriff's office also reduced their request for the camera system; these changes will be reflected in the score cards. There are a couple of projects that were previously discussed including the conferencing equipment ($115,000) which will be presented for approval in the near future, and revenue replacement ($489,000).

Budget Hearings
Mr. Miller stated that budget hearings will be scheduled for the weeks of October 4th and 11th.

Employee Vehicles

Richard Nelson stated that employee vehicles have been getting some type of residue on their vehicles in their parking lot over the last several weeks resulting in windshield wiper replacements being required. He is unsure what this residue is, but it can be felt on the vehicles and needs scraped off. He noted that it seems like some type of resin. Mr. Hutson added that if it is on the windshields, it's on the rest of the vehicle as well. Mr. Hutson stated that they will need to figure out how to investigate this issue. Mr. Hambley suggested speaking with neighbors in the area to see if they too are having these issues and try to trace down where the emissions are originating.

Senate Bill 52

Commissioner Hambley explained that SB 52 involves adding authority to the county commissioners when it comes to large utility construction and siting authority for large scale wind and solar projects noting that commissioners did not request this authority and it effects every county. If there is an application for a large scale siting, it provides representation with the Ohio Power Siting Board which oversees licensing, and if an application is received and the commissioners have not designated an area, the commissioner have the ability to not approve the facility. Mr. Hambley stated that he asked Denise Testa to do more research on this and has also spoken with some other commissioners on this subject. They are also working on a new training book within the next month regarding what the options are for county commissioners. He proposed that the commissioners review this, work with our Planning Services and should we get an application, that our county Planning Department process these applications and involve the Planning Commission in terms of providing advice to us. He stated that there is an active entity looking to develop a solar field of about 500 acres within a Medina County township, so it appears this will visit us sooner than originally thought and county policies should be in place to deal with this.

Commissioner Swedyk asked if the bill provides individual townships a way to put it in their zoning regulation; Mr. Hambley answered no. Mr. Hutson added that the commissioners have the authority. Mr. Hambley explained that this was the compromise. Those industries that were pushing not to have any restrictions and those that were pushing that everything was local. Regardless of what the commissioners do, there is under this bill the ability for referendum and to put it to the ballot. Mr. Hutson stated that the referendum goes to the entire county rather than where the project is to be located. Mr. Hambley noted that since this is brand new authority the commissioners didn't ask for, a process needs to be put in place.

Denise Testa stated that Scott Miller suggested speaking to Community Energy Advisors and she noted that it would be beneficial to see what other counties are doing to assist with gathering best practices as well as involving townships. There are sections in zoning regulations that address solar/wind farms, but not at the large utility scale. She noted that some of the questions she would have is if the townships cannot prohibit or restrict areas, are there opportunities to include some screening so that it could become a positive for the township. Mr. Hutson stated that he would be interested in knowing whether the townships, on an individual basis, desire it or not. As he understands the statute, the commissioners have the ability to designate.

After discussion, Mr. Hutson and Mrs. Swedyk concurred with Mr. Hambley's proposal regarding the Planning Department processing applications and involving the Planning Commission in the process.

Jake Brakes

Mr. Hambley mentioned concerns of a constituent's request for a "No Jake Break" sign on a county highway road. The prosecutor's office will review the statute and to provide instruction on the proper resolution.

CCAO Briefing

Mr. Hambley stated that the CCAO's Regional Briefing will be held September 2 in Summit County and he will be attending. Senate Bill 52 is on the agenda in addition to the ARPA process.

EMA Building

Commissioner Swedyk stated that EMA will be expanding their facility on Heather Hedge Dr. in Lafayette Township noting that the funds they have available will go a lot farther should the expansion be on one floor rather than extending to a second floor. Jeremy Sinko priced moving the sewer line which is under a proposed extension and Mr. Sinko determined it would be approximately $75,000 and would qualify for ARP funding. She stated that she is in favor of it because EMA will be able to better serve the community using the funds they have available to build out instead of up. Christina Fozio explained the current building noting that it is 4,400 sq. ft. and already has equipment overflowing into the parking lot. They have a total of $900,000 set aside for this project. Adding an elevator would cost $120,000 which is a big chunk of the monies. If they are able to move the underground sewer, the will be able to spend the monies more efficiently by expanding up rather than out.

Mr. Hambley stated that his concern was the cost of going up, so this is a more economical solution and he is in favor of including this in with the ARP funding. Mr. Sinko will provide a resolution next week for design services. After discussion, it was determined to extend the underground further for future potential use. Mr. Sinko stated that the cost would be closer to $85,000-$90,000. The commissioners agreed that both options should be evaluated and for the resolutions to be prepared to move forward.

Scheetz

Stan Scheetz stated that the Scheetz project in Seville was approved on the 11 acre site (former Easton farm) and he has been lobbying them for a site in Lodi.

Executive Session
At 10:33 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 11:22 a.m.

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 11:22 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 24, 2021

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Commissioners

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