

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 October 12, 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.

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) cash transfer for various funds; (4) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Vehicle Maintenance revenue line item; (5) accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor; (6) creation of the OCJS Sheriff Office Covid Area Enhancement Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (7) creation of the OCJS Sheriff Office Covid Technology Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (8) creation of an Adult Probation Mental Health Court Subsidy Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (9) creation of a Family First Council Family-Centered Services & Support FY22 Fund and authorizing appropriations; (10) creation of Juvenile Court Special Docket Medication Assisted Treatment FY22 Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (11) creation of a Medina County Energy Special Improvement District Fund and authorizing appropriations; (12) allowing expenses of county officials; and (13) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$875,746.00. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the twelve resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll called 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 move to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll called 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 Jones and Henry Engineers for professional design services; (2) authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for professional design services; (3) declaring the necessity to rehabilitate existing sanitary sewer mains in various locations within Medina County, and authorizing the sanitary engineer to commence advertising for construction bids; and (4) authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers for professional design services. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll called showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Sinko provided an update on the riverbank project noting that four easements for access have been secured and they are working on one more, and three of five soil borings have been completed. The 8730 Lake Road building is also nearing completion and furniture will be delivered November 8; the next Solid Waste Policy Committee meeting will be held at this facility.

County Home Superintendent Greg Brown reported that census is currently at 39 with two participants in the Adult Day Care program and the boiler replacement project is underway. He reviewed recent activities and noted upcoming events including flu shots, a family bonfire, ukulele lessons/program, absentee voting and a Halloween party. He mentioned donations received from Compassionate Action that were appreciated. Commissioner Hutson requested support for the upcoming County Home levy and stated that it's a good service that has provided for our residents.

Economic Development Executive Director reported that they are tracking 111 companies who have collectively made \$225M in new capital investments and have absorbed or committed to build 453,000 sq. ft. of space representing 362 new jobs and 670 retained jobs. Most companies continue to report tremendous backlogs of customer orders due to supply chain issues, and also the need for workers. Medina County unemployment during the month of August was 4.19%. Her office is aware of more than 1,200 job openings, and they have been working on creative solutions such as a social media marketing campaign, an all hiring event, a postcard mailing and school events.

Mrs. Dentler stated that the Medina County Energy Improvement District has added the City of Brunswick, and Village of Spencer is expected to also be added. They have a private sector investor planning to use PACE funding for a \$2.3M construction project. She discussed HB 123 noting that she has notified that office of the Committee Chair that she is interested in testifying once is on the agenda. She reported that NOACA Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy committees began meeting in June and NOACA announced a compressed timeline with meetings every 2-3 weeks in an effort to complete their CEDS by the end of January. Once the plan is drafted, it will go back to NOACA for approval. The Equity Committee has been meeting this past quarter; Kathy Breitenbucher serves on that committee. MCEDC provided letters of support for a regional effort to apply for \$75 million total grant application to the US Economic Development Administration for Build Back Better funding. The projects impacting Medina County the most would be the Akron project involving polymer R&D and a workforce development project that would train people in sensor-enabled technology.

Mrs. Dentler announced that the Medina County Business Awards program will take place October 26 at the Blair Center in Westfield Center. Mr. Hutson noted the grand opening held for the Fiber Network.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing members to the Medina County Port Authority. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson noted that Mr. Dorman has served two previous terms and Mr. Vondreau currently serves as the treasurer to the Port Authority; both have served the Port Authority well and are strong contributors. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hutson presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) supporting H.B. 43 to enact Section 121.221 of the Ohio Revised Code to authorize public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference; (2) authorizing the county administrator to review and approve the county bills on behalf of the Board of Medina County Commissioners in the Board's absence; and (3) designating the official representative and alternate for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in 2022. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion.

Mr. Hambley explained H.B. 43 noting the need for public bodies to have the ability to attend meetings via teleconference/video conference. Not having this option has created problems for this board and other public and has impeded the commissioners' ability to do their jobs when unable to attend in person. He further explained that the resolution authorizing the county administrator to approve county bills in the absence of the board was necessary because the virtual option is not in place. Mrs. Swedyk noted that the commissioners review the bills in advance; Mr. Hambley agreed and stated that this is an ongoing issue and being able to participate remotely has a great benefit. Mr. Hutson provided an explanation of the current state of law regarding meetings of public bodies and noted that during COVID, the legislature changed that to allow public bodies to meet electronically, and this resolution is an advocacy to the state legislature to reinstate that on a permanent basis. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Hambley moved to go into Executive Session following Discussion Session to consider the sale, lease or disposition of real property and to consider the compensation of a public employee; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Hutson noted that the commissioners received notice of a new D-5 liquor permit request from Korner LLC located at 729 W. 130th St., Hinckley Township, Hinckley, Ohio. The commissioners did not request a hearing.

Public Comment

Merida Raines, 4544 Foote Rd., Medina, stated that she prays we can call work together for what is just to defend their unalienable rights adding that they came to declare their independence under the common law and take back their freedom endowed by our creator, from all corporate oppression and declare their sovereignty on the land, and are here as loving and free spirits. She stated that they are here to make public notice so that it is on public record. She read the preamble to a County Settlement Covenant filed with the Summit County Clerk of Courts on September 22, 2021.

Jessica Senior, 123 E. Bergey St., Wadsworth, read Article One of County Settlement Covenant filed with the Summit County Clerk of Courts on September 22, 2021.

Laura Ferrell, 9214 Speith Rd., Litchfield, continued reading where Ms. Senior had left off and noted that the people have spoken.

Discussion Session

At 10:02 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the commissioners' hearing room.

Sanitary Engineering Department

Jeremy Sinko introduced Chad Stima, a design engineer who began employment in June. The commissioners welcomed Mr. Stima.

ARPA Project Funding Requests

Amy Lyon-Galvin stated that the three time-sensitive requests were Granger Lakes Homeowners' Association Water Treatment System, MMHA project for permanent supportive housing and HVAC improvements to the Highway Garage. She asked that the HVAC project be paused as the purchasing pool arrangement is being reviewed to ensure compliance. She explained that the cost of the Granger Lakes project has increased significantly. Mr. Hambley stated that Granger Township is waiting to see what the commissioners decide, and given the level of the total project cost and federal procurement guidelines, Granger Township is obligated to also fall under that; the question comes down to the requirements for bids. Ms. Lyon-Galvin explained that if they stay under the \$250,000 in an allocation, there still are obligations that they have to find an additional comparative pricing. She recommended that if the commissioners choose to subgrant monies that we work with the prosecutor's office to come up with a contractual arrangement that conveys that responsibility for federal compliance because ultimately, the county is going to have to demonstrate audit compliance. Mr. Hutson stated that the commissioners could approve the money conditionally; Ms. Lyon-Galvin confirmed. Mr. Hambley asked if the requirement for competitive bidding is based upon the two pots of ARPA money; Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated that the prosecutor could answer that question. Mrs. Swedyk inquired about the timing of the EPA approval. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated that as

of two weeks ago, the EPA had some additional requirements, but she has not yet seen a permit to install. After discussion, the commissioners agreed to approve \$162,000 for this project.

Regarding the project for MMHA, the commissioners agreed to approve \$500,000. In response to a question by Stan Scheetz, Mr. Hambley stated that this is the Lafayette Road project for permanent supportive housing.

Executive Session

At 10:12 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:39 a.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OCTOBER 19, 2021

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
21-0965	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
21-0966	Amending the 2021 appropriations resolutions by transferring appropriations
21-0967	Cash transfer for various funds
21-0968	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Vehicle Maintenance revenue line item
21-0969	Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor
21-0970	Creation of the OCJS Sheriff Office Covid Area Enhancement Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0971	Creation of the OCJS Sheriff Office Covid Technology Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0972	Creation of an Adult Probation Mental Health Court Subsidy Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0973	Creation of a Family First Council Family-Centered Services & Support FY22 Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0974	Creation of Juvenile Court Special Docket Medication Assisted Treatment FY22 Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0975	Creation of a Medina County Energy Special Improvement District Fund and authorizing appropriations
21-0976	Allowing expenses of county officials
21-0977	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
21-0978	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
21-0979	Authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for professional design services
21-0980	Declaring the necessity to rehabilitate existing sanitary sewer mains in various locations within Medina County and authorizing the sanitary engineer to commence advertising for construction bids
21-0981	Authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers for professional design services
21-0982	Supporting H.B. 43 to enact Section 121.221 of the Ohio Revised Code to authorize public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference
21-0983	Authorizing the county administrator to review and approve the county bills on behalf of the Board of Medina County Commissioners in the Board's absence
21-0984	Reappointing members to the Medina County Port Authority
21-0985	Designating the official representative and alternate for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in 2022

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

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