

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 19, 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.

*County Engineer Andy Conrad* presented and reviewed a resolution entering into an agreement with the townships and villages in Medina County to sell materials pursuant to the authority granted in Section 307.15 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 Medina County Engineer's weekly permits for October 7-20, 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) approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for FY2022 Ohio Transit Partnership Program grants; (5) authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health for funding of tuberculosis treatment within Medina County; (6) approving an agreement by and between Medina County Prosecutor and Medina County Commissioners and Medina County Office for Older Adults for Adult Protective legal services; (7) accepting the donation of property and approving the gift agreement from Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital to the Medina County Board of Commissioners; (8) authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate electric rates for the County Electric Aggregation Program and county buildings; (9) authorizing a subgrant to the Granger Lakes Condominium Association No. 4 for OEPA mandated public drinking water plant improvements to support the public health response to COVID-19 with Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established under the American Rescue Plan; (10) authorizing a subgrant to the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority for permanent supportive housing to support the public health response to COVID-19 with Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established under the American Rescue Plan; (11) authorizing employee health plan funding rates for 2022; (12) amending and adopting the Compensation Program and Compensation Schedule V2.0 for Medina County employees; (13) allowing expenses of the County Engineer; (14) allowing expenses of county officials; and (15) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$1,443,598.96. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the fifteen resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that he was glad to see the War Bond Building getting moved. There was brief discussion regarding potential locations including the Community Garden and Medina Square. There was no further 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 a resolution authorizing the sanitary engineer to advertise fore requests for proposals to provide outreach and marketing for the Medina County Solid Waste District. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll called showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

*Job & Family Services Director Debbie Kiley* presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services IV-E fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance fund (0120) for Children Services administrative expenditures; (2) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services SCPA fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures; (3) amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services; and (4) authorizing an agreement between Medina County Public Transit and Medina County Job & Family Services. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Ms. Kiley announced that the Child Protective Division will hold a holiday gift on November 6 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon at their agency; unwrapped gifts are requested. These gifts will be distributed to children and foster families in Medina County. She reported that SNAP caseloads are averaging 9,500 individuals on the program; 340 individuals are receiving cash assistance; and Medicaid caseloads continue to be approximately 24,000 recipients. The Child Support Division has collected approximately \$20M in support payments with 7,000 active cases. Of those 7,000 cases, about 5,000 have past due payments owed totaling more than \$41M for this federal fiscal year.

*Chief Building Official Richard Nelson* reviewed the September report noting that the average cost of new homes was \$635,091; year-to-date \$449,450. There have been 280 new home starts this year. Monthly receipts for September decreased 30.46%; year-to-date has decreased by 0.89%. He mentioned that there are no current plans to replace two employees who left; things are going well.

*MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar* stated that October is Community Employment Awareness Month and is an opportunity to recognize those with developmental disabilities and their success in the community. They are currently partnering with more than 80 businesses in Medina County and have more than 130 individuals that are competitively employed – competitive employed means they are earning minimum wage or above. She noted that the 2022 budget was approved at last night's board meeting and they were conscious of tying it to their strategic plan and with a continued focus on provider supports. She announced a Shred Day on November 6 from 10 a.m.-1: p.m.

*Board of Elections Director Carol Lawler* stated that the general election is November 2. They have been training poll workers and are in need of additional poll workers; they have also been testing the voting equipment. Ballots were mailed to those overseas on September 17 to allow ample time for mailing back. Teams have been sent to nursing homes for early voting. Mrs. Lawler stated that in 2020, more than 27,000 votes were received, but to date, only 2,000 ballots have been received which may indicate that more voters will be voting in person on Election Day. Polls are open on November 2 from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

*Commissioner Hutson* presented the following resolutions: (1) amending the designation of legal holidays for 2022; and (2) commending Jim Dieter for his 28 years of service with Medina County. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Hutson noted that the commissioners received notice of stock transfer request for Speedway LLC dba Speedway #9294 located at 3239 Medina Road, Medina Township, Medina, Ohio. The commissioners did not request a hearing.

### **Public Comment**

*Stan Scheetz, 225 E. Liberty St., Medina*, stated that he has seven subdivisions in Valley City – the lots start at \$90,000 per lot which has driven the prices up and the home prices start at \$450,000 and are 2,700-3,000 square feet which is closer to \$130 per square foot. This is not the cost of building the homes rather it is the amount they are selling for. He provided other examples of subdivisions in Seville. Mr. Scheetz also reported that Scheetz will be building in Harrisville Township at Willow Road as well as on an 11 acre site in Seville adjacent to the Shell Station. The Seville project will not begin until April due to supply chain issues.

Mr. Hutson noted that the numbers Mr. Scheetz provided include the price of the lot; the numbers provided by Mr. Nelson include only the construction costs.

Mr. Hambley moved to go into Executive Session following Discussion Session to consider the appointment of a public official, the compensation of a public employee and pending litigation; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

### **Discussion Session**

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the commissioners' hearing room.

#### Yellow Creek Foundation

Denise Testa stated that she was contacted with a request for an endorsement of the Yellow Creek Foundation. Mr. Hambley explained that it is his understanding that the two local townships are opposing the formation of this and they are going to be filing resolutions accordingly to Judge Collier who will have a hearing regarding this. He explained that what they are doing is trying to create another government entity that can impose a real estate property tax without a vote of the people, and once they form it, they can spend the money developing a plan, it will be an automatic assessment on the property owner and there is little opportunity for property owners to weigh in on what that plan looks like or the cost. He stated that he feels that local governments have been given a number of tools dealing with storm water and flooding issues and water quality issues and this is not needed. He suggested the commissioners do a resolution or letter to the Court to advise that the county commissioners are not in favor of this proposal. Mrs. Swedyk agreed with Mr. Hambley and inquired if Summit County has put anything on the record regarding their stance on this issue. Mrs. Testa provided a list of those in opposition to the creation of this as well as a list of those in favor. The commissioners agreed to have a resolution opposing this issue; Mrs. Test will prepare the resolution.

#### Apiary

Rhonda Beck stated that the county is seeking applications for an apiary for 2022. The Medina Beekeepers Association has been notified and the opening has been advertised.

### **Executive Session**

At 10:08 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 11:55 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 11:55 a.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED OCTOBER 26, 2021**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
21-0987	Commending Jim Dieter for his 28 years of service with Medina County
21-0988	Entering into an agreement with the townships and villages in Medina County to sell materials pursuant to the authority granted in Section 307.5 of the Ohio Revised Code
21-0989	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
21-0990	Amending the 2021 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
21-0991	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
21-0992	Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for FY2022 Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grants
21-0993	Authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health for the funding of Tuberculosis Treatment within Medina County
21-0994	Approving an agreement by and between Medina County Prosecutor and Medina County Commissioners and Medina County Office for Older Adults for adult protective legal services
21-0995	Accepting the donation of property and approving the gift agreement from Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital to the Medina County Board of Commissioners
21-0996	Authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate electric rates and enter into a contract for the county electric aggregation program and county buildings
21-0997	Authorizing a subgrant to the Granger Lakes Condominium Association No. 4 for OEPA mandated public drinking water plant improvements to support the public health response to COVID-19 with coronavirus local fiscal recovery funds as established under the American Rescue Plan
21-0998	Authorizing a subgrant to the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority for permanent supportive housing to support the public health response to COVID-19 with coronavirus local fiscal recovery funds as established under the American Rescue Plan
21-0999	Authorizing employee health plan funding rates for 2022
21-1000	Amending and adopting the compensation program and compensation schedule v2.0 for Medina County employees
21-1001	Allowing expenses of the County Engineer
21-1002	Allowing expenses for County Officials
21-1003	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
21-1004	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
21-1005	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to advertise for requests for proposals to provide outreach & marketing for the Medina County Solid Waste District
21-1006	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services IV-E Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) FOR Children Services (IVE) administrative expenditures
21-1007	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from the JFS Children Services SCPA Fund (0050) to the JFS Public Assistance Fund (0120) for SCPA administration expenditures
21-1008	Amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC) for Medina County Job and Family Services
21-1009	Authorizing an agreement between Medina County Public Transit and Medina County Job & Family Services
21-1010	Amending the designation of legal holiday for 2022

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-sixth 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