

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with William F. Hutson 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 January 25, 2022 Commissioners' meeting and Special Commissioners' meetings 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.

Commissioners' Ruling Re: Application for Waiver from Designation Requirements

Commissioner Hambley noted that the commissioners had a ruling regarding an application for waiver from designation requirements which was the product of the special hearing held last week; the application was filed by Alan and Kathleen Nayman. Mrs. Swedyk moved to deny the application and to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson stated that the Solid Waste Plan does not allow for waivers of residential waste which is what is being requested, and it greatly concerns him that if this was allowed, it would create a precedent that would ripple across the county which he does not believe is wise; Mrs. Swedyk agreed. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Human Resources Director Holly Muren presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners; (2) amending the table or organization for the Department of Job & Family Services; and (3) authorizing an employee assistance program agreement extension with REACH EAP. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hutson 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 a change order for internal protocol camera upgrades/video management at the Medina County Jail; (2) entering into a temporary construction easement agreement with the City of Medina; and (3) approving entering into an agreement to release a tower easement from property in Granger Township. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hutson 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 2022 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) declaring Medina County property as excess property; (4) approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices; (5) authorizing a legal services agreement with Bricker & Eckler Ltd to support the public health response to Covid-19 with Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established under the American Rescue Plan; (6) allowing expenses of county officials; and (7) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$1,543,479.01. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the seven resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion.

Mr. Hutson stated that the Bricker & Eckler agreement is spot-on; they are very well versed and do a lot of government work. Mr. Hambley stated that this came up at the CCAO board meeting. A number of the larger counties pointed out that the number of these larger firms are becoming experts in this area and in evaluating these proposals. Mrs. Swedyk added that it is significant money and to make sure we are in compliance is well worth it. Mr. Hambley stated that this will free up the county prosecutor's office to work on other matters and allows the current staff to be able to process many of our other projects. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Planning Services Director Denise Testa reported that at the January Planning Commission meeting, the following officers were elected:

- Jeff Brandon, President
- Patricia Ryan, Vice President
- Cliff Nowak, 2nd Vice President

There will be no meeting in February; the Subdivision Regulations Workgroup will be held in its place depending on the weather. The March Planning Commission meeting will include three major subdivisions (Liverpool, Montville and Hinckley). She stated that the CDBG grants are moving forward and provided an update on the critical infrastructure Lafayette bridge replacement which is moving forward nicely. They are in the process of scheduling February meetings with the townships to move forward with additional projects including Lodi, Brunswick Hills, Montville and Brunswick. The Brunswick project and the Wadsworth Homeless Prevention project are complete. She reported that they completed their briefing meeting for the monitoring visit yesterday and are on track to complete that February 11. In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson, Mrs. Testa stated that the Lafayette bridge construction is expected to begin when the weather breaks. The temporary access has been installed for emergency use only.

Office for Older Adults Director Laura Toth stated that the Senior Expo has been rescheduled for February 18 from 9:30-Noon at the Brunswick Rec Center. An event has been scheduled for Friday with the Hands Foundation but may need to be postponed depending on weather. They are still scheduling AARP tax appointments, but there are only a few appointments left. She provided a year-end report for 2021 noting the following:

- Home Delivered Meals – 53,207
- Transit Trips – 5,638
- Congregate Meals – 1,607 (restarted in July)

Mrs. Toth explained that Faith in Action has turned over their volunteer operations to the Office for Older Adults effective today. Volunteers' duties won't change and will be required to take steps to be approved as volunteers through OOA. In answer to a question by Mrs. Swedyk, Mrs. Toth stated that the organization will be dissolving in 2022 and the Senior Foundation will be taking over two of their fundraisers including the Twin Sizzler and Dancing with the Stars. Mr. Hambley mentioned the benefits of combined Human Services levy. Mrs. Toth explained that there are costs of time and staff that we never would have been able to afford if we weren't supported by the levy.

Economic Developer Kathy Breitenbucher announced that they are launching the Ways to Work Program. This is the new transit program that will be able to take individuals who don't have transportation to work, will help them get employments and will provide financial counseling. The grant came from the Summit/Medina Workforce board and they have funding for three vans to start the program. The application has been sent to 21 area agencies and can be found online at everybodyworksmedinacounty.org to make this as easy as possible; the application period will be open for three weeks at this time, but may be extended based on interest.

Commissioner Hambley presented and reviewed a resolution commending Steve Neveadomi for his 26 years of service with Medina County. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. The commissioners thanked Mr. Neveadomi for his service and wished him well. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Hambley presented and reviewed a resolution reappointing members to the Medina County Community Improvement Board (CIB). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:57a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:57 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Emergency Notification

Scott Miller stated that with the pending storm, the notification process for building closings has changed. He has been working with Christina Fozio at Emergency Management Agency to use the reverse 9-1-1 systems to notify employees. Employees need to register to receive the notifications as instructed to receive these notifications should the buildings be closed due to inclement weather.

Mr. Hutson stated that from what he's hearing, we are expecting between 8-12 inches of snow on Thursday and another 3-5 Thursday/Friday. This is going to be a big event and people need to be prepared for it – both employees and the general public. He also stated that just because employees are not required to come to their building, it doesn't mean they cannot work. Those who have the ability to work from home should be working from home. Mr. Hambley noted that there will be some employees working such as the Sheriff's office and Sanitary.

SPCA

Amy Lyon-Galvin discussed the history of donations made to the SPCA noting that in years past the dollar amount has been as much as \$27,500 and has been as low as \$10,000. She requested feedback from the commissioners on the dollar amount that would be considered and asked if there is additional documentation they would like her to secure from the SPCA. There was brief discussion regarding the cat contract and the financial status of the Animal Shelter. The commissioners requested more information including a statement of activity and financial information from the SPCA before making a decision on the dollar amount; Mrs. Lyon Galvin will contact the SPCA to obtain this information.

Emergency Management Agency

Mrs. Swedyk discussed the proposed addition to the EMA building which is dependent upon the renewal of a grant and stated that the prosecutor's office has indicated that since the commissioners own the property, they may need to sign the contract with the architect. Mr. Hutson suggested delegating oversight of this project to Building Maintenance since it is a county facility. Mike Lyons will advise the commissioners when he reaches a final decision.

Broadband Access Ohio Membership

Mr. Hambley stated that he was advised by Bethany Dentler that they will be moving up from an associate membership to a regular membership making them a member of the board. He stated that the question is what level

of the membership the commissioners wish to join. Mr. Hutson and Mrs. Swedyk agreed that they agreed to a regular membership. Mr. Hambley noted that this would give Medina County two votes on the board. The commissioners agreed that the President of Board will be the main contact for membership purposes.

Montville Township

Mr. Hambley explained that issues relating to the fiber construction have occurred in Montville Township. These are not county employees, rather, they are working for the Medina County Fiber Network which is part of the Port Authority. Lit Communities/Medina County Fiber Network are having discussions with the trustees to see if they agree to cease the fiber construction during inclement weather, at least until the weather improves. Any individuals facing issues with the fiber construction should contact Medina County Port Authority, Medina County Fiber Network and/or the Montville Township trustees. Mrs. Swedyk added that the trustees have been excellent about keeping up with this project; their communication has been great. Mr. Hutson stated that safety is paramount, and they need to be cognoscente of the safety of their employees and the public, and take appropriate action.

Commissioner Swedyk moved to go into Executive Session following Discussion Session for the purpose of consideration of the appointment of a public employee/official and compensation of a public employee; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 10:11 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 11:30 a.m.

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 11:31 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED FEBRUARY 1, 2022

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
22-0088	Commending Steve Neveadomi for his 26 years of service with Medina County
22-0089	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
22-0090	Amending the Table of Organization for the Department of Job & Family Services
22-0091	Authorizing an employee assistance program agreement extension with REACH EAP
22-0092	Authorizing a change order for the internal protocol camera upgrades/video management at the Medina County Jail
22-0093	Entering into a temporary construction easement agreement with the City of Medina
22-0094	Approving entering an agreement to release a tower easement from property in Granger Township
22-0095	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
22-0096	Amending the 2022 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
22-0097	Declaring Medina County property as excess property
22-0098	Approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices
22-0099	Authorizing a legal services agreement with Bricker & Eckler Ltd to support the public health response to COVID-19 with Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds as established under the American Rescue Plan
22-0100	Allowing expenses of county officials
22-0101	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
22-0102	Reappointing members to the Medina County Community Improvement Board

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this first day of February, 2022.

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