

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.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 12, 2022 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. The minutes will be placed on file as distributed.

#### **Public Comment regarding pending resolutions**

*None.*

#### **Resolutions**

*Highway Engineer Administrative Assistant Dan Becker* presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the 2022 Medina County Item 422 Chip Seal Road Bid on various county roads in Medina County, Ohio for the Medina County Engineer; and (2) lifting the weight limit reduction on improved county and township roads.. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued April 7-13, 2022.

*Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko* presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Medina County Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project 2021; (2) declaring the necessity of the 2021 Home Sewage Treatment System Repair/Replacement Project and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence advertising for bids; and (3) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers for professional design services. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hutson 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 the following resolutions: (1) approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners; (2) approving a new 3-year contract between Teamsters Union, Local 293, and the County of Medina, Job and Family Services; and (3) approving a new contract between Teamsters Union, Local 293, and the County of Medina, Maintenance Repair Workers. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. The commissioners thanked Mrs. Muren for her work on the contracts. 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) authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate gas rates for the County Gas Aggregation Program and County Buildings; (2) approving an agreement with Lewis Land Professionals Inc. for professional design services for a shooting range to be utilized by the Medina County Sheriff's office and local law enforcement; and (3) authorizing the advertisement for proposals for gallery benches to be installed in the new Medina County Courthouse. 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) revenue adjustments for various funds; (4) creation of the Sheriff's OCJS Body Camera Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (5) creation of the Information Technology Fund and authorizing appropriations; (6) authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; (7) authorizing the commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board on behalf of the Medina County Law Library Resources Board; (8) deeming a portion of the County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment due to the reduction in the County's General Fund revenue as due to the Covid-19 public health emergency during the American Rescue Plan Act's period of performance and declaring an emergency; (9) self-certifying \$50,000.00 micro-purchase threshold for use of federal funds; (10) allowing expenses of county officials; and (11) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$1,439,965.94. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the eleven resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

#### **Department Updates**

*Chief Building Official Richard Nelson* reported that the overall value of residential is slightly down from last year, however, commercial value is easily 5 times higher than last year at this time. The average construction costs of new homes year-to-date is approximately \$375,000; last year it was \$397,000. New homes starts through the end of March is at a 4 year high. Monthly receipts are up largely due to the commercial work. The timing of adding an additional plans examiner was just in time; having a third person has allowed them to keep commercial turnaround times to approximately three weeks. Residential turnaround times remain at 3-4 days. He mentioned that his report is posted on their website for public viewing. There was brief discussion regarding the permitting fee changes earlier this year with Mr. Nelson noting that they have been a benefit to the mechanical contractors because it reduced several of their permit costs.

*Economic Development Executive Director Bethany Dentler* reported that last year, there was \$264M in new capital committed in the county, and through the end of March 2022, employers expanding in the county have committed to invest just over \$248M, and there are some major projects in the pipeline that have not yet been finalized. She noted that she expects to add at least another \$100M to this year's capital investments which would be a record for them. So far, the companies they are working with have plans to add 400 new jobs, and she expects that number to also increase. She noted upcoming celebrations including the expansion of the fiber network in the western part of the county and a ribbon cutting for an Austrian company that purchased a building in Valley City and created 150 new jobs. In the first quarter, they met with nearly 70 companies to understand their business needs and to discuss opportunities for business growth. Many companies expect continued growth and may need to expand, however, most are still experiencing supply chain issues, workforce availability and increased wages issues as well as dealing with increasing fuel and energy prices. Her office is engaging in a number of initiatives to deal with workforce issues included engineering expos and career days at high schools. They are also operating the Pre-Apprenticeship Program which will hold a Workforce Academy on May 3-4.

Mrs. Dentler reviewed other current initiatives including their opposition to House Bill 123. If it gets voted out to the Senate floor, it will raise from 50% to 75% the tax abatement that can be approved by a city or county without school board approval. Regarding NOACA's Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the recommended strategies have been drafted and are going through various reviews. The public comment period opens this Friday for a month. The strategies will include priorities that they brought to the table on workforce development and population attraction. She then noted events including Made in Medina County, Medina County Business Awards and the MCEDC Annual Meeting.

Mr. Hambley explained that regarding HB 123, the CCAO did go from interested party to proponent; it was a divided board. Some maintained that although we appreciate that the bill's sponsor made some major changes to the legislation, but they still kept some significant portions of it such as the 75% before a school board would be involved in tax abatement discussions. He stated that there were some opposed to going from interested party to proponent. The CCAO has moved to being in favor of it with those changes. He reminded Representative Frazier that Medina County was still solidly opposed to it. Mrs. Swedyk inquired if the vote was regionalized; Mr. Hambley answered that the more urban counties were not in favor of the changes. Mrs. Dentler stated that it presents a very challenging situation for our schools and the relationships between our schools and our cities who are trying to attract businesses.

#### **Commissioners Resolution**

*Commissioner Hambley* presented and reviewed a resolution proclaiming April 2022 as "Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month." Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson noted that there will be a pinwheel walk on Sunday at the Square beginning at 1:0 p.m.; the commissioners will be attending. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

#### **Commendations**

*Commissioner Hambley* announced that the board of commissioners wished to commend the following 16 students on being chosen as Outstanding Seniors by the Medina County Share Cluster for 2022:

<i>Jessica Bisesar</i>	<i>Rachel Emmert</i>	<i>Nicole Lawrence</i>	<i>Victoria Smith</i>
<i>Kevin Bittaker</i>	<i>James Feeks IV</i>	<i>Allison McCall</i>	<i>Addison Towne</i>
<i>Jaren Bradford</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Fortuna</i>	<i>Morgan Metz</i>	<i>Hannah Wypasek</i>
<i>Kaiya Bundy</i>	<i>Ava Latham</i>	<i>Olivia Ortiz</i>	<i>Benjamin Young</i>

#### **Notice of Liquor Permit Request**

*Commissioner Hambley* stated that the commissioners' received notice of a new D-1 permit class request from Ohio Springs Inc DBA Sheetz Convenience Store located at 5100 Ridge Rd., Granger Township, Wadsworth, Ohio. The commissioners did not request a hearing; notice being provided for the record.

#### **Public Comment**

*None.*

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

#### **Discussion Session**

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

#### Courthouse Update

Scott Miller stated that we are currently approximately \$9.5M into the project. The steel is complete except for the connector to the 1969 courthouse. Sheathing is on the north side, the layout on the second floor continues, the spray on fireproofing is continuing on the first floor, the concrete block on the first and third floor is continuing but is completed on the second and fourth floors, the supports are being hung on the first floor for mechanical, electrical and plumbing and they are currently installing storm piping on the fourth floor. The roof drains and the roofing vapor barrier for the temporary roof are continuing and they are currently framing the first floor. The façade is scheduled to begin on April 21; the roofing should be complete in July; and we are still looking at a courthouse completion on December 1 with the full courthouse final completion June 2023.

Mr. Hutson requested the commissioners be provided a tour after the exterior enclosed; Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Hambley stated that a contractor told him that if we had waited six months to begin the project, we probably would

have paid 15-20% more for everything. Mrs. Swedyk noted that is in addition to the great interest rate that Scott locked the bond in; Mr. Hambley agreed. Mr. Hutson mentioned that Cloverleaf is in the process of building a new school and they have experienced delays of up to one year for steel. Mr. Miller noted that we have had one delay and that's with the cooling unit for the Data Center. We still plan to move in but will probably have to use temporary cooling.

#### Volunteer Energy

Mr. Miller noted that Volunteer Energy filed for bankruptcy. Bids/proposals are being received for the aggregation program which also effects the county buildings

#### Heather Hedge

Mr. Miller stated that the agreement was received from Weber Murphy Fox; he hopes to have this on resolution next week. Mrs. Swedyk asked if there has been any word from the prosecutor's office on the governance regarding the organization. Mr. Miller stated that he has not heard anything from the prosecutor's office, but he will follow up with Mike Lyons on this.

#### Medina County University Center

Commissioner Hutson stated that he will be touring the University Center Campus this afternoon with the Sheriff and EMA today to look at it from a training standpoint.

#### NOACA

Mr. Hutson stated that NOACA is working on a climate strategy. He received a report last week and they continually refer to a "climate emergency." He has inquired them to determine what that exactly means.

#### **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 10:03 a.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED APRIL 19, 2022**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
22-0278	Proclaiming April 2022 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month
22-0279	Accepting and awarding the 2022 Medina County Item 422 Chip Seal Road Bid on various county roads in Medina County, Ohio for the Medina County Engineer
22-0280	Lifting the weight limit reduction on improved county and township roads
22-0281	Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Medina County Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project 2021
22-0282	Declaring the necessity of the 2021 Home Sewage Treatment System Repair/Replacement Project and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence advertising for bids
22-0283	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers for professional design services
22-0284	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
22-0285	Approving a new 3-year contract between Teamsters Union, Local 293, and the County of Medina, Job and Family Services
22-0286	Approving a new contract between Teamsters Union, Local 293, and the County of Medina, Maintenance Repair Workers
22-0287	Authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate gas rates for the County Gas Aggregation Program and County Buildings
22-0288	Approving an agreement with Lewis Land Professionals Inc. for professional design services for a shooting range to be utilized by the Medina County Sheriff's office and local law enforcement
22-0289	Authorizing the advertisement for proposals for gallery benches to be installed in the new Medina County Courthouse
22-0290	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
22-0291	Amending the 2022 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
22-0292	Revenue adjustments for various funds
22-0293	Creation of the Sheriff's OCJS Body Camera Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
22-0294	Creation of the Information Technology Fund and authorizing appropriations
22-0295	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund
22-0296	Authorizing the commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board on behalf of the Medina County Law Library Resources Board
22-0297	Deeming a portion of the County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment due to the reduction in the County's General Fund revenue as due to the Covid-19 public health emergency during the American Rescue Plan Act's period of performance and declaring an emergency
22-0298	Allowing expenses of county officials
22-0299	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the Treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
22-0300	Self-certifying \$50,000.00 micro-purchase threshold for use of federal funds

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

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Colleen M. Swedyk

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William F. Hutson

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Rhonda J. Beck  
Clerk to the Commissioners

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Stephen D. Hambley