Aaron M. Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk and Stephen D. Hambley 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 March 11, 2025 Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried.

Proclamation Presentation

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Proclaiming March as "Developmental Differences Awareness Month"

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. Stacey Maleckar thanked the commissioners for the proclamation and expressed gratitude to the citizens of Medina County for their acceptance and welcoming attitude, emphasizing the goal of creating an inclusive community.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Resolutions

County Engineer *Administrative Assistant Dan Becker presented and reviewed the following resolutions:*

1. Authorizing the Medina County Engineer to purchase a new model year Eager Beaver 20XPT trailer
2. Determining the necessity to close Chippewa Road for roadside construction
3. Finding that public convenience and welfare requires the reapplication of pavement markings on various township roadways located in various townships, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to improve said roads

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued March 6–12, 2025.

Sanitary Engineer *Jeremy Sinko* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Lower 48 Instruments for professional design services for wastewater flow monitoring and sampling
2. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Alloway Environmental Company for professional design services to analyze water samples

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Economic Development *Executive Director Bethany Dentler* presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Approving the amended Medina County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley 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 resolution:

1. Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Finance *Director Brett Thomas* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Amending the appropriation measure resolution
2. Cash Transfers to the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District
3. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
4. Allowing expenses of county officials
5. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $2,177,777.79

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the five resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

County ***Administrator*** *Matt Springer* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Declaring Medina County vehicles as excess property

2. Authorizing the leasing of a vehicle for the Medina County Sheriff's Office
3. Authorizing the advertisement for proposals (RFP) relating to leasing an Auto Title office location for the Medina County Clerk of Courts within the corporation limits of Wadsworth, Ohio
4. Approving the lease agreement between the University of Akron and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the Medina County University Center

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the four resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

*Chief **Building** Official Richard Nelson* reviewed the February report noting that overall construction value was 30% less than the previous year. The average cost of new homes increased to $461,000, and home starts for February were down by six compared to average, with 17 starts. Year-to-date average home value was $408,000. Monthly receipts were down 16%, and year-to-date receipts were down 15%. Mr. Nelson reported that the Wadsworth work transition and the new online pay system were working well, and he thanked clerks Liz and Erin for their efforts.

***EMA** Director Ben Nau* Ben Nau presented the EMA annual report for 2024 and provided updates for the current year:

2024 highlights:

- 55 total incidents, including 28 fire investigations and 10 hazmat calls.
- 1,321 total training hours for the All-Hazards team.

2025 updates:

- 21 training sessions conducted year-to-date.
- Ongoing projects: radio tower project with the Sheriff's Department, Mitigation Plan, and Emergency Operations Plan.
- 10 incidents year-to-date, including fire investigations and hazmat calls.
- $407,770 in outstanding grants – he briefly reviewed the status of each grant.
- Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for 9:50 AM tomorrow.

Public Comment

None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at that time.

Discussion Session

NOACA

Commissioner Harrison discussed a proposed resolution for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) June board meeting. The resolution would revoke the previously authorized interchange study if the "interchange by formula" language remains in state law. Mr. Harrison explained that this step was necessary to ensure an unbiased study and that he had discussed this with other Medina County NOACA board members who supported the proposal. The commissioners agreed to support this resolution and consider a separate resolution if needed to formally express their support.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 18, 2025

Number	Resolution Title
25-0189	Proclaiming March as "Developmental Differences Awareness Month"
25-0190	Authorizing the Medina County Engineer to purchase a new model year Eager Beaver 20XPT trailer
25-0191	Determining the necessity to close Chippewa Road for roadside construction
25-0192	Finding that public convenience and welfare requires the reapplication of pavement markings on various township roadways located in various townships, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to improve said roads
25-0193	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Lower 48 Instruments for professional design services for wastewater flow monitoring and sampling
25-0194	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Alloway Environmental Company for professional design services to analyze water samples
25-0195	Approving the amended Medina County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
25-0196	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
25-0197	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
25-0198	Cash Transfers to the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District
25-0199	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
25-0200	Allowing expenses of county officials
25-0201	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
25-0202	Declaring Medina County vehicles as excess property
25-0203	Authorizing the leasing of a vehicle for the Medina County Sheriff's Office
25-0204	Authorizing the advertisement for proposals (RFP) relating to leasing an Auto Title office location for the Medina County Clerk of Courts within the corporation limits of Wadsworth, Ohio
25-0205	Approving the lease agreement between the University of Akron and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the Medina County University Center

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this eighteenth day of March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

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