Colleen M. Swedyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Aaron M. Harrison and Stephen D. Hambley present. The meeting was held in the commissioners' hearing room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Commissioner Hambley moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 commissioners' meeting; Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions
None.

Resolutions
County Engineer Administrative Assistant Dan Becker presented and reviewed a resolution determining the necessity to close Granger Road (C.H. 21) between Beach Road (T.R. 54) and Tara Way (T.R. 686). Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison 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 9-15, 2023.

County Administrator Scott Miller presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to purchase office furniture for the Sanitary Engineering Department through state purchasing. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Miller then presented and reviewed the following resolutions for the Finance Department: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (3) cash transfers for various funds; (4) creation of the Sheriff's Emergency Management Agency Wellness Fund and authorizing appropriations; (5) creation of the Sheriff's Body Camera Redaction Software fund and authorizing appropriations; (6) creation of the Drug Task Force Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations; (7) authorizing the purchase of 6,800 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center; (8) allowing expenses of county officials; and (9) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $1,451,755.05. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the nine resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Bethany Dentler presented and reviewed a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement with Naughty Dog Holdings LLC. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mrs. Dentler noted that she will be returning next week for approval of all of the minutes for the Housing Council meetings for this year, and the first week of April she expects another CRA project from Montville Township.

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; and (2) authorizing an agreement with Matchup LLC DBA Movespring for the provision of administrative services for the county wellness program. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates
Building Department Chief Building Official Richard Nelson reviewed the Monthly Building Department Report for February 2023 noting that residential was slightly down with commercial remaining strong. The average cost of new home construction was $361,512 and new home starts was at a three year low of 21. Monthly receipts were 7.90% over February of last year; year-to-date 2.56% increase over this time last year. Commercial review times are at 21 days; residential 5 days.

All Hazards Team Coordinator Chuck Stiver provided an update on behalf of Christina Fozio. He distributed a 2022 synopsis of activities of the team noting a number of callouts for the All Hazards; EMA is also listed as well as the CART teams. The Fire Investigation Unit had the highest number of callouts in the county followed by Hazmat. In 2022, All Hazards spent some time reshaping the Hazmat physicals for their Hazmat team members to make sure they were compliant with the Technical Advisory Committee for the State of Ohio on Hazmat, and also to meet NFPA standards. They rolled out a records management system which allows them to do scheduling, maintenance requests, track certifications, inventory and hours provided to All Hazards. They have been working to make sure they are providing the proper equipment for those individuals to do their jobs to not only protect themselves on the scene but also to decontaminate the equipment properly upon return. Lafayette Township donated a trailer to All Hazards for the Fire Investigation Unit. It is in the process of getting retrofitted so it can be deployed for cleanup onsite.

The Water Rescue Team is trying to build out their capabilities. They currently have swift water and flood capabilities along with side scan sonar used for recovery operations. They have been working to add an ROV

(underwater drone) and were recently awarded a $40,000 grant for this which was about $15,000 short for that equipment. Brunswick City has offered to provide $15,000 in additional grant funding to order the ROV. They are also working to build out their dive component to be operational in 2024. They currently have an agreement with Wayne County for dive assets and are even on the paging system. Mr. Stiver stated that they applied for a grant through the Hiller Foundation in the amount of $40,000 for dive equipment/training, and were notified that the foundation decided to provide $100,000 rather than $40,000. They thought the $40,000 would meet the needs for today and wanted to make sure it could be sustained in the future with more equipment and training. They have a plan in place after Labor Day to begin a dive training rotation. He noted that ice rescues are part of dive rescues.

Public Comment
None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Discussion Session
At 9:50 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Heather Hedge Project
Scott Miller reported that this project is about 99% completed with construction documents for the building renovation, and are almost complete with the shed and parking lot. They expect to have the bid documents ready to go the first week of April and there will be a 6-7 month construction period. Approximately $32,000 has been spent to date out of the $800,000. He has not yet seen an estimate on the cost.

Leases
Mr. Miller stated that he met with the prosecutor's office last week regarding the lease with the City of Medina. Tom Karris is expected to have something to him this week, and he is also working on a lease with the Cleveland Clinic for the morgue.

HB 23 Letter
Mr. Hambley referenced a letter regarding House Bill 23 and the Boston Road interchange that was drafted in response to a request by the City of Brunswick. Mrs. Swedyk stated that there's more opposition to this than support; Mr. Hambley agreed. He explained that Strongsville is an advocate for this, and Brunswick as well as Medina County have concerns because of its impact on residential areas. He noted that something does need to be done in terms of the traffic at S.R. 82/I-71 during rush hour. ODOT has already indicated that S.R. 303 is eventually going to continue to load up, so there has to be some way to address the traffic issues that's more amenable to the communities. Mr. Harrison stated that the appropriate solutions should come from the local communities collectively rather than from a mandate from Columbus. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter.

EMA Agreement
Mr. Hambley stated that Mr. Harrison met with Brunswick City last week and noted that a news report provided in writing what their concerns were. He stated that their concern in terms of the EMA Executive Committee membership they would like an additional member and said they are going to resist approving that agreement until such time they would get that addressed. The best way for them to get that addressed would be to approve the agreement because there's the opportunity once the countywide advisory group was formed according to the law and the agreement, they would appoint an Executive Committee and from there the Executive Committee can add the additional members. Brunswick can make their case why they want an additional voting member.

Mr. Harrison added that he visited both Sharon Township and Harrisville Township and had the opportunity to discuss the EMA amended agreement. We're working to see that they get implemented and we're making good progress. He stated that he thinks it's important to get the countywide version of the agreement updated and compliant, so that's what we're working to do.

Commissioners' Homeless Fund
Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority Executive Director Skip Sipos stated that there are no federal or state entitlements for those who need affordable housing, yet if you go to Job & Family Services, they are able to assist with things like food insecurity or medical attention. In the early 2000s, the Housing Network worked to secure resources, the ADAMH Board was able to build an 11-unit building on Highland Drive to assist folks with a federally defined disability. The commissioners at that time set up a fund for folks as a last resort fund to put people either in hotels or provide security deposits to avoid homelessness. The Housing Authority was the point of entry, then JFS would approve that, then MMHA would pay the hotel or security deposit, then the bill would be sent to the auditor for reimbursement. Mr. Sipos stated that they have come up with some ways to make it more streamlined. Earlier this year, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Medina County received a larger allocation. They came up with a creative, collaborative way where folks that are facing housing crisis would not only get helped with a hotel stay, security deposit, or transportation, etc. Feeding Medina County will make sure they also get food. They continue to work on an emergency housing shelter. Doing all of this collaboratively, this allows them the opportunity to collect the data, do the work, and size and set up the service provisions for the shelter.

To illustrate their primary recommendations for the commissioners' consideration, Mr. Sipos distributed and reviewed the County Commissioners Homeless Fund Proposed Revisions – Spring 2023. He noted that the intent behind this is to combined the EFSP dollars, the Housing Authority's board is considering an allocation of $25,000 to go with the $45,000 from EFSP, the commissioners have already committed $10,000 to this pot, so they are going to cobble this together. JFS does its own programming, the PRC Program, and we want to mirror to the extent possible how we help folks in need. He stated that the recommendations are pretty straight forward and basic with the primary being one instead of this triangular approach to administrative tasks, it's going to go directly to the Housing Authority which would require action on the part of the commissioners. He stated he thinks it's time to

update or modernize their approach to this. The Housing Authority is the gatekeeper for all emergency housing programs.

Mr. Sipos stated the last piece is they are working to train referral partners which are the nonprofits and churches who have been very active in helping folks facing crisis, but they haven't been coordinating. This is getting established so everyone will be working on diversionary tactics and making sure that folks are referred to MMHA who will be doing the data collection and serving, and the PRC clients will be treated the same. In essence, the goal is to streamline and consolidate the program to the greatest extent possible.

Mr. Hambley noted that they are increasing the eligibility from 150% federal poverty to 200% which makes sense given what's been going on economically. Otherwise, they are keeping a lot of the provisions. Mr. Sipos confirmed noting that they are trying to make the administrative process simpler. He stated that 200% is what EFSP calls for, so they think any other local funding should be exactly the same; Mr. Hambley agreed. Kate Schatz, Eligibility Administrator for JFS, added that PRC is also 200% FPL now. Mr. Harrison asked if the data from this will inform some of the decisions to come regarding the shelter. Mr. Sipos explained that folks they enter into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), these are folks that are homeless they do an intake on, a lot of data is collected. They are trying to identify the root causes of the crisis, and that gets into a database statewide which results in the ability to create reports based on this data to have a better understanding of what the mix might be and the population. They are looking very seriously at the Housing Authority office being the shelter location because of the close proximity to JFS, Community Action, Veteran Services, the ADAMH Board, Office for Older Adults and a Transit hub. The challenge of to find adequate office space for the Housing Authority, so they are looking for about 10,000 square feet of office space. Mr. Hambley stated that he thinks it's a great idea.

Commissioner Hambley moved to go into Executive Session following Discussion Session to consider the compensation and employment of a public employee; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session
At 10:04 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive concluded at 10:38 a.m.

Adjournment
Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 21, 2023

Number	Resolution Title
23-0220	Determining the necessity to close Granger Road (C.H. 21) between Beach Road (T.R. 54) and Tara Way (T.R. 686)
23-0221	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to purchase office furniture for the Sanitary Engineering Department through state purchasing
23-0222	Approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement with Naughty Dog Holdings LLC
23-0223	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
23-0224	Authorizing an agreement with MatchUp, LLC DBA Movespring for the provision of administrative services for the County Wellness Program
23-0225	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
23-0226	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
23-0227	Cash transfer for various funds
23-0228	Creation of the Sheriff's Emergency Management Agency Wellness Fund and authorizing appropriations
23-0229	Creation of the Sheriff's Body Camera Redaction Software Fund and authorizing appropriations
23-0230	Creation of the Drug Task Force Office of Criminal Justice Services Justice Assistance Grant Fund and authorizing appropriations
23-0231	Authorizing the purchase of 6,800 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
23-0232	Allowing expenses of county officials
23-0233	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-first day of March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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