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

The minutes of the March 17, 2026 Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried.

Commendation/Proclamation

Commissioner Hambley *presented and reviewed the following resolution:*

1. Commending Kristen Hildreth for her twenty-one years of dedicated service to the Medina County Health Department

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.

Dr. Hildreth expressed her gratitude, noting that the work was made easier by working with great people in a beautiful community like Medina County, emphasizing the team effort involved.

Commissioner Hambley *then presented and reviewed the following resolution:*

1. Proclaiming March 22-28, 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Week

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.

Annie Finnerty from the Board of Developmental Disabilities thanked the commissioners and community for their support and awareness, noting they were encouraging the county to wear orange during the week.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Resolutions

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

1. Determining the necessity to close Vandemark Road for road culvert replacement
2. Approving the final plat for Sharon Falls Subdivision Phase 4 located in Sharon Township Lot 12
3. Approving annual assessment on improvements constructed under the authority of Section 6131.63 Ohio Revised Code on 25.6448 acres of land in Lot 12 of Sharon Township known as Sharon Falls Subdivision Phase 4 and thereby establishing said improvements as a public watercourse
4. Approving the final plat for Bohaty planned development replat no. 1 located in Medina Township lot no. 49

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four resolutions; 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 12-18, 2026.

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

1. Authorizing the transfer of funds between various Sanitary Engineer and County funds
2. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to request qualifications for professional design services for the Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection and Facility Improvements Project
3. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with DLZ Corporation for construction inspection services for the Chippewa Lake Village Phase 10 Street Improvement Project

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Harrison 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. Amending the Compensation Plan Administration & Point Factor Manual V5.02 for Medina County employees

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.

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

1. Amending the appropriation measure resolution

2. Amending the appropriation measure resolution for the Medina County Prosecutor's Office
3. Amending the 2026 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
4. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
5. Allowing expenses of county officials
6. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $2,156,784.06

Mr. Hambley moved to approve resolutions 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve resolution 2; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed Mr. Hambley and Mrs. Swedyk voting AYE; Mr. Harrison abstained. The motion carried.

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

1. Authorizing the advertisement for public bids for the Medina County Career Center – South Campus Parking Lot Repair and Replacement Project
2. Authorizing an agreement with Hasenstab Architects for design services related to the Medina County Sheriff's Locker Room Renovation Project
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a contract for the County electric aggregation rates for County-owned facilities

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Harrison 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 resolutions:

1. Approving minutes and recommendation from the Housing Council/Tax Incentive Review Council representing Montville Township regarding the termination of the South Town Center, LLC CRA Agreement
2. Approving the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement for Cobblestone Crossings, LLC (Cobblestone Crossings Multifamily)
3. Approving the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement for Cobblestone Crossings, LLC (WSSA)
4. Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township, and Sharon Township

Commissioner Harrison inquired about concerns raised by Kimberly Marshall regarding the CRA termination. Mrs. Dentler explained that the main concern was about the Joint Economic Development District and confirmed that removing properties from the CRA zone would not affect their JEDD zone status. She noted they had addressed Marshall's questions and had an upcoming meeting to resolve any remaining concerns.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve resolutions 1 & 4; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve resolutions 2 & 3; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed Mr. Hambley and Mrs. Swedyk voting AYE; Mr. Harrison abstained. The motion carried.

Department Updates

***Job & Family Services** Director Debbie Kiley* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Approving an agreement providing service of process pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
2. Approving an agreement providing prosecutor's attorney services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
3. Approving an agreement providing prosecutor's extradition and investigative services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
4. Approving an agreement providing Clerk of Court services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
5. Approving an agreement with Domestic Relations Court pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
6. Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the JFS Children Services Fund (0050) for Children Services Subsidies
7. Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund (0145) for Child Support Subsidies
8. Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for county mandated share
9. Identity verification software services for Medina County Job & Family Services (MCJFS) with LexisNexis Risk Solutions
10. Authorizing an agreement for foster parent support training between Medina County Job & Family Services and Maureen Heffernan, LISW-S

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

Ms. Kiley provided extensive updates on public assistance programs, particularly focusing on SNAP administration changes. She reported that the state legislature was moving toward funding $12.5 million for SNAP administration due to reduced federal financial participation to 25%. The House had voted, and the Senate was expected to vote soon. While this funding would likely make Medina County whole, larger metro counties like Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, and Lorain would continue facing significant deficits since the total statewide deficit was $38 million. She explained that the funding would cover October 2026 through June 2027, but since the 25% federal participation rate was ongoing, future governors and legislators would need to decide on continued county assistance. Ms. Kiley noted political discussions centered around larger counties having substantial cash reserves and therefore being able to afford larger impacts.

Additionally, she discussed looming concerns about cost-on-error penalties in federal fiscal year 28 if the state's combined error rate exceeds 6%, which could result in up to $320 million in penalties. A workgroup was developing a "find and fix" process where counties would review mandated case lists, with findings sent to the state for verification. Details about cost-sharing for any errors were still being developed.

Ms. Kiley also mentioned new SNAP processing changes that required all-day staff training, which was frustrating given the timing with error scrutiny. She noted upcoming federally mandated Medicaid work requirements for recipients aged 18-64, adding another layer of complexity for her division.

Public Comment
None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:53 a.m.

Discussion Session

Drug Task Force
Commissioner Harrison discussed a recent Council of Governments meeting noting that the Drug Task Force director had resigned. He indicated there would likely be additional council meetings and potential joint sessions with the operating board. Commissioner Hambley noted that Lake County had moved their Drug Task Force under their Sheriff's department, and a recent OAG opinion confirmed that funding sources would not be impacted by such organizational changes. They agreed this administrative structure change should be part of their discussions, with increased coordination with the Sheriff's office in the interim.

Rate Study
Jeremy Sinko reported receiving the final revised draft of the rate study from Raftelis, which had removed Vermillion and Silver Lake and replaced them with regional sewer and water districts. Mr. Sinko had drafted an article and would work with staff to get it posted along with the full report to communicate rate comparisons and projected increases to the public.

Chippewa Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mr. Sinko provided an update on the Chippewa Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Great Lakes Construction had provided a final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) after value engineering that reduced costs by approximately $1.6 million from the original $75.9 million to $74.4 million, with an additional $1.1 million in contingencies that would return to the county if unused. The total cost was just under $81.3 million.

Commissioner Harrison expressed comfort with the pricing, acknowledging Great Lakes as good partners who held pricing while allowing additional due diligence. He noted it would have been concerning if they had suddenly found 15% savings. Sinko indicated he would prepare an amendment to their existing CEMAR agreement and a resolution for Ohio EPA construction loan application for the following week. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Sinko could move forward with resolutions to amend the initial agreement and the application for the OEPA construction loan.

Health District Sanitary Sewer Accessibility and Connection Policy
Krista Wasowski presented a draft document the Board of Health had been developing regarding sanitary sewer access and accessibility connections. She explained that changes in sewage laws and new public line installations had prompted this draft in 2024, which had gone to the District Advisory Council and trustees for comment. She offered the document for commissioner review and feedback before the Board of Health moved forward.

Budget Commission
The commissioners addressed a letter from the prosecutor recusing himself from the Budget Commission. Under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.27, when the prosecuting attorney recuses, the county commissioners must appoint one of their members to serve in his place.

Commissioner Hambley explained that the recusal could be for any duration - a single vote, day, month, or entire term - and whoever was appointed would serve as an alternate during recusal periods – the statute is vague. He noted the unfortunate timing with controversial matters coming before the Budget Commission and a meeting scheduled for the next day, making it difficult for an appointee to be adequately prepared.

Commissioner Harrison expressed concerns about the process, noting they had taken action on homestead expansion earlier using unvoted millage, but felt this situation with voted millage was different. He worried about "piling on" taxpayers and undoing the will of voters who had approved levies. He emphasized that while there were

opportunities for savings across all government entities, including county offices, the fundamental concern was overriding voter-approved measures.

The commissioners discussed the recent changes to Ohio Revised Code defining "excessive revenues" as anything beyond statutory obligations, which could impact many local government services that weren't mandated but were expected by citizens, such as fire departments and road patrol. Commissioner Swedyk noted this was an unprecedented year with a potential property tax rollback referendum in November, making it an exceptional time for such budget commission actions.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed that Colleen Swedyk should be appointed to serve on the Budget Commission.

Commissioner Hambley *presented and reviewed the following resolution:*

1. Appointing Colleen Swedyk to serve on the Medina County Budget Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.27 due to recusal

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 appointment became effective March 24, 2026, and would continue for the duration of the prosecuting attorney's recusal or until otherwise determined by law. Rhonda Beck noted that she had requested minutes/documents from the Budget Commission but had received no response.

Adjournment
Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 24, 2026

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26-0209	Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township, and Sharon Township
26-0210	Approving an agreement providing service of process pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
26-0211	Approving an agreement providing prosecutor's attorney services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
26-0212	Approving an agreement providing prosecutor's extradition and investigative services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
26-0213	Approving an agreement providing Clerk of Court services pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
26-0214	Approving an agreement with Domestic Relations Court pursuant to the requirements of Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act
26-0215	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the JFS Children Services Fund (0050) for Children Services Subsidies
26-0216	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County General Fund (0010) to the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund (0145) for Child Support Subsidies
26-0217	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the Public Assistance Fund (0120) for county mandated share
26-0218	Identity verification software services for Medina County Job & Family Services (MCJFS) with LexisNexis Risk Solutions
26-0219	Authorizing an agreement for foster parent support training between Medina County Job & Family Services and Maureen Heffernan, LISW-S
26-0220	Appointing a member of the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Medina County Budget Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.27 due to recusal

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this twenty-fourth day of March 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

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