

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

The minutes of the March 19, 2024 regular commissioners' meeting and special meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None

Commissioner Hambley explained that the resolutions are published in advance not only for the commissioners' review but also for the residents. The reason for allowing the public comment is the opportunity to ask the board questions and even consider things for the resolutions. He encouraged the public to view the resolutions on the commissioners' website in advance of the meeting.

Resolutions

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

1. Determining the necessity to close county roads for culvert replacement

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

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued March 14-20, 2024.

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Declaring the necessity to replace the elevated storage tank at Fenn and Marks Road and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence with advertising for construction bids
2. Declaring the necessity and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to announce the availability of a contract for design-build services to provide construction plans for and construct a building enclosure over the existing CAMBI system at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Facility
3. Authorizing the transfer of funds between various sanitary engineer funds and county funds

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

Economic Development Corporation Projects Director Jake Altman presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township and Sharon Township

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

County Administrator Chris Jakob presented and reviewed the following resolutions on behalf of the Finance Department:

1. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
2. Revenue adjustments for various funds
3. Cash transfers for various funds
4. Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Body Cam Expansion Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office
5. Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Interview and Interrogation Room Technology Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office
6. Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2023 agreement by the Medina County Drug Task Force
7. Authorizing the acceptance of the Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant Agreement with the Ohio EPA and the Medina County Solid Waste District
8. Creation of the Sheriff's OCJS Body Camera Grant fund and authorizing appropriations
9. Authorizing the purchase of 7,100 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
10. Allowing expenses of county officials

11. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$1,546,318.37

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

County Administrator Chris Jakab then presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Approving an agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for the benefit of Medina County Public Transit
2. Approving a contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for the provision of food services at the Medina County Jail and Medina County Juvenile Detention Center
3. Authorizing a change order for the Medina County Veteran Service Building Addition & Renovation Project
4. Authorizing the Medina County Solid Waste District to request quotes for the purchase of a vehicle
5. Authorizing an agreement for the lease of a SendProMailCenter postage machine between Pitney Bowes, Inc. and the Medina County Print Shop
6. Entering into an agreement with the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District for use of space at the Farm Services Building
7. Authorizing the trade of a utility trailer for the Medina County Sheriff's Office
8. Declaring Medina County property as excess property

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the eight resolutions; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion.

Mr. Hambley thanked Mr. Jakab and stated that when looking at the long list of furniture and equipment for the auction, this is unparalleled and will be almost historic that this auction will be going on, and he's looking forward to seeing that happen. He referenced the first resolution regarding the agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority noting that we have had a relationship with them going back at least three decades where we have the ability to use money that is somewhat restricted for capital. They have transit customers in Medina County that utilize RTA on a regular basis, and they are able to work it that they can receive that grant and give us what is essentially local funds from standpoint that have far more flexibility for us to use as operating funds. This is a beneficial collaboration that has been in place for decades and he is very thankful that the RTA is willing to continue that collaboration. He noted that most public transit is funded by the federal government. We work better when we work together, and he thanked RTA for continuing to do that.

There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; 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 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. Approving an agreement between the Medina County Job & Family Services and the Law Offices of Andrew M. Parker, LLC
7. Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County general fund (0010) to the public assistance fund (0120) for county mandated share

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

Ms. Kiley reported that the Child Protective Division is holding record numbers of children in care, which has been the state of affairs for the last three years. At the same time that our numbers were increasing to those record highs, counties across Ohio were experiencing record numbers of vacancies in child welfare workers which created quite a problem. The staff they had were spending hours traveling the state to support children while also investigating claims of abuse and neglect, and also trying to meet state and federal guidelines because they have to enter an immense amount of data into various software systems to meet those measures. She noted that they were doing the work, but the work had to be documented in so many places and so many different ways that their statistics were pretty low. The staff remained determined to keep kids safe while managers and her worked to determine a better solution. They reimagined teams, moved some staff around and with Mr. Jakab's guidance and approval, they were able to add some key staff members. She stated that she felt strongly that this process would work and it did. The last two months the Child Protective Division has exceeded their state and federal mandates. In February of 2023, they had 22 staff: 30 in 2024. They went from a 67% timeliness rate in February 2023 to just under 97% in February 2024, all while managing those record numbers of children in care. She stated that she's proud of the division and grateful for the staff that saw them through this deficit as well as the new staff for choosing to work for Medina County. She also thanked the commissioners and Mr. Jakab for their support.

Ms. Kiley reminded that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and will be recognized on April 10 by wearing blue and the Annual Pinwheel Walk on April 14.

Public Comment

Stan Scheetz asked if the items for the Courthouse auction will be posted on the website and who is the auction company. Mr. Hambley responded that the list is part of the resolution and is available online, and Farnsworth Auctions is the company handling the auction.

Mr. Scheetz inquired of the status of Commissioner Harrison's looking into alternatives to NOACA and whether the state will allow such a thing. He stated that he's been listening to our dissatisfaction and miniscule benefits for the amounts of money we've paid for 30 years, but he's not heard anything back. Mr. Hambley explained that there's been a lot of feedback, but not a lot of progress. There is not much of a resolution moving forward because of the inertia. They are going through some troubling period with allegations against the director and in a number of counties that are involved, there is some level of satisfaction with what NOACA is doing and their progress, and others' dissatisfaction. There's not been much progress with identifying a path forward that would allow Medina County to separate itself and attach to another MPO whether it's forming a new MPO with Lorain County or joining AMATS. There is no provision for us to stand alone given our size. At this point, when it comes to transit funding, there are two pools, and there's a portion attributable through the Wadsworth area as part of Summit County. Now that we're back to a rural transit, we have yet to hear from ODOT how they are going to resolve the issue of funding after two years for our transit. Mr. Scheetz noted that it seems like there are so many other counties that we have so much more in common with along the I-71 corridor like Medina, Wayne, Ashland, Richland, that could form a separate entity if it was possible. Mr. Hambley stated that they wouldn't qualify under federal statutes as an MPO. Mrs. Swedyk added that we will have a new make up in the NOACA region of commissioners, so maybe we'll hear some new ideas after this year. Mr. Hambley noted that two incumbents lost their primaries – one in Lorain County and one in Lake County – so we'll see how this effects the future composition of the board next year.

Mr. Scheetz then asked for feedback regarding last week's meeting regarding the Board of Revision. Mrs. Swedyk stated that there will be a Board of Revision meeting tomorrow and explained that they discussed some new technology ideas, policies, pamphlets, CAUV, etc. Mr. Hambley stated that the minutes include significant detail about the discussions. Mrs. Swedyk stated that it was basically a prep for the actual legal BOR meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. John Hunter added that he thinks it was a fruitful discussion and put everybody on the same page moving forward. Mrs. Swedyk stated that the commissioners wanted to be better informed on some of the topics before tomorrow's BOR meeting.

Mr. Scheetz stated that a lot of the controversy he is hearing leads to CAUV and changes in policies. Mr. Hambley stated that is included in the minutes, and noted that he, along with residents, still have some questions regarding the process for appealing not only CAUV eligibility, but also their valuations. Mr. Hunter invited Mr. Scheetz to their CAUV department after the meeting for an overall of what's happening.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:52 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

There were no items for Discussion Session.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley joked that even without Mr. Harrison in attendance, they still ended up talking about NOACA. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 26, 2024

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Resolution Title</u> |
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| 24-0221 | Determining the necessity to close county roads for multiple road culvert replacements |
| 24-0222 | Declaring the necessity to replace the elevated storage tank at Fenn and Marks Road and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence with advertising for construction bids |
| 24-0223 | Declaring the necessity and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to announce the availability of a contract for design-build services to provide construction plans for and construct a building enclosure over the existing CAMBI system at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Facility |
| 24-0224 | Authorizing the transfer of funds between various sanitary engineer funds and county funds |
| 24-0225 | Approving minutes and recommendations from the Housing Councils/Tax Incentive Review Councils representing Liverpool Township, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Montville Township and Sharon Township |
| 24-0226 | Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners |
| 24-0227 | Expenditure adjustments for various funds |
| 24-0228 | Revenue adjustments for various funds |
| 24-0229 | Cash transfers for various funds |
| 24-0230 | Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Body Cam Expansion Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office |
| 24-0231 | Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Interview and Interrogation Room Technology Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office |
| 24-0232 | Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2023 agreement by the Medina County Drug Task Force |
| 24-0233 | Authorizing the acceptance of the Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant Agreement with the Ohio EPA and the Medina County Solid Waste District |
| 24-0234 | Creation of the Sheriff's OCJS Body Camera Grant fund and authorizing appropriations |
| 24-0235 | Authorizing the purchase of 7,100 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center |
| 24-0236 | Allowing expenses of county officials |
| 24-0237 | Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims |
| 24-0238 | Approving an agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for the benefit of Medina County Public Transit |
| 24-0239 | Approving a contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for the provision of food services at the Medina County Jail and Medina County Juvenile Detention Center |
| 24-0240 | Authorizing a change order for the Medina County Veteran Service Building Addition & Renovation Project |
| 24-0241 | Authorizing the Medina County Solid Waste District to request quotes for the purchase of a vehicle |
| 24-0242 | Authorizing an agreement for the lease of a SendProMailCenter postage machine between Pitney Bowes, Inc. and the Medina County Print Shop |
| 24-0243 | Entering into an agreement with the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District for use of space at the Farm Services Building |
| 24-0244 | Approving an agreement providing service of process pursuant to the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act |
| 24-0245 | Approving an agreement providing Prosecutor's attorney services pursuant to the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act |
| 24-0246 | Approving an agreement providing Prosecutor's extradition services pursuant to the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act |
| 24-0247 | Approving an agreement providing Clerk of Court services pursuant to the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act |
| 24-0248 | Approving an agreement with Domestic Relations Court pursuant to the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act |
| 24-0249 | Approving an agreement between the Medina County Job & Family Services and the Law Offices of Andrew M. Parker, LLC |
| 24-0250 | Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from the County general fund (0010) to the public assistance fund (0120) for county mandated share |
| 24-0251 | Authorizing the trade of a utility trailer for the Medina County Sheriff's Office |
| 24-0252 | Declaring Medina County property as excess property |

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this twenty-sixth day of March 2024.

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| Respectfully submitted, | COMMISSIONERS | _____ |
| | | Aaron M. Harrison |
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| _____ | | Colleen M. Swedyk |
| Rhonda J. Beck | | |
| Clerk to the Commissioners | MEDINA COUNTY | _____ |
| | | Stephen D. Hambley |