

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 February 28, 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 the following resolutions: (1) accepting and awarding the 2023 replacements of Bridge No.18 on Lester Road in Liverpool Township and Bridge No. 19 on Spieth Road for the Medina County Engineer; (2) determining the necessity to close Congress Road (C.H. 29) between Greenwich Road (C.H. 97) and Sanford Road (C.H. 102); (3) authorizing the County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT and CTL Engineering, Inc. to perform construction inspection for the Friendsville Bridge Replacement PID 111873 MED CR-35-1.79; and (4) accepting and awarding the bid for digital aerial orthoimagery and lidar data sets of Medina County, Ohio. 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 February 23, 2023-March 1, 2023.

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) awarding the Sewage System Designer Service Contract for the 2022 Home Sewage System Replacement Project; and (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineering to commence advertising for bids for the hauling and disposal of cake biosolids and hauling of liquid waste activated sludge and DAF float. 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.

Transit Director Shannon Rine presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the advertisement for request for proposals for supplemental transportation services for Medina County Job & Family Services program participants. 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.

Human Resources Director Holly Muren presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. 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.

Special Projects Director Chris Jakab presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) amending the 2023 appropriations measure resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) revenue adjustments for various funds; (4) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (5) cash transfer for various funds; (6) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item; (7) approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices; (8) declaring Medina County property as excess property; (9) authorizing the purchase of conferencing equipment for the Medina County Courthouse; (10) authorizing an agreement for the lease of farmland at the Medina County Home in Lafayette Township; (11) resolution giving supplemental applicable elected representative approval pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code to a reallocation of proceeds of bonds previously issued by Clark County for the benefit of the Ohio Masonic Home and certain affiliates thereof located in Clark County, the City of Waterville, Ohio and Medina County; (12) authorizing expenditures related to Office for Older Adults sponsored Senior Day and Fall Festival; (13) allowing expenses of the count engineer; (14) allowing expenses of county officials; and (15) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$1,019,254.24. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the fifteen resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

Planning Services Director Denise Testa presented and reviewed a resolution authorizing the Director of Planning Services to request qualifications and proposals for the submission of a Community Housing Improvement Program grant. 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.

She reported that the Planning Commission will be reviewing a concept plan for Brunswick Hills at the March meeting. The April meeting will include two text amendments (York and Liverpool townships); three re-replats (Montville, Liverpool and Hinckley townships.) Regarding the 2020 CDBG program, they worked with the Village of Lodi and determined that the funding available for the fountain will go toward the playground. The playground is coming along nicely. Construction for the Cobblestone Park pathway will begin in March or April. She stated that the environmental reviews should be completed by the end of this week for the 2022 CDBG program; they are awaiting final paperwork from the state. She provided an update on the critical infrastructure noting that the second layer of paving on Main Drive in Chippewa Lake is moving forward, as is the paving from the circle to the bridge

on Main Drive. The Lodi Park Community bridge replacement project will launch soon as well. Mrs. Testa reported that they are working on scheduling a meeting regarding NOACA's Climate Action Plan. Regarding Fair Housing, they have seen many requests and she believes they are making a difference in the community. The Subdivision Regulations workgroup will meet March 29 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hambley stated that our main role in Fair Housing is education of both the tenant and the landlord. Many times, it's a matter of smoothing out some of the issues between the two with regard to their rights. We are not the enforcement arm, but this helps mitigate some of the problems/issues that come about because of communication.

Mr. Harrison thanked Mrs. Testa for working on scheduling the Climate Action Plan meeting.

Office for Older Adults Director Laura Toth provided an overview of their 2022 Annual Report as follows:

- Aging and Disability Resource Center 962 Individual Contacts
549.75 Hours of Benefits Counseling
189.25 Hours of Long Term Options Counseling
- Adult Protective Services 580 Calls Received
241 Cases Opened
339 Cases Screened Out
148 Cases Closed
- Transportation Services 6,982 Subsidized Rides provided
- Outreach Services 757 Hours of Supportive Services

The Brunswick Senior Expo took place on February 8 and had 348 participants with over 50 vendors. They are in ongoing preparations and discussions for the opening of the Wadsworth Café; interviews are taking place this week. She noted that they may need to open a separate non-profit and are working with the prosecutor's office on this matter. Construction begins on the south entrance of their building next week. Upcoming events include the St. Patrick's Day parties will be held in Brunswick on March 16 and Medina on March 17; and the Giving in Style Fashion Show and Brunch at Blue Heron on March 18.

Mr. Hambley noted that they started some digital education classes this week. Mrs. Toth stated that they had a mini-kickoff to the DIAL program with the major kickoff in May when the libraries become involved. DIAL program is held on Mondays and computer education on Tuesdays; it's going very well.

OSU Extension 4-H Educator Sierra Baca reported that this is Ohio 4-H week and today is Tell-a-Friend Tuesday. They are rapidly expanding 4-H in Medina County with a mission to provide meaningful opportunities to youth and adults working together to create sustainable community change. Three primary content areas include civic engagement and leadership, healthy living and science. Medina County currently has 46 clubs with more than 200 project areas and 3,375 participating youth as of last year. She reviewed the various programs currently being offered. They are looking forward to moving to their new space on Medina Road.

Mr. Harrison noted that he is a 4-H alum and has two proud members of the model train railroad club in his house. They are big supporters of 4-H and he encouraged youth to get involved with the program.

Commissioners' Resolutions

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution appointing members to the Emergency Management Agency Executive Committee. 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.

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed a resolution revising appointments of county commissioners to various committees and areas of responsibility for the year 2023. 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.

Public Comment

None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:55 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Medina County Public Transit Strategic Plan ("MCPT")

Jason Study and Arthur Schmidt of OHM Advisors presented information on MCPT Strategic Plan highlighting the following:

- Project Purpose Develop a 10-year plan for MCPT
Explore way to grow ridership
Advance regional mobility by connecting with nearby systems
Add new technology to improve efficiency
Promote equitable mobility options
Create a strategic plan that is rooted in feasibility

The Project schedule was reviewed noting that they are currently in Phase 4 of the project.

- **Current Transit Routes** Six existing fixed routes
Serve the larger cities in the County
Remainder of County is served by demand response service

The transit score was used to determine which areas are most likely to ride transit. The scoring criteria was shared and it was noted that demand response is performing the highest and Brunswick is the highest performing fixed route.

- **Plan Focus Areas Reviewed including:** Marketing and Branding
Service Changes
Capital Investments
Agency Operations
Technology Improvements

The implementation plan for years 1-8 was reviewed along with the near term, mid-term and long-term costs as well as potential funding opportunities. Brief discussion occurred regarding the strategic plan as well as the pilot program in Wadsworth. They stated that they will continue to refine the strategic plan and commended leadership and staff.

Building Maintenance Update

Steven Bastean reported that he will be attending a three-day conference with some of his management team. Renovations on the 1841 Courthouse continue as they are currently framing the second and third floors, and installation of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. At the Human Services Center, construction on the bridge and south entry will begin in the next couple of weeks. Construction on the north staircase is going slower than expected due to some issues with how they were installing the support wire and hydronic tubing for the heated steps. The renovations at 4046 Medina Road continue with painting and carpet installation coming in soon.

EMA Agreement

Mr. Hambley mentioned the proposed EMA agreement noting that we are currently operating under Resolution 90-39. In response to the proposed amended agreement that was distributed, two communities have responded including Chippewa Lake and Wadsworth Township. They have been asking for a final format that they can act upon as the one they received was marked as a draft. The commissioners agreed to send the proposed agreement out to all the townships and municipalities in a form that can be signed. Mr. Hambley added that Mr. Harrison will be meeting with Brunswick City Council to explain where we're at and to answer their questions. He is hopeful that many of the questions that came over a month ago have been answered through the various communications.

Solar Projects

Mr. Hambley stated that he and Scott Miller met with Johnson Controls regarding looking at some solar panel projects. The Inflation Reduction Act has some immense support for solar projects that apply to local governments as well as nonprofits. They have gone over a number of areas where the county owns property and they would like to meet to discuss two major parcels with the payback for some of it at 10-15 years which means for a 40-50 year length of design and use of those panels. The rest of that, basically, the power you get at no cost. This is really about dollars and cents, and within a 10-year period payback. One of the projects might involve a partnership with the Parks District. Mrs. Swedyk stated that it was difficult to make it cost effective in the past, but this helps. Mr. Hambley agreed, adding that technology has improved in terms of efficiency. The commissioners agreed to bring them in to start taking a look at this.

Medina County Fair

Mrs. Swedyk requested to register for a booth at the Fair and to order a banner; the commissioners agreed to the booth and banner.

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

Executive Session

At 10:27 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive concluded at 11:08 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 11:08 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED MARCH 7, 2023

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
23-0182	Accepting and awarding the 2023 replacement of Bridge No. 18 on Lester Road in Liverpool Township and Bridge No. 19 on Spieth Road for the Medina County Engineer
23-0183	Determining the necessity to close Congress Road (C.H. 29) between Greenwich Road (C.H. 97) and Sanford Road (C.H. 102)
23-0184	Authorizing the County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT and CTL Engineering Inc. to perform the construction inspection for the Friendsville Bridge Replacement PID 111873 MED CR-35-1.79
23-0185	Accepting and awarding the bid for digital aerial orthoimagery and lidar data sets of Medina County, Ohio
23-0186	Awarding the sewage system designer service contract for the 2022 Home Sewage System Replacement project
23-0187	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to commence advertising for bids for the hauling and disposal of cake biosolids and hauling of liquid waste activated sludge and DAF float
23-0188	Authorizing the advertisement for request for proposals for supplemental transportation services for Medina County Job and Family Services program participants
23-0189	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
23-0190	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
23-0191	Amending the 2023 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
23-0192	Revenue adjustments for various funds
23-0193	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
23-0194	Cash transfer for various funds
23-0195	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county departments to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item
23-0196	Approving the transfer of Medina County inventory between various Medina County offices
23-0197	Declaring Medina County property as excess property
23-0198	Authorizing the purchase of conferencing equipment for the Medina County Courthouse
23-0199	Authorizing an agreement for the lease of farmland at the Medina County Home in Lafayette Township
23-0200	Resolution giving supplemental applicable elected representative approval pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code to a reallocation of proceeds of bonds previously issued by Clark County for the benefit of the Ohio Masonic Home and certain affiliates thereof located in Clark County, the City of Waterville, Ohio and Medina County
23-0201	Authorizing the expenditures related to an Office for Older Adults sponsored Senior Day and Fall Festival
23-0202	Allowing expenses of the County Engineer
23-0203	Allowing expenses of county officials
23-0204	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
23-0205	Authorizing the Director of Planning Services to request qualifications and proposals for the submission of a Community Housing Improvement Program Grant
23-0206	Appointing members to the Emergency Management Agency Executive Committee
23-0207	Revising appointments of county commissioners to various committees and areas of responsibility for the year 2023

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

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