

Aaron M. Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk present; Stephen D. Hambley 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 April 23, 2024 regular commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None

Commendation

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Commending Rose Seeholzer for her 21 years of service with Medina County

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The commissioners congratulated Mrs. Seeholzer on her retirement. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Mrs. Seeholzer thanked the commissioners and the county noting that she began her time here in 2003 and this day has come too soon. She enjoyed her time with the county and she wished the best for the future of Medina County.

Resolutions

Planning Services Director Denise Testa presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Awarding the Village of Lodi Richman Field Walkway Improvement Project funding by the Program Year (PY22) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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

Finance Director Brett Thomas presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Cash transfers for various funds
2. Authorizing a cash transfer for the Social Service Levy fund
3. Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Patrol Vehicle Technology Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office
4. Authorizing the commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board on behalf of the Medina County Law Library Resources Board
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 \$7,006,916.69

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the six resolutions; Mr. Harrison 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. Authorizing a change order for the Medina County Veteran Services Building Addition & Renovation Project
2. Authorizing the purchase of vehicles for various Medina County offices
3. Authorizing an appreciation luncheon for the volunteers of the Medina County Home
4. Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Perspectus for design services related to the Medina County Domestic Relations Courthouse Acoustical and Security Improvements

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the four resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Harrison stated that the project was mentioned during the Veterans Ball and a lot of positive feedback and appreciation was noted. Mrs. Swedyk added that it was nice to get a vehicle for under \$400; Mr. Jakab agreed. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioners Resolutions

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Appointing commissioners' alternate for Medina County Planning Commission for 2024

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Mrs. Swedyk noted that Cytia Engleman was in attendance and stated that the board is fortunate to have someone so qualified to take this position. Ms. Engleman thanked the commissioners for their confidence in her as Cliff Nowak's replacement. She was fortunate to attend meetings with Cliff and he was very introspective and thorough, so she hopes to follow in his footsteps. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

Ed Stevens, 42 Bungalow Bay, Chippewa Lake, stated that in 2013, a resolution was approved which assessed a 2,000 gallon minimum water usage which he believes should be reassessed. He stated that he and his daughter only use about 68 gallons per month and it seems unfair to be charged for 2,000 gallons. As 11 years have passed, he believes it is time to reevaluate this matter. Mr. Stevens then discussed security and safety concerns of the community at Chippewa Lake due to the expanded use of the lake. He stated that in theory, having more users is a good thing, however, it does bring safety concerns.

Mr. Harrison stated that it is his understanding that part of the new regulations of the lake include more patrols. Mr. Jakab will initiate discussions with the Sanitary Engineer regarding the water issue.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:48 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:48 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Fix It Funds

Treasurer Burke announced the May 1 kickoff of the 2024 Fix It Funds home improvement loan program sponsored by Westfield Bank and his office. The program offers county home owners fixed rate improvement loans (two percent lower than Westfield Bank's current home improvement loan rate). The program allows homeowners with a home value up to \$300,000 to apply for a loan ranging from \$5,000-\$50,000 and there is no limit on the borrowers' income. Qualifying improvements can be for things such as windows, landscaping, air conditioning and remodeling, but luxury items such as swimming pools do not qualify.

Letter of Support – County Engineer

Mr. Harrison noted that the County Engineer had requested a letter of support for a grant application for the T.H. 102, Sanford Rd, Bridge 14 Replacement Project. Rhonda Beck mentioned that the grant applications are due by noon today. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter of support.

Stained Glass

Mr. Harrison mentioned that Stuart Neal gifted the commissioners with the stained glass art in the hearing room. Mr. Neal is a member of the Fair Board and a great community member.

Traffic Study

Mr. Harrison stated that there was some news over the weekend of a traffic study being completed by NOACA and ODOT related to the Boston Road interchange – more encouragingly – as an alternative to the Boston Road interchange. The City of Brunswick shared a press release expressing support for that traffic study, and he would like to work with Brian Gallatin to do something similar as he thinks there are a couple of things that are important to note. In his discussions with both the City of Brunswick and Grace Gallucci, there is some belief that this development could spur the rescission of the legislation that the interchange be created – that's hung up in committee right now. It may be moved out of committee once this study was committed to, so that kind of becomes the compromised position to saying we're going to put an interchange there – we're going to study that. He stated that he is in favor of anything that supports the rescission of that legislation. Mrs. Swedyk stated that the commissioners have been consistent in support of their neighbors to the north on this issue and have stood by them from the beginning. Mr. Harrison added that the last time there was a traffic study done of the northern routes in the Strongsville/Brunswick corridor, there was also a study done of the southern routes – Route 18 in Montville Township – so while it's being studied, he suggested to Grace Gallucci that perhaps that could also be looked into.

Courthouse Auction

Rhonda Beck stated that the 1969 Courthouse Auction was completed on Saturday and thanked everyone for their hard work on making it happen including Chris Jakab, Matt Springer, Brian Gallatin, Melinda Root, Lisa Lisy, Colleen Swedyk and Farnsworth Auctions. Mr. Harrison stated that they did a great job moving from room to room. Mrs. Swedyk stated that she will be interested to see how much is left once all the pick ups are completed at the end of this week. Mr. Harrison agreed that it was a team effort involving a lot of extra time that went into that, and it was very much appreciated.

Commissioner Harrison moved to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 9:57 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:27 a.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED APRIL 30, 2024

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
24-0325	Commending Rose Seeholzer for her 21 years of service with Medina County
24-0326	Awarding the Village of Lodi Richman Field Walkway Improvement Project funding by the Program Year (PY22) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
24-0327	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
24-0328	Cash transfers for various funds
24-0329	Authorizing a cash transfer for the Social Service Levy fund
24-0330	Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Patrol Vehicle Technology Grant by the Medina County Sheriff's Office
24-0331	Authorizing the commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board on behalf of the Medina County Law Library Resources Board
24-0332	Allowing expenses of county officials
24-0333	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
24-0334	Authorizing a change order for the Medina County Veteran Services Building Addition & Renovation Project
24-0335	Authorizing the purchase of vehicles for various Medina County offices
24-0336	Authorizing an appreciation luncheon for the volunteers of the Medina County Home
24-0337	Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Perspectus for design services related to the Medina County Domestic Relations Courthouse Acoustical and Security Improvements
24-0338	Appointing commissioners' alternate for Medina County Planning Commission for 2024

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

Aaron M. Harrison

OF

Colleen M. Swedyk

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk to the Commissioners

MEDINA COUNTY

Stephen D. Hambley