

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 August 8, 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

Assistant County Engineer Josh Wolf presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 10 on Greenwich Road (C.H. 97) in Westfield Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
2. Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 22 on Kennard Road (T.H. 78) in Westfield Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
3. Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 49 on Marks Road (C.H. 22) in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
4. Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 1 on Metzger Road (T.H. 113) in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
5. Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 44 on River Corners Road (C.H. 27) in Spencer Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the five 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 August 3-9, 2023.

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Chippewa Lake Village to replace existing sanitary sewer and water mains as part of the village's Brookshore Drive Road Improvement Project
2. Accepting and awarding bid for the Boston Road Pump Station Replacement Project
3. Awarding Contract A, rejecting bids for contracts B & C and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to rebid the 2022 Home Sewage Treatment System Replacement 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.

Park District Director Nate Eppink presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Resolution of support for Medina County Park District's application for Clean Ohio Funding

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 the following resolutions:

1. 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.

Finance Director Brett Thomas presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Amending the appropriation measure resolution
2. Amending the 2023 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
3. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
4. Revenue adjustments for various funds
5. Creation of a Family First Council Family-Centered Services & Support FY24 fund and authorizing appropriations
6. Creatin of a Family First Council Early Intervention FY24 Grant Program fund and authorizing appropriations
7. Authorizing the purchase of 6,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center

8. Allowing expenses of county officials
9. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of 3,364,975.18

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.

County Administrator Chris Jakab presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing a subrecipient agreement between the Ohio Department of Health and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for tuberculosis testing, evaluation, and treatment services
2. Approving a construction agreement between the Medina County Board of Commissioners, Hinckley Township Board of Trustees and Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

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

Chief Building Official Richard Nelson reviewed the monthly report for July 2023 noting that average construction costs of new homes in July was \$511,827.29; year-to-date \$388,545.28. There were 27 new homes starts which is a decrease over the past few years. Monthly and year-to-date receipts have also decreased based on less activity. Mr. Nelson stated that the monthly reports are available on their website and his department is working on a new format for the reports. The new clerk is working out well. Residential review times remains at 3-4 days; commercial 2-3 weeks.

Veterans' Services Director Ed Zackery reviewed activities through the first half of 2023 noting that they filed 274 VA claims, which is 114 more than last year. Their current pending claims on inventory are 420 and 26 appeals with the average claims filed per month was 46. Last year, they saw an increase in Compensation & Pension expenditures (\$44.9M to \$55.1M) from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County. The VA spent \$100,404,000.96 on veterans of Medina County in 2022 which was an increase of more than \$16M from the previous year. Financial assistance remains extremely low and has continued to decrease the number of applicants. Mr. Zackery noted that the Veterans Ride for Free on Medina Transit has been very popular and has increased ridership on Transit.

Mr. Zackery announced an upcoming event with Congressman Max Miller – PACT Act Veterans' Resource Fair – to be held on October 14, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Medina VFW Post 5137. Veterans and survivors are invited to learn about available resources. RSVPs are required.

In answer to a question by Mrs. Swedyk regarding the status of his building project, Mr. Zackery stated that the RFQ is currently out and then bids will be solicited. It is his hope that the project will begin by the end of the year, but he's not certain. Mr. Hambley inquired of the declining veteran population in Medina County and how that is determined. Mr. Zackery answered that it's not a question included in the census anymore, so this information is compiled by other means. Mr. Harrison mentioned the department's participation in the Medina County Fair. Mr. Zackery stated that calls to his office increased during the two weeks following the fair.

Commissioners Resolutions

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township

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 the following resolution:

1. Approving a Visitors' Policy for the Medina County Dog Shelter

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.

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Commissioner Harrison reminded of the Climate Action Plan public sessions with the first date of August 24. Commissioner Hambley noted that he will be in attendance at that meeting.

War Bond Building

Commissioner Hambley stated that the Brian Feron of the Historical Society indicated that the base of the War Bond Building needs repairs. Mr. Hambley suggested the commissioners pay the costs of the repairs which is approximately \$500; Commissioners Swedyk and Harrison agreed. The Historical Society will then take over the maintenance of the building.

2024 Solar Eclipse Planning

Commissioner Swedyk stated that an eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024 with Medina being one of the focus areas where viewing will be excellent. It is expected that the day before and the day of the eclipse, Medina County's population will explode. She stated that they are expecting hundreds of thousands of people will come to Medina County setting up tents, etc. She asked what we should do in planning for this event.

Mr. Harrison stated that he thinks it presents an opportunity to coordinate a response with some of the EMA staff and the other subdivisions noting that in some of the more outlying areas, a smaller bump in population becomes a problem as well. Mrs. Swedyk noted that some school systems are closing that day because of the predictions for the volume of people that will be coming to the county.

Mr. Hambley stated that the commissioners should consider closing county facilities, and in terms of planning. The monies that have been allocated by the state is a reimbursement for first responders rather than emergency management planning agencies, so the police and fire departments will be responsible from a reimbursement standpoint. He stated that he thinks our Convention & Visitors Bureau could take advantage of this opportunity in planning events around that timeframe. They could help facilitate and direct people to places to visit, eat, stay, park, etc. He would like to see the MCCVB become the host of coordinating it. Mrs. Swedyk agreed asking Mr. Hambley if he would reach out to them; he confirmed. Mr. Harrison stated that he thinks if, from an EMA standpoint, if we can get them dialed in to help respond to any other subdivisions that have questions, they could take the lead on that part of it, but if MCCVB is able to plan as in Ohio EMA's guide, the opportunity to try and extend people's stay would be great to prevent everyone getting on the road at exactly the same time. Mr. Hambley added the MCCVB could work with the local chambers. He mentioned the Republican Convention several years ago when we knew there would be a bump in population and activities, and they were coordinated in that fashion.

Mrs. Swedyk suggested that she ask Brian to send out packets to the 17 townships to let them know this is coming in case it's not on some of their radars, and the potential population increases in each area. Mr. Hambley stated that there is a whole swath of communities that could benefit from people coming in. She asked Mr. Hambley and Mr. Harrison if they object to closing non-emergency buildings as a closing for 2024; both commissioners agreed that county offices should be closed that day. This will be added to the list of office closings for 2024.

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

Executive Session

At 10:05 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:12 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 11:17 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 15, 2023

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
23-0632	Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 10 on Greenwich Road (C.H. 97) in Westfield Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
23-0633	Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 22 on Kennard Road (T.H. 78) in Westfield Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
23-0634	Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 49 on Marks Road (C.H. 22) in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
23-0635	Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 1 on Metzger Road (T.H. 113) in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
23-0636	Finding that public convenience and welfare required the replacement of Bridge No. 44 on River Corners Road (C.H. 27) in Spencer Township, Medina County, Ohio and authorizing the Medina County Engineer to replace said bridge
23-0637	Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Chippewa Lake Village to replace existing sanitary sewer and water mains as part of the village's Brookshore Drive Road Improvement Project
23-0638	Accepting and awarding bid for the Boston Road Pump Station Replacement Project
23-0639	Awarding Contract A, rejecting bids for contracts B & C and authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to re-bid the 2022 Home Sewage Treatment System Replacement Project
23-0640	Resolution of support for Medina County Park District's application for Clean Ohio funding
23-0641	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
23-0642	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
23-0643	Amending the 2023 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
23-0644	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
23-0645	Revenue adjustments for various funds
23-0646	Creation of a Family First Council Family-Centered Services & Support FY24 fund and authorizing appropriations
23-0647	Creation of a Family First Council Early Intervention FY"24 Grant Program fund and authorizing appropriations
23-0648	Authorizing the purchase of 6,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
23-0649	Allowing expenses of county officials
23-0650	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
23-0651	Authorizing a subrecipient agreement between the Ohio Department of Health and the Medina County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for tuberculosis testing, evaluation and treatment services
23-0652	Approving a construction agreement between the Medina County Board of Commissioners, Hinckley Township Board of Trustees and Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
23-0653	Approving the petition for boundary line adjustment for Brunswick Hills Township
23-0654	Approving a visitors' policy for the Medina County Dog Shelter

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

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