

Colleen M. Swedyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Aaron M. Harrison 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.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 commissioners' meeting; Commissioner Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Resolutions

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to replace the existing HVAC system at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant through Equalis competitive bidding
2. Authorizing change order no. 1 for the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Replacement Project
3. Authorizing change order no. 3 for the Medina County Sanitary Speith Road Pump Station Generator Improvements Project
4. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineering Department to purchase a 4x4 single rear wheel drive pick-up truck

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

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

1. Authorizing the submission of an application for the Lead Safe Ohio Program

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk 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 resolutions:

1. Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk 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. Amending the appropriation measure resolution
2. Amending the 2023 appropriations measure resolution by transferring appropriations
3. Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary fund
4. Creation of the Sheriff's Office Opioid Response Team fund and authorizing appropriations
5. Approving a donation to the Medina County Fair Board from the Medina County Probate and Juvenile Court
6. Allowing expenses of county officials
7. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$2,443,985.64

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

County Administrator Chris Jakab presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing change order for the Medina County Jail Stormwater Management and Asphalt Replacement Project
2. Accepting and awarding a bid for the Medina County Office for Older Adults Kitchen Renovation Project
3. Approving an extension to an agreement for county facility elevator maintenance services
4. Rejecting bids for Medina County Emergency Management Agency Safety Services Facility and Expansion Project
5. Authorizing the fee and contract negotiation process for architectural design and engineering services for the Medina County Veteran Services Building Expansion and Renovation Project
6. Establishing a list of architectural and engineering service firms eligible for the provision of design service for miscellaneous Medina County building projects

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the six resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. To clarify, Mr. Harrison asked if the EMA timeline would be in September for the next round; Mr. Jakab confirmed stating the bid opening

would hopefully occur on or around September 28. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

Transit Director Shannon Rine reviewed the monthly report for July 2023 noting that Wadsworth is still performing strong as opposed to averages in 2022. They are also seeing an increase in ridership for the Office for Older Adults and Job & Family Services. A little concerning is that trip denial numbers have more than doubled from the same time last year. Making sure that we can meet the needs of the community, he is hopeful that the implementation of the Medina Flex will alleviate some of that concern. Cost per passenger shows that it went from \$42.23 last year to \$38.63 this year making it more efficient. Regarding spreading the word about the MC Flex coming in September in Medina, yesterday he met with several area businesses at the Career Center. They are excited that Transit will be able to include them in the Medina Flex and provide some service regularly to the Medina City area. Additionally, they are looking to hire more part-time drivers. He noted it's important that they have the right people and the number of people to meet those needs. They are continuing to publicize the need for part-time drivers via social media, posters and word-of-mouth. Commissioner Harrison asked if the trip denial is a supply or demand issue; Mr. Rine responded they evaluate that on a daily basis. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays are the busiest days. There is also an increasing need out there of the public. Therefore, they have to meet that need along with the agency need. It's 53% for the public and 47% for the agency. In response to a question asked by Mr. Harrison, Mr. Rine stated by negotiating with riders, that has lowered the number of trip denials.

Job & Family Services Director Debbie Kiley reported for public assistance, the open enrollment period for Medicaid Managed Care starts in November. It's November 1–30. All enrollment is done through the Department of Medicaid. Medicaid members can review their available plans, select or change the current plan that they are on through the Department of Medicaid. The website for individuals to enroll or change their plan is www.OhioMH.com; or the phone number is 800-324-8680. County offices can assist in information as they have supplemental guides on their website that were provided by the Department of Medicaid. The County office can also answer basic questions; however, they are unable to guide individuals towards a plan.

Last month, the Child Protective Division took in over 85 calls for abuse and neglect. They currently have 139 in care with 120 of those in foster care, and the remaining in treatment facilities. A few children have emancipated, which means they aged out of the foster care system. Several children have also been released custody from Job & Family Services and have been given either custody back to their parents or other caretaker relatives.

On August 12, the Child Support Division hosted a free family movie night for members in the community. Showing the new Mario Bros. movie, the event was not only to recognize August as Child Support Awareness month, but also to share a more positive experience. The event was held in the Haddad Theater in the County Administration Building. The doors opened to about 100 attendees, which was a great response. Ms. Kiley thanked the following for sponsoring the event — Medina County Domestic Relations Court, Medina County Sheriff's Office, Crumbl Cookies, Lemonberry Frozen Yogurt, Jen's Play N' Learn Childcare, Chick-fil-A, Something's Popping, Sweets & Geeks, Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care, and CJ Dannenmiller. They also provided money for buying popcorn and water. Following the movie, they offered pictures with Mario and Luigi, as well as goody bags for the children to take home. The Sheriff's Office also had their ice cream truck on site and gave frozen treats to all the family members. Ms. Kiley noted two child support caseworkers provided the following interesting perspective on the event: They stopped into a local theater and movie ticket prices were \$9–\$11; large popcorn, \$10; and a large bottle of water, \$6. For a family 5, that would cost \$61 for the movie tickets with one large popcorn and one bottle of water to share with all family members. They are hoping to offer this event again in the future.

Commissioner Harrison inquired if the numbers for abuse and neglect increase with the start of the school year; Ms. Kiley confirmed. They are typically over 100.

Public Comment

Jansen Wehrley, 4669 Blake Rd., Seville – Mr. Wehrley stated he is a longtime County resident and thanked the commissioners for their service. He shared a concern that he and several of his neighbors on Blake Road and Wooster Pike regarding a potential land swap between the Medina County Park District (MCPD) and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. He stated the Muskingum Watershed currently leases an office from MCPD on Hubbard Valley Road in front of Buffalo Creek retreat. They have a lease that was signed in 2015. It's now an annual lease and they are looking for a home. They are currently working with the MCPD and looked at three parcels, one of which is on Blake Road across from many of his neighbor's homes. Their concern is every location being considered in close proximity to Hubbard Valley Park is zoned residential. They further have concerns because it's a quasi-government agency with the watershed working with the county park district to swap land. The site on Blake Road is a 19-acre parcel, and they are looking to subdivide four acres to make it a buildable lot for the watershed. In turn, the MCPD gets approximately 12 acres on Wadsworth Road to gain public access to a piece of land that the park district owns. While this might net positive acreage for the park district, they are opposing it because the intent of the watershed is to build a commercial building in a rural residential area in Guilford Township. They have received support from the Guilford Township trustees who passed a resolution in opposition to this land swap. He asked the commissioners if there was anything they could do such as also adopting a resolution opposing the project. He mentioned there is lots of land available where this would be better suited. While he's a proponent of collaboration, he doesn't think collaboration with getting a conditional-use zoning permit and upsetting a lot of residents is the correct avenue.

Mrs. Swedyk noted that they had planned to discuss this topic during today's discussion session. However, because Commissioner Hambley was unable to be present at today's meeting, this discussion has been postponed to next week. She further stated that they will also invite the park district director to that meeting so they can have a full discussion.

Mr. Harrison added that by the Guilford Township trustees passing the resolution in opposition, that put it on the Commissioners' radar and results in additional attention. He appreciated the trustees for first addressing the issue, and then Mr. Wehrley bringing it to Commissioner Hambley's attention.

James Carpenter, 4655 Blake Rd., Seville – Mr. Carpenter spoke on the same topic. He stated the reason they are in opposition is, in the first place, they did not go through the proper channels to do this land swap. They were sent a letter, but did not go through zoning or Guilford Township before they started. He believes it's a waste of time that they didn't go through the proper channels in order to proceed with it. He added all his neighbors are in opposition to it as well. He mentioned it will also cause excess traffic and noise, which is why they are opposed to the land swap.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:54 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Veteran's Day Breakfast

Jeremy Sinko stated Veterans Day is getting close. He asked for the Commissioners' support in his office hosting the ninth annual Veterans Breakfast this year for the County veterans. It would be held on Thursday, November 9. Both Commissioners Swedyk and Harrison gave their approval. Mr. Sinko stated they will begin seeking donations and proceeding with preparations.

NOACA Climate Action Plan Public Meeting

Commissioner Harrison noted that this Thursday will be the first of three NOACA sessions. The first will be held at the University Center. The goal would be to have the voices of Medina County well represented as there are not always that opportunity. He is unable to attend this first session, but plans to attend one of the later sessions. Additionally, he looks forward to hearing feedback from anyone who attends the first session. Planning Director Denise Testa will be attending the first session on behalf of the County. The primary topic is the Climate Action Plan. He has some concerns over the greenhouse gas inventory and is in the process of putting together an outline of some of those issues that he will be circulating to other members of the board. He added the sessions are a good opportunity for both the residents and County to share their feelings, and he hopes they will be well attended.

Commissioner Harrison moved to go into Executive Session following Discussion Session to consider the compensation of public employees; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 9:58 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:25 a.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 22, 2023

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
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23-0673	Establishing a list of architectural and engineering service firms eligible for the provision of design service for miscellaneous Medina County building projects

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

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____
		Stephen D. Hambley
	OF	_____
_____		Aaron M. Harrison
Brian S. Gallatin	MEDINA COUNTY	_____
Assistant Clerk to the Commissioners		Colleen M. Swedyk