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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2026 Commissioners' meeting and August 19, 2026 Special Commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; Mr. 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. Determining the necessity to close Hamilton Road for culvert replacements
2. Approving the Hawks Ridge Subdivision replat no. 2, which establishes Block D-4 and D-5 as a replat of Block D-3 within the Hawks Ridge Subdivision replat no. 1, located in Montville Township lots 7 & 8

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.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued August 13–19, 2026.

Sanitary Engineer *Jeremy Sinko* presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering for professional design services for the Center Road Water Main Extension Project

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 resolution:

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 2026 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
3. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
4. Creation of a Board of Elections POE Training Grant fund and authorizing appropriations
5. Creation of an Adult Probation Drug and Mental Health Court Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project fund and authorizing appropriations
6. Creation of a Juvenile Specialized Dockets FY27 fund and authorizing appropriations
7. Creation of Juvenile Court Special Docket Medication Assisted Treatment FY27 Grant fund and authorizing appropriations
8. Accepting a quote from Central Square Technologies, LLC for Next Generation 9-1-1 System hardware and implementation services and authorizing the related expenditure
9. Allowing expenses of county officials
10. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $1,842,279.58

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the ten resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion.

Commissioner Harrison sought clarification on whether the specialized dockets were the creation of new funds rather than new dockets entirely. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the dockets already exist and that these resolutions are annual re-ups to establish the funding, which is provided each year through sources including the Board of Mental Health and the State of Ohio.

There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

County *Administrator Matt Springer* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an amended agreement with Envelope Consulting Services, LLC for design services associated with the Medina County Human Service Center Building's Window Replacement Project

2. Authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the Medina County Solid Waste District and Westfield Township
3. Approving an agreement with the City of Cleveland for the reimbursement of cost

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hambley noted that the Westfield Fire and Rescue District has historically responded to incidents at the transfer station, including battery fires, and that the compensation structure was built to reflect the quasi-commercial nature of the facility. He expressed appreciation for the collaboration with Westfield Township Trustees and confirmed that first payment would not occur until 2027. Mr. Springer confirmed the timeline.

Commissioner Harrison expressed appreciation to the Sanitary Engineer's office and the Prosecutor's office for working through what he described as a process that "got a little dicey" before reaching resolution.

There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

Transit *Director Shannon Rine* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for SFY2027 Section 5311 Program Grants
2. Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for SFY2027 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program Grant

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.

Mr. Rine then reported that ridership remains strong and that trip-to-mile numbers are at zero, crediting the team for finding efficiencies to meet growing demand. He noted that while overall operating costs have increased, cost per mile has decreased, reflecting more effective shared-ride service. Mr. Rine noted that he will be meeting with those that Transit contracts with to address a potential cost-per-mile increase, though efforts to reduce that figure are ongoing.

Ms. Rine also reported that the South Circular fixed route has been absorbed into demand-responsive service, meaning residents sign up or call ahead rather than relying on a fixed route covering the full area. The transition has reduced service miles significantly. Finally, Mr. Rine announced the successful launch of a "Where's My Bus?" call-ahead notification system, which has received positive feedback and is expected to reduce no-shows.

Job & Family Services *Director Katie Masternick* provided updates across three divisions.

Child Support: In recognition of Child Support Awareness Month, the division participated in several outreach events including the county fair and a back-to-school event. A settlement week at the beginning of the month resulted in four warrant withdrawals, one case payment, and three court-related settlements. The ongoing driver's license amnesty program, running through August 31st, allows individuals with suspended licenses to pay one month's arrears plus one dollar for reinstatement; as of August 24th, $4,984 had been collected across 13 cases. Ms. Masternick noted that Child Support staff were holding an employee appreciation and training event on the day of the meeting.

Eligibility Division: Medicaid community engagement notifications have begun going out under the community engagement requirements, and staff are fielding client inquiries. Ms. Masternick noted that updated information suggests the federal cost-share related to error rates may require immediate payment rather than a delayed arrangement, and she committed to keeping the Board informed as details develop. She noted that Medina County is performing well on its internal error rate reviews.

Child Protection: Ms. Masternick noted that the State of Ohio has signed on to the federal "Home for Every Child" initiative, focused on foster care licensing and placement. She reported that Medina County received best practice incentive funding for adoptions completed in the prior year, having exceeded its baseline in two age ranges. Current custody count stands at 94 children, up from 93 the prior month.

Commissioners' Resolution

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Appointing a member to the Medina County Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion.

Commissioner Harrison noted that several strong applicants were considered, and extended a welcome to Caleb and Tina, representatives from the Library Board who were present. Commissioner Hambley echoed the sentiment, calling it "a tough decision" given the quality of candidates — a circumstance he described as a positive sign.

There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Commissioner Swedyk announced the receipt of the resignation and retirement notification of County Recorder Linda Hoffmann, effective September 8, 2026. The Board expressed appreciation for her service and extended best wishes for her retirement. Commissioner Hambley noted that the departure triggers a special election for the Recorder's position to appear on the November 2026 ballot, with the appointed interim also required to appear as a candidate.

Public Comment
None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:48 a.m.

Discussion Session

9-1-1 Dispatch Center Upgrade
Commissioner Harrison reported that following the EMA Board meeting the prior week, he toured the newly upgraded dispatch center at the Sheriff's Office. He described the facility as "really well done," noting that it will meaningfully improve both working conditions and operational capabilities for dispatch staff. He stated that the Sheriff and his staff expressed significant appreciation for the upgraded facility.

Southern Water District — Auxiliary Water System Compliance Update
Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko provided an update on the Southern Water District's ongoing effort to resolve a Notice of Violation from the Ohio EPA regarding customers who maintain both a connection to the county water system and an auxiliary water source such as a cistern, well, or pond. Under the EPA directive, affected customers must either abandon their auxiliary system or install a backflow preventer.

Mr. Sinko reported that of the 128 affected properties, approximately 80 have completed compliance. Of the roughly 51 remaining, approximately 10 are awaiting documentation from the Health Department, placing the likely active non-compliance number at around 41. The stated compliance deadline in letters sent to customers was August 31st, with water shutoff threatened for non-compliant properties thereafter. Notifications were sent in February, June, July, and August.

The discussion centered on the appropriate course of action before actually shutting off water to remaining non-compliant properties. Commissioner Harrison asked about cases where customers are waiting on Health Department review, and whether those situations warrant flexibility. Commissioner Hambley confirmed that where work has been done and customers are simply awaiting an inspection, the county can reasonably work with those individuals. All three Commissioners expressed a desire to ensure that all remaining non-compliant customers are definitively aware of the situation before water is disconnected. Commissioner Hambley suggested sending certified letters, and Commissioner Harrison proposed a more direct approach — hand-delivering notices to the approximately 40 remaining properties — noting that with a step as significant as shutting off water, the extra effort is warranted, particularly as this is the first time the county has carried out such enforcement - Commissioner Hambley and Commissioner Swedyk agreed.

Mr. Sinko confirmed that the EPA's overall deadline for full compliance is approximately December 2027, providing some time to work through remaining cases. However, the Board and Mr. Sinko agreed that demonstrating active progress to the EPA remains important. The consensus direction was to proceed with hand-delivered notices to the remaining non-compliant properties before any shutoffs are initiated, and to work on a case-by-case basis with customers who can demonstrate good-faith efforts or extenuating circumstances.

Commissioner Hambley also noted that the county's Northwest water system — its largest — is anticipated to have between 1,200 and 1,300 similarly affected properties subject to the same EPA requirement, meaning the procedures and precedents set in the Southern District will carry significant implications going forward. Mr. Sinko acknowledged and applauded the roughly 90 properties that have already come into compliance.

Commissioner Hambley moved to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation and to consider the appointment of a public official. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all 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 11:05 a.m.

Adjournment
Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 25, 2026

Number	Resolution Title
26-0606	Determining the necessity to close Hamilton Road for culvert replacements
26-0607	Approving the Hawks Ridge Subdivision replat no. 2, which establishes Block D-4 and D-5 as a replat of Block D-3 within the Hawks Ridge Subdivision replat no. 1, located in Montville Township lots 7 & 8
26-0608	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering for professional design services for the Center Road Water Main Extension Project
26-0609	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
26-0610	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
26-0611	Amending the 2026 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
26-0612	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
26-0613	Creation of a Board of Elections POE Training Grant fund and authorizing appropriations
26-0614	Creation of an Adult Probation Drug and Mental Health Court Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project fund and authorizing appropriations
26-0615	Creation of a Juvenile Specialized Dockets FY27 fund and authorizing appropriations
26-0616	Creation of Juvenile Court Special Docket Medication Assisted Treatment FY27 Grant fund and authorizing appropriations
26-0617	Accepting a quote from Central Square Technologies, LLC for Next Generation 9-1-1 System hardware and implementation services and authorizing the related expenditure
26-0618	Allowing expenses of county officials
26-0619	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
26-0620	Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an amended agreement with Envelope Consulting Services, LLC for design services associated with the Medina County Human Service Center Building's Window Replacement Project
26-0621	Authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the Medina County Solid Waste District and Westfield Township
26-0622	Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for SFY2027 Section 5311 Program Grants
26-0623	Approving the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for SFY2027 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program Grant
26-0624	Appointing a member to the Medina County Library Board of Trustees
26-0625	Approving an agreement with the City of Cleveland for the reimbursement of cost

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this twenty-fifth day of August, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

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