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 July 28, 2026 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 resolution:

1. Approving the final plat for Cobblestone Park Subdivision Phase 1A, Replat No. 5 located in Montville Township Lot No. 21 & Lot No. 22

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.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued July 23-29, 2026.

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

1. Authorizing a Facility Encroachment Agreement between Medina County and CSX Corporation for the Chippewa and Lake Road Water Main Replacement 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.

Solid Waste District *Director Barb Walton* presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Authorizing the Medina County Solid Waste Management District to enter into an agreement for credit card services

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
2. Amending the table of organization for the Medina County Home

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.

Finance *Director Brett Thomas* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Revenue adjustments for various funds
2. Cash transfers for various funds
3. Approving the second year round 1 awards of Medina County Opioid Settlement Funds
4. Declaring Medina County property as excess property
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 $1,309,476.72

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the six resolutions; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

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

1. Authorizing change orders for the Medina County Engineering Center Restroom Renovation 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.

Department Updates

Senior & Adult Services *Director Laura Toth* reported the Senior Farmers Market Voucher program has reached its maximum of 176 state applications, with $23,370 expended to date, representing a 27% utilization rate. Additionally, the Senior & Adult Foundation has distributed 251 supplemental $50 vouchers at the Medina Farmers Market, of which 48% have been spent.

Ms. Toth reported that the summer picnic season is concluding successfully, with July picnics drawing approximately 130 participants. A block party sponsored by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging drew more than 150 seniors. She announced the final picnics of the season: August 7th at Western Reserve Masonic Community, and August 21st, the annual luau. She also announced a visit from State Representative Melanie Miller to the Medina Center on August 5th at 10:30 AM to discuss issues important to older adults.

Ms. Toth then presented six-month program data. Through mid-year, the Title III program has provided 7,392 transit trips, 19,160 home-delivered meals, and 4,257 congregate meals, the last of which includes the restaurant voucher program in Wadsworth. She noted that monthly home-delivered meal clients are averaging in the 160s–170s, and that congregate meal clients reached 167 in June, roughly half of whom are participants in the Wadsworth restaurant voucher program, which she described as highly popular given its daily availability.

Regarding the transit program, Ms. Toth noted a shift this year to a bulk-pay arrangement committing $220,000 annually. Through six months, the department has paid $110,000, while the actual cost incurred is $119,355 - a difference of $9,355. She confirmed that County Administrator Springer and Transit Director Shannon Rine had both agreed this variance, falling within an expected range of $5,000–$15,000, would not be sought for reclaim at year's end. Commissioner Harrison noted that this variance was partly attributable to an increase in the rate per mile, and that the overall transit cost per trip for the senior program subset is higher than the countywide average, making the financial transparency useful. She noted that her department holds the largest transit contract in the county by a considerable margin and that early discussions are underway regarding the future sustainability of transit services given that the levy has remained flat at $1,300,000 since its passage. She is beginning to model scenarios to separate medically necessary transport—such as dialysis trips—from other services, in order to understand the cost implications of any potential service reductions. Commissioner Harrison affirmed this as a necessary partnership exercise given the growing senior population and the connection between affordable transportation and independence.

Planning Services *Director Denise Testa* reported that the review of the county's Subdivision Regulations and proposed Development Agreement is continuing. The department's consultant, American Structure Point, has been working with both a Monday and Thursday review group. A highlighted comparison of the Engineering Code has been completed to identify provisions that could be incorporated into the subdivision regulations to eliminate duplication. A review of the Medina County and peer county subdivision regulations is also ongoing, and the project has reached an outline stage, with the next step being substantive changes to the document.

For the August Planning Commission meeting, Ms. Testa noted a concept plan before the commission for the Rankin property in Granger Township, approximately 100 acres with 37 proposed sublots. The September meeting will include a preliminary plan in Wadsworth Township, a replat in Medina, and a replat in Montville Township.

Regarding the Ohio Department of Agriculture Land Use Planning Grant, the department is in the process of identifying approximately 20 members for a steering committee, with a resolution presenting those individuals anticipated for the following week. Information about the grant is also on display at the Commissioner's booth at the county fair.

Ms. Testa reported approximately eight fair housing inquiries for the month, including one involving the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. She will be staffing the Commissioner's fair booth on Saturday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM to address fair housing questions. A zoning workshop related to nuisance properties is scheduled for August 13th at 6:00 PM in Balcony Room B of the County Administration Building. The department has also begun reviewing applications for an Associate Planner/GIS Technician position.

Commissioners' Resolution

Commissioner Swedyk presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Reappointing members to the County Home Advisory Council

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 commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion Session

EPA Household Food Waste Prevention Grant

Barb Walton briefed the board on an opportunity to participate in a U.S. EPA-sponsored national household food waste prevention grant project. The initiative is being structured on a regional basis, which allows for larger grant awards ranging from $75,000 to $300,000. The Ohio Food Bank Association will serve as the lead grantee, with the Solid Waste District participating as a sub-grantee. Within the Akron Food Bank region, eight solid waste districts were considered; Summit, Portage, and Medina Counties are expected to join. Ms. Walton noted she has also engaged the OSU Extension Office and Food Rescue US as potential partners.

The Board expressed general support with Commissioner Harrison requesting one editorial modification to the draft letter of support, asking that language referencing "behavioral change" be removed from the second paragraph, preferring the letter reference only "community based education." Ms. Walton indicated agreement with the change. Commissioner Hambley expressed his support for the initiative.

Loss of Wadsworth City Recycling Drop-Off Site

Commissioner Hambley and Ms. Walton informed the Board that the City of Wadsworth has indicated it will no longer allow the Solid Waste District to maintain its recycling drop-off bins at the current location. Ms. Walton explained that the site sits on a right-of-way involving a private property owner who is in a legal dispute with the city, and that the bins would likely need to be removed within approximately one month.

The significance of this loss was underscored by the site's scale: it currently houses 19 eight-yard containers that, as of two weeks prior, were being emptied every single weekday due to high demand. In 2025, the site processed 391 tons of recyclable material—far exceeding the next closest site, the high school, which handles approximately 28 tons. Ms. Walton noted she has explored alternative locations including city parks, churches, and other facilities, but has been largely unsuccessful due to past contamination incidents at other sites that have made property owners reluctant to host bins.

Commissioner Harrison acknowledged that the likely practical outcome of losing the site is that a significant portion of that 391 tons will end up in the landfill, as residents are unlikely to travel to the three nearest alternative sites in Guilford Township, Sharon Township, and Montville Township - all of which are already near capacity. The commissioners agreed that the residents of Wadsworth should contact their city council representatives and administration to advocate for replacement locations, noting that multiple smaller sites may be needed to offset the volume. Commissioner Hambley remarked that the city has historically been supportive of the drop-off concept and should be engaged to help identify appropriate city-owned locations, such as city parks, that could accommodate containers. The commissioners emphasized the importance of community engagement and transparency in surfacing public concern about the potential loss of recycling access.

Commissioner Hambley moved to go into Executive Session to discuss an imminent court action; Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 10:20 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 10:20 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 4, 2026

Number	Resolution Title
26-0562	Determining that equipment used by the Medina County Engineer is excess property and authorizing its disposal under the provisions of Section 317.12 Ohio Revised Code
26-0563	Authorizing a Facility Encroachment Agreement between Medina County and CSX Corporation for the Chippewa and Lake Road Water Main Replacement Project
26-0564	Authorizing the Medina County Solid Waste Management District to enter into an agreement for credit card services
26-0565	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
26-0566	Amending the table of organization for the Medina County Home
26-0567	Revenue adjustments for various funds
26-0568	Cash transfers for various funds
26-0569	Approving the second year round 1 awards of Medina County Opioid Settlement Funds
26-0570	Declaring Medina County property as excess property
26-0571	Allowing expenses of county officials
26-0572	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
26-0573	Authorizing change orders for the Medina County Engineering Center Restroom Renovation Project
26-0574	Reappointing members to the County Home Advisory Council

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

COMMISSIONERS

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Hambley

OF

Aaron M. Harrison

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

MEDINA COUNTY

Colleen M. Swedyk