Aaron M. Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk and Stephen D. Hambley 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 29, 2025 commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried.

MCBDD Leadership Academy Overview

MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar introduced Leadership Academy participants: Shannon Harris, Nick Ryder, and Kevin Winchester. She explained that the participants were continuing to work on their interview skills and refining their leadership goals, with graduation scheduled for September 22nd.

Leadership Participant Shannon Harris addressed the commissioners, sharing that she joined the Leadership Academy to speak for others who can't speak for themselves and to enhance her own leadership and advocacy skills. She mentioned her goal was to become a peer-to-peer counselor.

Superintendent Maleckar then presented a proclamation of recognition and appreciation to the commissioners on behalf of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The proclamation acknowledged the commissioners' leadership in installing the first fully accessible universal changing restroom in a county building, featuring accommodations such as an adult-size changing table, accessible layout, and privacy enhancements beyond standard ADA requirements. The proclamation noted that this initiative represented a significant investment in the health, safety, and dignity of all residents and visitors.

Commissioner Harrison thanked her for the recognition and noted that there were plans for similar facilities in the municipal court building being constructed by the City of Medina.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Resolutions

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Authorizing change order no. 2 for the Marks Road Water Main Replacement Project
2. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to certify delinquent utility account balances in accordance with Sections 6103.02 and 6117.02 of the Ohio Revised Code

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the two resolutions; Mr. Hambley 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

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley 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. Cash transfers for various funds
2. Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds for the costs of the county insurance policies
3. Approval of an agreement for a service coordinator between Medina County Family First Council Early Intervention Program and Medina County Health Department
4. Approval of an agreement for intake & referral and Service Coordinator services between Medina County Family First Council Early Intervention Program and Catholic Charities of Medina County
5. Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 agreement for the Medina County Sheriff's Office
6. Declaring Medina County property as excess property
7. Authorizing the purchase of 6,400 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
8. Allowing expenses of the County Engineer
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 $923,753.46

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the ten resolutions; Mr. Hambley 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 resolutions:

1. Accepting bids for the Medina County Human Services Restroom Renovation Project and awarding the bid
2. Amending Resolution 25-0571 and approving a contract with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the Medina County Commissioners for collaborative use of the Drake & Howe bus stop
3. Authorizing a recommendation to the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for local insurance representation on behalf of Medina County's property, automobile and general liability insurance policy for the program period beginning May 1, 2026

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hambley 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 that her department recently had an audit from Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, their largest grantor providing about $600,000 annually, and received no corrective actions. She was proud of her staff for this achievement.

Toth presented service data for the first six months of 2025, including:

- 7,940 transportation trips provided
- 21,494 home-delivered meals
- 4,204 congregate meals served, including the Wadsworth Soprema Center
- 1,950 vouchers used in the voucher program in Wadsworth City

She noted that home-delivered meals had decreased over the last three months compared to 2024, representing the lowest number since 2022. She wasn't sure of the cause but would monitor the trend.

Transit services averaged about 1,300 trips per month with approximately 165 clients using the service. Transit costs through six months totaled $97,825, keeping pace with the annual budget of $240,000.

Mrs. Toth mentioned that since April 28th, they had tracked 2,902 calls to their main phone line, averaging over 900 calls per month.

Upcoming events included two Picnics on the Patio (August 8th and 22nd), with the August 22nd event being a luau featuring the Sheriff's ice cream truck. Two major construction projects were starting: a craft room upgrade financed by the Foundation for approximately $36,000, and bathroom upgrades at the Medina Center to begin in early September. She announced that the 90 and Over Party is scheduled for Friday, September 12 at the Eagles in Medina, moved off-site due to the bathroom project. Commissioner Hambley will be attending to present certificates.

Regarding the Farmers Market voucher program, 387 people had signed up (compared to 349 in 2024), with $19,350 in funds issued. So far, only about 25% of those funds ($3,892) have been redeemed, with $15,457 remaining unredeemed. Mrs. Toth mentioned they would try to increase usage through email outreach and social media alerts, noting that the vouchers were valid until November 30th.

***Planning Services** Director Denise Testa* reported that the August Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM in Balcony B of the Administration Building.

Upcoming reviews include:

- A concept plan in Sharon Township
- Text amendments in Homer and Chatham Township
- A map amendment in Brunswick Hills

Mrs. Testa mentioned she would soon present a resolution for an RFQ for a development agreement and subdivision regulations review.

Regarding the 2024 Community Development Block Grant, she reported that the Lodi project was complete and came in under budget, which might require a budget amendment resolution.

Mrs. Testa will be conducting a Fair Housing presentation to Medina Creative Housing this month and has scheduled presentations about Planning Services opportunities and Fair Housing to five communities, including one that evening at Westfield Village.

The Planning Department completed two zoning inspector meetings (ZINC) with the next one scheduled for August 19, continuing discussions with the Building Department, Health Department, and Prosecutor's Office.

For the Fairground Strategic Plan, they had received 727 survey responses and will be working with Chuck Stiver to schedule focus groups via Teams meetings. She also planned to add a focus group with community leaders.

She mentioned that she will be attending the County Commissioners Association of Ohio planning directors meeting on Friday, August 8.

Commissioners' Resolution

Commissioner Harrison presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Reappointing members to the Medina County Home Advisory Council

Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Mr. Harrison thanked them for their continued service. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Public Comment

Ronald Brady, 3122 Pioneer Way, York Township, addressed the commissioners with a complaint about a cable company drilling through his yard for the third time in two and a half years. He presented pictures showing how his yard had been disturbed, with three slit trenches dug three feet deep. He stated that the work was done by workers in unmarked white trucks who didn't speak English, and he had been told by neighbors it might be Frontier.

The commissioners discussed that similar issues had been reported in Montville Township and other areas where fiber optic expansion was occurring. Commissioner Harrison noted he had reached out to the Montville Service Director and the County Engineer about these issues. Commissioner Hambley explained that while local governments typically have authority over local utilities, these federally regulated telecommunications companies operate with minimal local oversight. Commissioner Harrison suggested that Mr. Brady contact Congressman Max Miller's office since much of this work is tied to federal funding.

With no further business to come before the commissioners, the meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at that time.

Discussion Session

Medina County Fair

Commissioner Swedyk congratulated the Fair Board on a successful fair week and noted that Greg Brown from the County Home had reported record donations for the County Home, including 2 sheep, 9 swine, and 2 beef. Commissioners Hambley and Harrison concurred that despite a rough weather start, the fair had excellent weather by the end of the week and was very successful.

Commissioner Swedyk moved to go into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 10:06 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that had been voted on earlier. The Executive Session ended at 11:09 a.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AUGUST 5, 2025

Number	Resolution Title
25-0587	Authorizing change order no. 2 for the Marks Road Water Main Replacement Project
25-0588	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to certify delinquent utility account balances in accordance with Sections 6103.02 and 6117.02 of the Ohio Revised Code
25-0589	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
25-0590	Cash transfers for various funds
25-0591	Authorizing the County Auditor to transfer funds for the costs of the county insurance policies
25-0592	Approval of an agreement for a service coordinator between Medina County Family First Council Early Intervention Program and Medina County Health Department
25-0593	Approval of an agreement for intake & referral and Service Coordinator services between Medina County Family First Council Early Intervention Program and Catholic Charities of Medina County
25-0594	Authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Services Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 agreement for the Medina County Sheriff's Office
25-0595	Declaring Medina County property as excess property
25-0596	Authorizing the purchase of 6,400 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
25-0597	Allowing expenses of the County Engineer
25-0598	Allowing expenses of county officials
25-0599	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
25-0600	Accepting bids for the Medina County Human Services Restroom Renovation Project and awarding the bid
25-0601	Amending Resolution 25-0571 and approving a contract with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the Medina County Commissioners for collaborative use of the Drake & Howe bus stop
25-0602	Authorizing a recommendation to the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for local insurance representation on behalf of Medina County's property, automobile and general liability insurance policy for the program period beginning May 1, 2026
25-0603	Reappointing members to the Medina 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 fifth day of August 2025.

COMMISSIONERS

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Swedyk

OF

Stephen D. Hambley

Rhonda J. Beck
Clerk of the Board

MEDINA COUNTY

Aaron M. Harrison