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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 25, 2026 Commissioners' meeting and August 25, 2026 Public Hearing were emailed in advance. Mr. Harrison moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried.

Notice of Withdrawal of Annexation

Commissioner Swedyk announced that the expedited type 2 annexation petition for 1.1978 acres of land from Wadsworth Township to the City of Wadsworth filed on July 24, 2026 was withdrawn by the petitioner on August 30, 2026. The annexation review scheduled for today was cancelled and no action will be taken.

Public Comment regarding pending resolutions

None.

Proclamation Presentation

1. *Recognizing the month of September as National Recovery Month*

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.

Phillip Titterington reviewed the progress made in the county over recent years noting that not long ago, recovery housing, medication-assisted treatment, and harm reduction efforts were met with community resistance. He stated that today, recovery housing continues to expand, medication-assisted treatment is readily available, and two Medina County Health Department harm reduction vending machines now serve the county. He acknowledged the Hope Recovery Community as a welcoming place for those in recovery and expressed gratitude to county partners and the community.

John Demell, a member of Lodi Village Council and a proud member of Hope Recovery Community, also addressed the Board. Mr. Demell identified himself as a person in long-term recovery, noting he was approaching 13 years of sobriety. He spoke to the transformative nature of recovery, describing it as more than stopping substance use—it is about rebuilding lives, relationships, families, communities, and purpose. He noted that there are thousands of people in recovery in Medina County alone and encouraged anyone still struggling to reach out, emphasizing that the recovery community is ready and willing to help. He thanked the commissioners, the Mental Health and Recovery Board, and Hope Recovery Community for their continued support.

Resolutions

County Engineer *Andy Conrad* presented and reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Determining the necessity to close Lake Road for culvert replacement
2. Authorizing the Medina County Engineer to purchase one (1) new model year tandem plow truck

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

The commissioners reviewed the weekly permits issued August 20-26, 2026.

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

1. Amending an agreement with Accenture PLC for construction inspection services for the Blake Ave Reconstruction
2. Amending an agreement with Accenture PLC for construction inspection services for the Granger Road Water Main Improvements
3. Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Dixon Engineering for inspection services for the painting of the CAMBI building

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

Chief ***Building*** *Official Matt Strehle* presented and reviewed the following resolution:

1. Revising Medina County Building Regulations

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the resolution; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion.

Mr. Harrison noted that a second public hearing on this matter had taken place earlier that morning, with discussion being primarily internal as no members of the public were in attendance. He explained that requiring notarization prior to submission is consistent with the general requirements for filing affidavits and represents a minor but meaningful change in the standard course of dealing for those who regularly interact with the Building Department.

Commissioner Swedyk noted that the change takes effect January 1, 2027, providing approximately four months to communicate the new requirement, particularly to frequent users of the department.

There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both 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. 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. Expenditure adjustments for various funds
3. Revenue adjustments for various funds
4. Journal entry to adjust for historical interest of federal and state funds
5. Cash transfers for various funds
6. Authorizing a tuberculosis funding agreement between the Ohio Department of Health and the Medina County Board of Commissioners
7. Approval of the 2026 Kids Summit Attendance Grant Agreement between the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) and the Medina County Family and Children First Council
8. Authorizing the purchase of 6,600 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center
9. Declaring Medina County property as excess property
10. Allowing expenses of county officials
11. Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of $1,562,788.97

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

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

1. Establishing a list of architectural design and engineering firms qualified for the provision of professional services for miscellaneous Medina County facility projects
2. Authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate and enter into a new contract for the Medina County Community Gas Aggregation Program

Mr. Harrison moved to approve the two resolutions; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion.

Commissioner Harrison expressed appreciation for the consultants who monitor energy rates and noted that locking in the fixed rate was a sound decision.

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

Department Updates

***Planning Services** Director Denise Testa* provided an update on the Subdivision Regulations revision and proposed Development Agreement review. Ms. Testa reported that her department is currently working with American Structure Point to produce a consolidated and reorganized draft of the subdivision regulations, with several draft iterations already exchanged and under review. Surety documents are also out for review by local organizations outside the county, with feedback expected by September 4th. Next steps include further refining the draft and integrating comments from the work group.

Ms. Testa noted that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM in Balcony Room B of the Administration Building. The October meeting will include three agenda items: a major subdivision and variance in Granger Township, the Bohaty project major subdivision in Medina Township, and a Lafayette Township text amendment. The next Zoning Inspector's Networking Community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd.

Regarding staffing, Ms. Testa reported that the department received 25 strong applicants for the Associate Planner/GIS position. Eight applicants were interviewed, and four have been invited for on-site interviews with county stakeholders.

Ms. Testa also announced that the kickoff meeting for the Ohio Department of Agriculture Land Use Planning Grant Steering Committee is scheduled for that afternoon, with the majority of the steering committee expected to attend.

***Senior & Adult Services** Director Laura Toth* reported on the Farmers' Market Voucher Program noting that of the 176 state-issued vouchers, approximately 41 percent ($3,565) had been spent. Of the 250 additional packets purchased by the foundation and distributed exclusively at the Medina Square Farmers' Market (valued at $12,500), approximately 77 percent ($9,719) had been redeemed. She noted that only 8 of the 250 packets were found ineligible - one duplicate and seven out-of-county - which she described as an impressive outcome for a volunteer-run program.

The summer picnic season concluded on August 21st with a luau event that drew nearly 180 attendees, the highest attendance the program has ever seen. The pavilion structure in the courtyard was demolished the prior Friday and will be replaced with permanent decking; Ms. Toth expressed her commitment to locating the Eagle Scout who originally built the structure to ensure he receives his dedication plaque.

The Brunswick Recreation Center will be closed September 7th through September 14th, during which senior programming at that location will be suspended.

Upcoming events include the annual 90 Years and Over celebration on September 11th, at which Commissioner Swedyk will present certificates, and the Oktoberfest senior event on September 25th at the Heartland Community Event Space at Heartland Church on Weymouth Road, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Reservations will open September 11th.

Ms. Toth noted that a public relations effort to promote the home-delivered meals program resulted in 14 new enrollments in the current week alone, with a goal of reaching 20 to 30 additional participants, supported by available grant funding.

Finally, Ms. Toth introduced Kathryn Hardinger as the new Mobility Manager for Medina County, employed through Community Action. Ms. Hardinger, who previously served in a similar role in Wayne County, is working to provide more seamless transportation services for agencies and individuals, and plans to revitalize a monthly transportation coordination meeting among service providers. Shannon from Medina County Transit is scheduled to present at the agency on September 10th regarding a new reservation and callback system.

OSU Extension *Educator Erin Ruggiero* provided updates across three program areas:

Family and Consumer Sciences - the department is partnering with Illinois Extension on a grant to offer the *Smart Phones to Smart Families* program, providing free technology kits to families to encourage healthy screen use boundaries. Educational programming for older adults continues at senior centers and nursing homes through the WITS Workout brain health program. A free webinar series, *How Financial Choices Shape Your Wellness*, was also announced, beginning the following day and running from noon to 12:30 PM.

4-H Youth Development - Ms. Ruggiero reported a strong Medina County Fair, with 4,643 junior fair livestock, horse, and dog entries and 688 pre-fair project entries. A new 4-H Educator, Katie, was announced and will be joining the team the following week, transferring from Portage County. 4-H enrollment for the new year will open in November and continue through April.

Agriculture and Natural Resources - the Pond School program held August 12th drew 40 attendees, with additional virtual offerings planned due to its popularity. The Sprouts Youth Garden Club concluded its season with 12 youth participants completing nine lessons, including planting at the Medina County Community Garden and displaying a booth at the County Fair. Master Gardener volunteers continue community programming, including a *Gardening with Bulbs* workshop on September 19th and a *Growing Minds for Homeschoolers* series now that the school year has commenced.

Public Comment
None.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:58 a.m.

Discussion Session

ODA Land Use Planning Grant
Commissioner Harrison expressed anticipation for the Ohio Department of Agriculture Land Use Planning Grant kickoff meeting scheduled for that afternoon.

Subdivision Regulations Update
Commissioner Harrison briefly discussed the Subdivision Regulations process, noting that the surety language—identified as one of the significant points of discussion in the Developer Agreement—had been shared with the builder and developer community approximately one week prior. A follow-up call with that group is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, with the expectation of receiving substantive feedback on whether the current approach is on the right track. Commissioner Swedyk acknowledged the sustained effort invested in the Subdivision Regulations process and expressed appreciation for the community outreach component.

Adjournment
Mr. Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Swedyk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Number	Resolution Title
26-0626	Recognizing the month of September as National Recovery Month
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26-0628	Authorizing the Medina County Engineer to purchase one (1) new model year tandem plow truck
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26-0630	Amending an agreement with Accenture PLC for construction inspection services for the Granger Road Water Main Improvements
26-0631	Authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to enter into an agreement with Dixon Engineering for inspection services for the painting of the CAMBI building
26-0632	Revising Medina County Building Regulations
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26-0644	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
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26-0646	Authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate and enter into a new contract for the Medina County Community Gas Aggregation Program

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of the Board

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