

Stephen D. Hambley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with William F. Hutson and Colleen M. Swedyk 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 September 6, 2022 commissioners' meeting were emailed in advance. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The minutes will be placed on file as distributed.

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 Abbeyville Road (C.H. 47) between Muntz Road (T.R. 164) and East Law Road (T.R. 112); (2) determining the necessity to close Grafton Road (C.H. 42) between Columbia Road (S.R. 252) and Liverpool Drive (T.R. 232); and (3) determining the necessity to close Myrtle Hill Road (C.H. 63) between Wilmot Road (T.R. 168) and Center Road (C.R. 303). Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. Mr. Hutson inquired if they keep track of the number of closed roads in any given year; Mr. Becker replied they do not. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the permits issued September 1–September 7, 2022.

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) extending the expiration date of a restricted water main along Remsen Road; (2) authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers for professional design services for the Medina Road (SR 18) sanitary sewer improvement project; (3) accepting, awarding, and rejecting bids for the bulk chemical for water and wastewater treatment facilities; (4) authorizing the sanitary engineer to request qualifications for professional design services for the Substation Road water main improvement project; and (5) authorizing cooperative agreement between the County of Medina and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the residential solid waste campus project for the Medina County Solid Waste District. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the five resolutions; Mr. Hutson 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 a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Assistant County Administrator Amy Lyon-Galvin presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the appropriation measure resolution; (2) amending the 2022 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) expenditure adjustments for various funds; (4) cash transfers for various funds; (5) authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item; (6) approving a vehicle purchase for the Soil & Water Conservation District; (7) allowing expenses of county officials; and (8) allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims in the amount of \$930,410.58. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the eight resolutions; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Assistant County Administrator Amy Lyon-Galvin presented and reviewed a resolution revising Commissioners' Employment Manual Policy 5.025, Longevity Payment. Mrs. Swedyk moved to approve the one resolution; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Department Updates

Veteran Services Director Ed Zackery reported through June the Department of Veterans Affairs has filed 160 VA with 149 medical and ancillary type items that go through the VA as well. Current pending claims on inventory are 305 and 32 appeals. Average claims filed per month is 29 which is on par for pre-Covid numbers. According to the GDX report for 2021, there was an increase in compensation and pension for \$44.9 million in expenditures from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County. This is an increase of about \$3.5 million from last year. For Voc. Rehab & Education Benefits, \$3.7 million have been paid out to County veterans. Last year, \$34.8 million was paid in medical expenditures. They transported 788 veterans to the VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Parma and Akron last year, and this year through June they have transported 402 veterans. Total amount spent in Medina County for 2021 was \$84.4 million, which is an increase of almost \$5 million from the previous year. As far as financial assistance that remains extremely low. The unemployment rate from the State of Ohio remains at .05%. Financial assistance through June was \$81,855.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently expanding their building. They have been talking to several nonprofits about things that could possibly be done to help through having an expanded building such as a food bank for Veterans. In just the first half of this year, they have seen 1,395 clients, which is close to their 2019 figures. Last month, the President signed the PACT Act which is the largest Veterans' legislation since 1991. It is \$128 billion over the next 10–20 years. It has created a lot of controversy because of all the unknowns. Even though the legislation passed, they are still awaiting the rules and regulations. It will help not only our Vietnam Veterans, but is also going to help those who served in Thailand, Cambodia, Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He added that the Camp Lejeune part will be administered through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Hutson asked Mr.

Zackery if he knows how many Veterans are in Medina County that received the \$84 million in benefits; Mr. Zackery replied he does not, but could probably find out.

The Department continues to pay for Medina County Veterans who want to ride transit. In the first six months there were 1,791 rides they provided, which equates to 60–70 individuals who are riding. The dental program with the Health Department is still active. They see Veterans who are eligible for their financial assistance program. They are also involved in the Medina City Veterans Court through the VA. They meet with the court twice a month. They are also working with the Sheriff to see what can be done inside the jail. They are also hiring for a CVSO position and are accepting applications through the end of the month as well as a Community Resource person.

County Home Superintendent Greg Brown reported the current census is 41 with the newest resident arriving the middle of August. Residents have been enjoying activities provided by Access the Arts including traveling to Sharon Center for a concert. Several residents also attended the Office for Older Adults luau. Upcoming events this month include visiting a trolley museum, a fishing derby at Buckeye Woods, and a car show and music festival.

The Home's parking lot is more visible now as the maintenance department removed some trees. Maintenance is also coordinating with Vernak Refrigeration for the walk-in freezer. It does not properly seal, so they are working on a retrofit door that will fit over the existing opening for a better seal.

Mr. Brown thanked Health Commissioner Krista Wasowski as he attended the LEAN training which covered minimizing waste and continuous improvements of processes.

Mr. Hutson asked if the Home received all of the donations from the Medina County Fair; Mr. Brown confirmed.

Public Comment

Jim Bilek, 3414 Hamlin Rd., Medina Twp. spoke regarding the Nexus pipeline. He stated there were a series of tax revenues promised to the county and cities where the pipeline was going. However, at this time only 42% of those revenues have been collected and/or paid by the Nexus pipeline conglomerate. They are appealing that number to the State because they felt the amount is too high. The State Department of Taxation recently granted a settlement that ended up on only 66% of the original promised revenue by Nexus pipeline, which equates to approximately \$400 million that had originally been promised in return for permitting the pipeline. He added Lorain County immediately appealed that settlement. He asked the board if they have considered an appeal or have already done an appeal to try to recoup Medina County's losses from the original promised amounts; Mr. Hutson responded it is his understanding that would fall under the auditor's office.

Commissioner Steve Hambley presented and reviewed a notice of liquor permit filing. The commissioners received notice of a new liquor permit request R C E Midway Tavern Inc. DBA Midway Tavern, 1st Fl & Patio, located at 9977 Lafayette Rd., Harrisville Twp., West Salem, OH. The permit class requested is D3. The commissioners are not requesting a hearing and this notice is being provided for the record.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m.

Discussion Session

At 9:52 a.m., the Commissioners began the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Recycling Bins

Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Sinko stated they did get extra bins at the Wadsworth transfer station with the help of Commissioner Swedyk. He believes there is potentially room for two additional bins. Mr. Hutson added Wadsworth residents are pushing the city to look at alternatives to recycling and will hopefully consider some curbside or other options.

Granger Lakes Condos

Assistant County Administrator Amy Lyon-Galvin stated Rich Pace, a Granger Township Trustee, called the Prosecutor's office to notify that the Granger Township Trustees are awarding \$15,000 to Granger Lakes Condos for their ARPA project. Since the county has already entered into an agreement with the condo association, the township would prefer to route their money through the county to assist with compliance to the ARPA rules. The commissioners all agreed. As a construction update, they did begin work in July.

Special Meeting: Work Session

Ms. Lyon-Galvin reminded the board of the special meeting tomorrow for the Transit Strategic Planning Work Session. She complimented Transit Director Shannon Rine and his staff as they had Rush Trucking do an independent assessment of the buses. They are looking at his plans for new buses and assuring they are the correct size for the right customer base, etc. The meeting will be held at 8 a.m. tomorrow in the hearing room.

Fallen Law Enforcement Officer

Mr. Hutson mentioned the county had an agent with the drug task force who passed away earlier this year. Agent John Stayrook has been designated as a fallen law enforcement officer and will be on the National Law Enforcement memorial wall.

Data Board Charter

Mr. Hutson stated the Data Board met last week and Lowell Filak, who has been the chair, will be retiring at the end of October. Mr. Hutson has asked the Data Board to create a charter that states their purpose and their reason for being. Additionally, both Mike Lyons at the Prosecutor's Office and Mr. Hutson have received an email from Mr. Kovack asking for clarification and the county's plans on consolidating services. Mr. Kovack has indicated he may question some of their decisions regarding those consolidations. Mr. Hutson will talk with Mr. Lyons and will respond accordingly.

NOACA

Mr. Hutson stated NOACA met last week and discussed the letter that several residents sent to the commissioners and NOACA regarding the roundabout at SR 162 and River Styx Rd. ODOT will be holding a series of public meetings on that so the residents' concerns should be addressed. An individual from ODOT was also at the NOACA meeting and spoke about the project. The NOACA annual meeting will be October 7 at the Cleveland Hilton.

One Ohio

The next One Ohio board meeting is tomorrow. They will hopefully get bylaws and a governance document passed to get things moving. There is no expectation that any funds will be dispersed to any regions this year. The hope is that beginning next year they will start the dispersing funds.

Mrs. Swedyk moved to go into Executive Session after Discussion Session to consider the employment of a public employee, to consider the compensation of a public employee, to discuss collective bargaining matters and to consider the appointment of a public official; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 9:59 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 10:34 a.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hutson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
22-0748	Determining the necessity to close Abbeyville Road (C.H. 47) between Muntz Road (T.R. 164) and East Law Road (T.R. 112)
22-0749	Determining the necessity to close Grafton Road (C.H. 42) between Columbia Road (S.R. 252) and Liverpool Dr. (T.R. 232)
22-0750	Determining the necessity to close Myrtle Hill Road (C.H. 63) between Wilmot Road (T.R. 168) and Center Road (S.R. 303)
22-0751	Extending the expiration date of a restricted water main along Remsen Road
22-0752	Authorizing the sanitary engineer to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers for professional design services for the Medina Road (SR 18) sanitary sewer improvement project
22-0753	Accepting, awarding, and rejecting bids for the bulk chemical for water and wastewater treatment facilities
22-0754	Authorizing the sanitary engineer to request qualifications for professional design services for the Substation Road water main improvement project
22-0755	Authorizing cooperative agreement between the County of Medina and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the residential solid waste campus project for the Medina County Solid Waste District
22-0756	Approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners
22-0757	Amending the appropriation measure resolution
22-0758	Amending the 2022 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations
22-0759	Expenditure adjustments for various funds
22-0760	Cash transfers for various funds
22-0761	Authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds from various county department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item
22-0762	Approving a vehicle purchase for the Soil & Water Conservation District
22-0763	Allowing expenses of county officials
22-0764	Allowing claims and authorizing issuance upon the treasurer in settlement of such list of claims
22-0765	Revising Commissioners' Employment Manual Policy 5.025, Longevity Payment

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this thirteenth day of September, 2022.

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