

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. (Sharon A. Ray was on vacation.)

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting on February 19, 2008, was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution authorizing the Medina County Commissioners to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of equipment and vehicles. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued February 14-20, 2008.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the temporary appropriation resolution; (2) revenue adjustments for various accounts; and, (3) authorizing the expenditures related to an Office for Older Adults sponsored Senior Day. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$605,485.10. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Gary Berkowitz, Human Resources Director, presented and reviewed a resolution approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving salary increases for members of the Medina County Veterans Service Commission. This is the first increase for the Commission members since 1998. The compensation rates are as follows for members of the Veterans Service Commission whose terms commence on or after January 1, 2009:

Member, Veterans Service Commission	\$300.00 per month
President, Veterans Service Commission	\$350.00 per month
Acting Secretary, Veterans Service Commission	\$350.00 per month

Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley clarified for the public that the Prosecutor's recommendation was that this would not apply to those that are incumbent until the expiration of their current term. If they were reappointed, it would occur after the reappointment. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the use of sewer credits as a financial guarantee for a future water line loop in the Fox Village Subdivision, Brunswick Hills Township. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Service (JFS) Director, provided performance data to show how Medina County JFS compared to State and Federal requirements. The report illustrated that the national performance for the length of time it takes to reunify children with the family once they have been removed is for 75% to be returned within a year and in Medina County it was 93.5%. The Federal requirement for the median length of stay when children are removed from the home is less than 5.4 months and in Medina County it was 3.2 months. National performance is 10% or lower for the number of children that were sent home and had to return and in Medina County it was 2.5%. The national percentile for the number of adoptions completed in 24 months is 36.6% or higher and in Medina County it was 66.7%. The federal performance measure for the average number of months for children waiting for adoption is 27.3 months and in Medina County it was 18 months. The State of Ohio as a whole, did not meet any of the federal requirements. Mr. Wilkins said they have always had the motto to take care of every child the best they can, so it is nice to see that the strategy is working. Their goal for 2008 is to reduce the number of moves that a child makes before he/she is placed in a foster home.

Mr. Wilkins said about ten 18-year olds requested assistance from JFS and Operation Homes last year because their mothers or fathers met someone on the internet, left home and abandoned the teenagers. Most 18-year olds “can’t stand on their own two feet” and without support, some become pregnant, incarcerated, unemployed, drug addicts, drop outs, homeless, etc. The last several years they have tried to develop a system to aid solo teens to become successful adults. Until a year ago, the investment was not very successful. He introduced Julie Sabo, JFS Independent Living Program Coordinator, to discuss what they are doing now. Ms. Sabo told some success stories regarding the youth in this new Medicaid Expansion Program who, with the help of individual case management, mental health services and other services, went on to straighten out their lives and are on the path to becoming responsible, self-sufficient adults. They have ten youth (ages 15-17) in care now who are on track to graduate, are working towards employment, and attend monthly educational meetings. She thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Executive Director, presented a resolution authorizing financial participation with the City of Brunswick for 2008 payment of MCDAC funds. The Medina County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution that initially provided for the payment of MCDAC funds to the City of Brunswick to replace tax monies that the City would have collected from its own .25 mill drug enforcement levy. The calculation for CY08 is \$95,588 and the City of Brunswick will utilize these MCDAC funds for the purpose of contracting the services of the MedWay Enforcement Agency. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution pending review of the math by the Finance Department. Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Nowak said MCDAC is requesting 2008/2009 grant proposals in March. Grant applications and guidelines are on the MCDAC web site and notices will be placed in the Gazette. The deadline for submitting a grant application is Friday, April 18, 2008.

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Mr. Nowak said MCDAC would be participating in the Medina County Home and Flower Show on the weekend of March 14-16. They will be joined by the Medina County Tobacco Prevention Coalition and the Medina County Drug Task Force. MCDAC members and grantees have responded overwhelmingly to staff the three tables. The MCDAC table will distribute prevention information to parents, teens, and children. Parental involvement is the #1 reason young people choose not use alcohol or drugs. Research confirms that youths who regularly eat meals with their families are less likely to misuse alcohol and other drugs, have less stress, eat healthier, and get better grades. Area restaurants are joining with MCDAC to give families the opportunity to eat together by generously donating restaurant gift certificates. Families that visit the booth will have the opportunity to enter for a free drawing to win a certificate and enjoy a meal as a family.

Mr. Nowak said the MCDAC members requested nametags that identify them as members of MCDAC to wear at events such as the Home and Flower Show when they are representing MCDAC. He presented Mrs. Geissman (Commissioner liaison to MCDAC) with a MCDAC name tag.

William Hanigan, Workforce Development (WD) Director, presented the WD monthly report for February 2008. The Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) grant will assist 11 businesses through the Supervisory Leadership Program offered to 18 of their workers to receive recognized industry certificates from the University of Akron. Those businesses are:

Lawlor Associates	Sealy Inc.	EBO Group
Medina Plating	Sandridge Foods	Atlantic Tool & Die
M.W. Mielke, Inc.	Ameri-Cal	Partners in Plastic
Columbia Chemical	Grind All	

Companies are limited to no more than two employees per program in order to “stretch” the funds and make them available to more companies in the area. The State has recognized the importance of IWT and they are working on initiatives (Ohio Industrial Training Partnership and the Ohio Skills Bank) that may add additional funds to the area.

Mr. Hanigan announced that there would be a Town Hall Meeting for “Operation OHIO” that will provide information on how to support the military families of those serving. It will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Medina Performing Arts Center. The next Workforce Committee meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, at the Medina County District Library.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, presented a resolution authorizing Medina County Public Transit’s submission of a revised Four Year Capital and Operating Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Federal and State operating and capital funds. The plan was originally submitted for 2008 through 2011 and the revision was needed due to financial constraints. The engineering and design of a new transit facility anticipated for 2008 has been delayed until 2009 and the construction will begin in 2010. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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Mr. Uhas reported that ridership numbers were up in January 2008 from January 2007. This was done by using less vehicle miles and less diesel fuel. He said he submitted a response for the drug and alcohol review to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on January 31, 2008. The review requests that a drug and alcohol policy be resubmitted to the Transit staff. He attended a video conference with ODOT and they discussed some changes in law regarding limited English proficiency as it relates to Transit and changes to the charter regulations. Regular service was provided on Presidents' Day. He attended the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meeting on February 15.

Jeff Van Loon, Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), District Manager, reported that 55 individuals signed up for engineering training and calculating stormwater retention facilities, which is a very good response. They received an active livestock complaint recently and gave it to the Prosecutor's Office for review. There are 9 communities out of 13 that have approved the support resolution for the Balanced Growth Initiative. They expect Medina Township, Brunswick Hills Township, and the City of Brunswick to complete their resolutions soon. Liverpool Township did not choose to support the initiative. The SWCD will be participating in the Medina County Home and Flower Show again this year.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution commending David A. Benedict for his 38 years of service with Medina County as a court reporter for the Common Pleas Court and they offered him best wishes on his retirement. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of County officials. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the expense resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting was opened for public comment and no one wished to speak.

The meeting recessed at 10:01 a.m.

The Discussion Session was cancelled. The meeting reconvened in the 10:21 a.m. for the public hearing to discuss vacating a portion of Arborcrest Drive in Hinckley Township.

After the public hearing, the meeting reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Hambley moved to approve a resolution approving the vacation of a portion of Arborcrest Drive (T.H. 847) in Hinckley Township and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 2/25/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0098	RESOLUTION COMMENDING DAVID A BENEDICT FOR HIS 38 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH MEDINA COUNTY

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- 08-0099 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE
TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
- 08-0100 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
- 08-0101 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 08-0102 REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS
- 08-0103 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AN OFFICE
FOR OLDER ADULTS SPONSORED SENIOR DAY
- 08-0104 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER
THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 08-0105 APPROVING SALARY INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDINA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
- 08-0106 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SEWER CREDITS AS A FINANCIAL
GUARANTEE FOR A FUTURE WATER LINE LOOP IN THE FOX VILLAGE
SUBDIVISION, BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP
- 08-0107 AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK FOR
2008 AND PAYMENT OF MCDAC FUNDS
- 08-0108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT
SUBMISSION OF A REVISED FOUR YEAR CAPITAL AND OPERATING PLAN TO
THE ODOT FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS
- 08-0109 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 08-0110 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ARBORCREST
DRIVE (T.H. 847) IN HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-fifth day of February, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

Patricia G. Geissman

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Pam Vereb, Clerk

Stephen D. Hambley

MEDINA COUNTY

Sharon A. Ray