

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

Mrs. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Sharon A. Ray present.

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

Beverly Valentine, Assistant Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the temporary appropriation resolution; (2) transferring county General Funds to the Diversion Program; (3) authorizing an agreement with Medina Veterinary Clinic for dog spay and neuter services for the Medina County Animal Shelter; and (4) approving a memorandum of understanding between Medina County and the Distillata Company to purchase drinking water at a bulk rate. Ms. Valentine requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,592,777.78. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. Ms. Ray commented that the agreement with Distillata was the first consolidated purchasing endeavor that the county has undertaken with the Commissioners' departments and the elected officials that agreed to participate. She said she was extremely pleased to see it come to fruition and hopes there will be other opportunities to use their strength in numbers to save the taxpayers' money. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all 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 Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, had nothing to present.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) creating a restricted sanitary sewer main along Marks Road that would eventually connect to the Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) property in York Township; and (2) authorizing an easement for the Lake Road Service Drive Water Main Project at the soccer fields in Westfield Township. Mr. Hambley made a motion to approve the resolutions. Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Susan Hirsch, Planner with the Department of Planning Services, presented a resolution to change the focus of the Comprehensive Plan Grant request for the Village of Seville. They originally asked for the funds to be used for a corridor study for Route 3, but priorities have changed. They want to do an historic downtown overlay district for their downtown commercial area and surrounding residential neighborhoods which incorporates some of the Route 3 corridor. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Ray seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman said she was very pleased that they were following the guidelines and the information received from the studies, and that they are moving forward with the recommendations. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Ms. Hirsch presented the Department of Planning Services' income statement for 2007. She reported that their income was \$46,031 in 2007 compared to \$50,671 in 2006 (down about \$4,500 from the previous year). Over 50 people attended the Basics of Zoning Workshop offered by the Prosecutor's Office on January 16. The next workshop will be held on February 13 in the Choral Room at 6:30 p.m., and they will discuss ethics with a member of the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, gave the Building Department's report for building permit activity in December 2007. There were 30 new housing starts in December 2007 and 601 for the year, continuing a downward trend over the past four years for the month and year. The detailed breakout of a variety of different building permits for December 2007 (\$88,668.72) compared to December 2006 (\$63,400.27) reflects an increase of 39.86% in total revenues collected with a decrease in the number of permits issued (241 in December 2007 and 323 in December 2006). Some of this may be attributed to the increase in permit fees that went

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into effect on May 10, 2007. In 2007, total receipts were \$1,098,670.94 for 4,230 permits compared to \$1,116,212.05 for 5,498 permits in 2006, which is down about 1.57% for annual revenue. Permitting activity, broken out by townships and villages, shows Montville Township having the most residential permits for the month of December 2007 and year end. Brunswick Hills Township was the second most active, and York Township was the third most active. Brunswick Hills Township and Medina Township had the most commercial permits in December 2007. The City of Wadsworth had the most permits for the year with 66 issued. Mr. Huber announced that starting January 1, 2008, the building department certification to permit and inspect hospitals, nursing homes, and similar facilities became effective in most of the unincorporated portion of Medina County. Westfield Center and the City of Wadsworth's approval are expected to be effective mid-2008. Mrs. Geissman commented that the county is, unfortunately, seeing the effects of the slowing economy.

For the record, Mrs. Geissman read the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor license transfer for Parkers Inn, Inc., DBA Parkers Montville Inn, 7249 Wooster Pike Road, Montville Township, Seville, Ohio, to J & M Restaurant Corporation at the same address. Michael Kontoveros requested a D5 and D6 permit class, which is "Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only, beer and wine for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m.", and "Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and midnight". There were no comments.

Mrs. Geissman read another notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new liquor license application for Rare Hospitality International, Inc., DBA Longhorn Steakhouse, 4907 Grande Blvd., Medina Township, Medina, Ohio. Longhorn requested a D51 and D6 permit class, which is "Beer and intoxicating liquor by the glass or container for on premises consumption only until 2:30 a.m. (restaurants meeting certain criteria), and "Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and midnight". There were no comments.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of County officials and another resolution to allow the expenses of the County Engineers Office. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both expense resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

Mr. Hambley made a motion that following the Discussion Session, the Commissioners enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and personnel/appointment. Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 9:52 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Conference Room.

Patrice Theken, Department of Planning Services Director, presented a letter to the Ohio Environment Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the non-attainment status for PM2.5 particulate matter issue. The letter was prepared by Amy Wainright of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and Ms. Theken to provide information documenting why Medina County should not be included in the non-attainment area for the microscopic soot. Mr. Hambley pointed out that the incinerator for the Animal Shelter is close to the Park District Office on Deerview Lane where the measuring device is located; therefore, it might not be the best location to have the device. Regardless, the NOACA and the Planning Department's data showed Medina County's levels as being well below pollution standards. The Commissioners signed the letter that Ms. Theken will present to the EPA at the hearing in Columbus on January

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22. She presented copies of the data to Representatives Gibbs and Batchelder last Friday, January 18, in addition to sending hard copies to their offices.

Mr. Hambley said he received a letter from George Palko, President of the Great Lakes Construction Company, requesting the Commissioners' support of an application for procurement of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAC) funds from the Ohio Department of Development. Great Lakes Construction Company and the county need to establish a public/private partnership agreement in order to qualify. The grant is based on the reduction of pollutants, and businesses in other Ohio counties are seeking to utilize these funds to replace costly diesel equipment in order to meet the higher standards for particulate matter and ozone. Great Lakes Construction Company wishes to utilize this grant to replace some of their bulldozers. The state would pay 80% of the cost and the company would pick up 20%. The company must agree that the old bulldozers being replaced would be scrapped because they do not meet current standards, which is the purpose of the project. He asked the other Commissioners to review the partnership agreement. The Commissioners, County Administrator, and the Assistant Prosecutor agreed to review the document and take action next Monday.

Ms. Ray said she and Mr. Jakab would be meeting with Carole Kowell, District Library Director, to discuss Medina's uptown parking shortage. Mr. Thorne commented that all of the parking spaces in the Courthouse parking lot were filled this morning and people were complaining. Ms. Ray said they would be discussing how to alleviate that problem and the possibility of alternative off-site parking for library employees. Mrs. Geissman stated that the library should pay a fee for parking at the Courthouse parking lot, and the county should determine how many parking spots they would be allotted and post signs. Ms. Ray pointed out that they should not allow very many because they need the parking for jurors. Mr. Jakab said the library understands that there are potential costs involved for them. Mrs. Geissman said there is also the county-owned vacant land on Jefferson Street that the library could pay to pave and lease for library employees. Mr. Jakab said that was discussed with the former library director and also Ms. Kowell. He would have a lease agreement written for the Prosecutor to review.

Mrs. Geissman asked about the progress of the library obtaining the three houses to be torn down for parking spaces. Mr. Thorne said that at the end of the Thursday meeting, many people were threatening to sue each other so all of the attorneys will be meeting to see if there is a potential resolution to the problem. The library has asked their employees not to park in the library parking lot and save the spots for the public. They have approximately 70 employees and only about 44 parking spaces. They also lost spaces when the City of Medina forced the library to move the building back from Washington Street. Ms. Ray said the City of Medina now realizes that parking is a serious situation.

Mrs. Geissman brought up for discussion a letter that the Commissioners received from the Medina County Veterans Service about a pay raise for a newly appointed Veteran Service Commissioner. Mr. Hambley said there is a letter from Mr. Jakab to the Prosecutor for guidance on how the Commissioners should handle the request. Mr. Hambley asked if the Commissioners set their rates of compensation, and Mr. Jakab said they do. Mrs. Geissman asked if they had ever been allowed an increase in the past, according to law. Mr. Jakab said there was an Attorney General's opinion that they do not receive mid-term compensation increases. The request was received late so he sent the request to the Prosecutor's Office for advice.

Mrs. Geissman commented that the Commissioners' Charity Ball was a very nice event last Saturday evening. She thanked the other Commissioners for their participation. They raised \$4,000 each for the six charities. Hopefully, they will have an even bigger celebration and raise more money for the 10th anniversary celebration next year.

Mr. Jakab advised the Commissioners and Finance Director that the Medina County Convention and Visitor's Bureau has scheduled their budget hearing for Monday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. Tom Maupin will discuss capital improvements at a budget hearing next Monday as well.

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At 10:13 a.m., Commissioners recessed to go into the Executive Session that was voted on earlier for the purpose of discussing property acquisition. The Executive Session to discuss personnel/appointment was cancelled.

The Commissioners reconvened the regular meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Mr. Hambley made a motion to allow the City of Medina more time to consider constructing a parking deck. They will have until March 31, 2008, to present their proposal to the Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 1/22/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0028	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0029	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
08-0030	TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM
08-0031	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDINA VETERINARY CLINIC FOR DOG SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
08-0032	RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AND THE DISTILLATA COMPANY
08-0033	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
08-0034	CREATING A RESTRICTED SEWER MAIN ALONG MARKS ROAD (SANITARY ENGINEER PROJECT S-500/00-213.2)
08-0035	AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
08-0036	RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD TO THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEDINA COUNTY
08-0037	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER
08-0038	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Patricia G. Geissman

OF _____
Stephen D. Hambley

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Sharon A. Ray