

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting on December 31, 2007, was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the Commissioners' meeting minutes; the motion was seconded Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented a resolution approving the annual county highway system report prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation. It listed a summary of the changes in the roads in Medina County for 2007 showing a decrease from 327.57 miles to 327.33 miles due to revisions necessitated by annexations, transfers, road relocations, and clarifications of existing inventory. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution, and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued December 27, 2007 through January 2, 2008.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented a resolution certifying the revenue available for disbursement by Community Improvement Board (CIB). They have awarded to the Medina County School Districts an expected allocation of \$9,750,580, which will be used for capital purchases and projects within Medina County. He noted that the amounts being certified could be greater or less than the amounts approved depending on the actual revenue collected. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$421,649.30. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no 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. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving a land lease agreement with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company for the railroad's use of County-owned property on West Smith Road near the Engineering Center complex for placement of a signal box. The lease would require annual payment to the County in the amount of \$300. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hambley. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the Sanitary Engineering Department to bid powdered activated carbon to be utilized at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility; (2) authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain an easement for the Westfield Center Water Treatment Plant 2007 Project. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve both resolutions, and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that they had 52 residents in December and three people in the Adult Day Care Program. Recent projects have been to continue working on the wiring for the heating system and installing beautiful new flooring in the dining area and hallway. An interior designer from Home Depot has helped with the color selections. A local Eagle Scout's project, this year, will be to landscape and complete a memory garden. Tours of the County Home were given to the social workers from the Lodi Community Hospital and the Veterans Service Officer. Ms. Remington stated that they had numerous donations, 21 additional programs, and over 400 people visited the Home during the holiday season. Seventy-two individuals volunteered 348 hours in December, bringing it to 4,000 volunteer hours for 2007. Mrs. Geissman asked about the new flooring. Ms. Remington said it is a commercial grade, easy-to-clean vinyl flooring that looks like wood.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion and Forensic Services Director, reported that they purchased new computers that will soon be installed. The fees for the year for court programs were \$29,548 and \$4,700 for police officer candidate testing, for a total of \$34,248 in fees for the year.

Del Saffle, Dog Warden, reported that the animal food donations for Christmas were abundant and the food is "piled to the ceiling". Each year, a generous couple from Valley City has Smith Brothers deliver a truck load of dog food, cat food, biscuits, and raw hide bones to the Shelter. His latest employee has worked out well and she will be placed in classes on euthanasia. In 2007, they handled 3,586 calls compared to 3,005 in 2006 (an increase of 581). They impounded 864 dogs in 2007 and placed 701, which is a placement rate of about 81.6% (up about 4% over 2006). They received another check from the estate of Violet Blair in the amount of \$10,933. They have received three checks totaling \$34,333 for the Medina County Animal Shelter to benefit the animals. He would like to have something constructed at the Shelter in her memory.

Charles Huber, Chief Building Official, presented a resolution authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Health for the County of Medina to enforce the Ohio Manufactured Homes Installation Standards within manufactured home parks. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hambley 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.

Ms. Ray presented a resolution appointing Colene Conley as a Medina County Township Association representative for the Medina County Planning Commission and James Ron Rhodes as her alternate, with their terms expiring on December 31, 2010. The resolution also appoints Rita Holt as a Medina County Township Association representative for the Medina County Planning Commission and Dorothy Crouch as her alternate, with their terms expiring on December 31, 2008. Mrs. Geissman made a motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of County officials. Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the expense resolution, and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no

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discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE. Ms. Ray noted that the Auto Title's travel expense was for the entire year.

Ms. Ray said there were Executive Sessions requested for the purpose of discussing personnel/appointment (10:45 a.m. on January 7, and 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on January 8). Mrs. Geissman moved to approve the Executive Sessions and Mr. Hambley 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 9:55 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Conference Room.

Mrs. Geissman said the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) was moving forward with the railroad crossing gates and lights at the crossings selected for this year. Clerk Pam Vereb provided information in the Commissioners' Newsletter last week.

Mrs. Geissman said the Commissioners received a letter from the Medina County Earth Day Committee asking if the Commissioners planned to speak and have a booth at the Earth Day Celebration at the Buffalo Creek Retreat on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The Commissioners agreed to have a booth at the celebration, and they will check their schedules regarding the speaking request.

Mrs. Geissman asked if there was any discussion on the two resolutions that were pulled last week regarding the 2008 meeting dates and the liaison appointments to the various Boards and departments. Ms. Ray said there had been discussion in the past about changing the meeting day to Thursday, and she asked their opinions. Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley said they preferred Monday. Mr. Hambley asked if there were any benefits to moving it to Thursday. Ms. Ray said she and Mr. Jakab discussed this and thought perhaps it might be easier for the departments to give their resolutions to the Clerk on Wednesday rather than Friday. Mr. Hambley asked if this had been a problem, and Ms. Ray said it was not a problem; she just wanted to offer an alternative. The Commissioners agreed to continue holding Commissioners' meetings on Monday. Thursday would be an alternate day for a meeting when more than one Commissioner could not attend on Monday. The Commissioners also agreed to keep the same department liaison and board responsibilities as 2007 with the exception of those that belong to the President of the Board. The Clerk will prepare the resolution for next Monday.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, reminded the Commissioners of the budget hearings on Tuesday, January 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building. He said Vince DeGeorge, Family First Council Director, requested a budget hearing on Wednesday, January 9, after the last scheduled budget hearing. He would like to discuss funding for the Wellness Program due to the states' cuts to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars. The Commissioners agreed to add the Family First Council budget hearing to the agenda at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9.

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Mr. Miller said the Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the Credit Card Policy and he would present it for the Commissioners' review this week. Once reviewed, he would present it to the departments for their review and comments.

Ms. Ray reported that she and Mr. Jakab have a meeting at 4:00 p.m. today, at Medina City Hall, to discuss the Courthouse Expansion Project.

Ms. Vereb reminded the Commissioners that she needed any new photographs or changes for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) roster booklet by Friday.

At 10:03, Commissioners recessed the meeting. They reconvened at 10:50 a.m. for the Executive Sessions to discuss personnel/appointment that had been voted on earlier and recessed at 11:10 a.m. On Tuesday, January 8, at 8:30 a.m., they reconvened to continue the Executive Sessions, and they recessed at 8:50 a.m. They reconvened at 12:00 p.m. to continue the Executive Sessions. At 12:20 p.m., Mrs. Geissman moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 1/7/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0001	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0002	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM REPORT PREPARED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
08-0003	RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD
08-0004	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
08-0005	APPROVAL OF A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WHEELING & LAKE RAILWAY COMPANY
08-0006	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO BID POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON TO BE UTILIZED AT THE LIVERPOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY
08-0007	AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
08-0008	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF MEDINA TO ENFORCE THE OHIO MANUFACTURED HOMES INSTALLATION STANDARDS WITHIN MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS

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08-0009 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE
MEDINA COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION TO THE MEDINA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

08-0010 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____
Sharon A. Ray

OF _____
Patricia G. Geissman

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Stephen D. Hambley