

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Sharon A. Ray present.

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting on February 25 and the public hearing on February 25, 2008 were dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the Commissioners' meeting minutes and the public hearing minutes; the motion was seconded Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley voting AYE and Ms. Ray abstaining because she was not at the meeting. The motion carried and the both minutes were approved.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued February 21-27, 2008.

Bev Valentine, Budget Officer, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the temporary appropriation resolution; (2) amending the 2008 temporary appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (3) transferring County General Funds to the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District; and, (4) authorizing the purchase of 7,700 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline for the Engineering Center. Ms. Valentine requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$622,086.66. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Carolyn Grenfell, Human Resources Assistant, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners; (2) approving and authorizing the suspension of two days without pay for an employee of the Sanitary Engineer's Office; and (3) amending the table of organization for the Sanitary Engineer's Office and water operations. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing an addendum to a lease agreement with the Medina County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) for the Medina County Community Center. The Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board had an existing lease agreement that extends through the period February 21, 2009. This addendum would allow the termination of that agreement and return the operation of the Community Center to the owners, the Fair Board, on April 1, 2008. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Ms. Ray. Fair Board President Bob Bauman stated that they are ready to make the move on April 1; they have been working on it for about two months. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Lynn Remington, County Home Superintendent, reported that they have 52 residents living at the Home and 4 individuals attending the Adult Day Care Program. They have a new whirlpool that the residents love. Many students have been doing community service at the Home and they have been outstanding volunteers. Training has been in CPR and blood borne pathogens. Recent activities have been early bird breakfast outings, billiard tournaments, bowling, bingo, Chatham pancakes event, and Tai Chi. Wadsworth's Mandy Markley from Wild

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Adventure Exotic Animal Rescue brought some wild animals (a white fox, a gray fox, a huge rabbit, and a huge frog) for the residents to see and learn about. There were many generous donations including a 30-pound chocolate rabbit. Fifty-three individuals volunteered 320 hours last month.

Dr. Ross Santamaria, Diversion & Forensic Services Director, said they are servicing about 200 cases at this time and fees are up considerably. Cases for Medina Municipal Court are being handled differently. Judge Chase requested the cases be moved through the Diversion Program more quickly to facilitate prosecution if the person is sent back to court. Dr. Santamaria said he gave a presentation to some Baldwin-Wallace College students about careers in psychology, which he enjoys doing. The department is running quietly and efficiently.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution reappointing Marilyn Haskins and Jim Douth to the Workforce Policy Board with their terms expiring on December 31, 2010. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Ray. Ms. Ray commented that she did not have one of the applications and would follow up to make sure that it was provided. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Stan Scheetz, Stanley Scheetz Co., LPA, 225 East Liberty Street, Medina, commented that he has reached a frustration level regarding controlled growth and development in Medina County and a perception of a level playing field versus a non-level playing field relating to working with some of his clients. He said an example was Cabala's. No one knows where its location is going to end up - Brunswick, Wadsworth, or Westfield Township. He questioned if legislation must be earmarked for a specific area, or if it is a way to make legislation so that wherever the decision is made, some of the incentives would be available.

Mr. Scheetz said the other issue was regarding two of his projects in southern Medina County (the proposed water park in Harrisville Township and the proposed Kratzer property development in Westfield Township) that would result in an excess of \$100 million being invested in Medina County. He said he would probably be representing 15-20 property owners in a large area that runs from the interchange at I-76/I-71 to the north, to Greenwich Road on the west, and southwest to the Village of Seville, and back up to the interstate. The area is all industrial adjacent to the Village of Seville in Guilford Township and another area that is zoned rural-residential that makes sense to become industrial. Another part is surrounded by highway and commercial, local commercial and industrial that is not desirable to have adjacent to \$300,000 homes with three-acre lots. There is a \$70 million improvement being made to the interchange with 600-watt light bulbs that will light up the area like another city. Mr. Scheetz said the reason he brought this up was due to the nine months of controversy and delays. He asked that the Commissioners and Economic Development look at the big picture and interface with the Planning Commission and the townships to get the economic engine going in Medina County. He pointed out that a \$100-million dollar investment would increase the tax base of the Cloverleaf School District by 22% with an additional \$1.2 million per year in real estate taxes

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(not considering income tax, CEDA's, JED's, bed taxes, or sales taxes). Mr. Scheetz suggested that the public officials become pro-active instead of reacting to a specific request. He said he would provide a 50-page presentation for the Commissioners to review. There was a short discussion about some of his problems with incorrect mapping.

Mrs. Geissman said she understands his frustration and said she would talk to Planning about getting the maps updated. Mr. Scheetz said the maps were updated and Planning has agreed to attend the March 11 meeting on the matter. Planning told him that they would recommend that they do not do anything until they do another Comprehensive Plan that will take another year or two and funds are an issue. He said the projects will be good for Medina County wherever they are located, but he would like to see the wealth shared to some degree and some uniformity on the playing field for the opportunities. He said Bass Pro Shop is considering locating by Cabela's and he was told by Economic Development Director Jim Doutt that the same abatement would not be available. He would like to have a "level playing field". Mrs. Geissman said the Board of Commissioners has always had a history of doing whatever they could to promote economic development in Medina County because they realize, as he does, all of the benefits of it.

Mr. Hambley said Mr. Doutt has been very cooperative in any regard. Cabela's getting a sales tax rebate was "sunset" by the State of Ohio legislature and it is not available. Cabela's location anywhere in Medina County is great in the Commissioners' opinion; they don't play favorites. He asked if they would be redoing the Comprehensive Plan or updating it. Mr. Scheetz said they wanted \$25,000 just to update the plan for the 200 acres.

Mrs. Geissman thanked Mr. Scheetz for his comments. She said the Commissioners would do their best to stay on top of any economic development coming into Medina County and do whatever they could to help.

There were no further comments.

The Discussion Session was cancelled that was scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

At 9:55 a.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 3/3/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0111	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0112	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
08-0113	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

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08-0114 TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

08-0115 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 7,700 GALLONS OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE FOR THE ENGINEERING CENTER

08-0116 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

08-0117 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF TWO (2) DAYS WITHOUT PAY FOR MARK BARR, MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

08-0118 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER

08-0119 AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

08-0120 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WORKFORCE POLICY BOARD

08-0121 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 third day of March, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

COMMISSIONERS _____

Patricia G. Geissman

OF

Stephen D. Hambley

MEDINA COUNTY _____

Sharon A. Ray