

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 12, 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 May 5, 2008, and the minutes for the public hearing on April 7, 2008, was 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 all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) determining the necessity to close Westfield Road (C.H. 15) between Chippewa Road (C.H. 50) and Lafayette Road (S.R. 42) for culvert replacement; (2) authorizing the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of various County roads with Item 402 County specification and ODOT 448; and, (3) authorizing the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of various County roads with ODOT 405 to include ODOT Item 422 chip and seal. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the three resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued May 1 through May 7, 2008.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the 2008 appropriation resolution by transferring appropriations; (2) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (3) revenue adjustment for the General Bond Retirement Fund and the General Fund; (4) authorizing the cash transfer for the County Home Levy Fund; (5) authorizing the transfer of funds from the Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund to the General Fund for indirect costs; (6) authorizing the transfer of funds from various County department accounts to the Gasoline Rotary Fund; and, (7) authorizing the transfer of funds from various County department accounts to the Medina County Print Shop revenue line item. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$693,728.80. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the seven 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.

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.

Mr. Berkowitz presented a resolution approving a two-day suspension without pay for a Department of Planning Services' employee for excessive tardiness and another resolution approving the demotion and reduction in pay for a design engineer with the Sanitary Engineering Department for not meeting performance standards. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

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Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution authorizing a request for qualifications process for architectural design and engineering services for the proposed Medina County Courthouse Project and another resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for the window replacement for the Administration Building. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions, seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution approving the certification of unpaid utility charges on a monthly basis for properties listed for foreclosure. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. Mrs. Geissman commented that this was a good idea. Mr. Troike said they have been working with the Auditor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office on this matter. There was no further discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Troike said he will be meeting with officials from the Village of Lodi on Friday to discuss the service area south of I-71.

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, announced that some agency employees will be attending a State-sponsored training session this week. He will be attending a training session in Akron this Wednesday where he will learn the State's updated accounting practices. Tomorrow, he will be having his quarterly meeting with Domestic Relations Judge Mary Kovack to review items regarding the transfer of case information between departments. April's "Freeze and Seize" Program resulted in collecting over \$15,000 of past-due child support.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution commending the Medina County Cemetery Crew for restoring the "lost" burial grounds, an internment site for the aged, poor, indigent, and forgotten from 1860 to 1947. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman read a Certificate of Recognition by the Board of Medina County Commissioners awarded to Raymond Denson for his continued support and service to the Office for Older Adults and the Advisory Council on Aging.

The Clerk read the resolution to allow the expenses of County officials and another resolution to allow the expenses of the County Engineer. 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. Anthony Ratajczak, Medina County Bicycle Advisory Council, reported that this is National Bike-to-Work Week. He said, fortunately, Medina County has a Bicycle Transportation Route System in place and a map, but that has not been published yet. There are probably many County employees and visitors to County buildings who would ride their bikes, but there are no bike parking facilities at any County buildings. He suggested that there be prominently-located, covered bike racks at the Administration Building, Board of Elections/Health Department building, Courthouse, etc. Mrs.

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Geissman said that was good advice. She read in today's newspaper that more and more people are riding bicycles and bike sales are skyrocketing due to the high cost of gasoline. Mr. Ratajczak said both bicycle shops in Medina are doing record business. Mr. Hambley said perhaps the County should do an employee survey to see who would be interested in biking to work and then prioritize the bike rack placement. He said that it might be problematic for employees at the Engineering Center to ride bicycles on Smith Road. Mr. Ratajczak said Smith Road is actually on the transportation route. Mr. Hambley asked if bike lanes were in Medina City's plan for that area. Mr. Ratajczak said the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Bicycle Council reviewed and commented a multi-use plan that linked to that section. Whether or not that happens remains to be seen.

Mr. Ratajczak said the County Engineer does not have funding for printing the Medina County Bicycle Transportation Route System maps; therefore, the public has not had access to that information. He suggested that they post copies of the map in each of the County's buildings so people have some knowledge of recommended bicycle routes. Mrs. Geissman thanked him for his suggestions.

Mrs. Geissman said an Executive Session was requested to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Hambley moved to allow the Executive Session and 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 9:55 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Mr. Hambley said Chris Moody from the Environmental Protection Agency is performing an audit on the Stormwater Plan today and tomorrow. A memorandum of understanding will most likely be suggested between the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Highway Engineer's Office to meet the various practices that the plan specifies.

Mr. Hambley said the Transportation Improvement District (TID) met on Wednesday, April 30. The Highway Engineer requested an extension for the use of state funding that was not utilized by the end of the fiscal year for various reasons. The State granted the extension, but the TID has decided not to ask for another. The funds need to be distributed or they will go back to the State. They will be disbursed as follows:

Brunswick City	Boston/Howe Intersection Improvement	\$ 75,888
Medina City	Abbeyville Road Safety Improvement	57,660
Wadsworth City	Hartman Road Improvement	42,408
Medina County	Ryan Road Safety Improvement	<u>196,044</u>
		\$372,000

Mr. Hambley commented that this demonstrates the countywide distribution benefit of the TID and the importance of their assistance with local projects. The TID will be holding a meeting on May 28 to review the list of projects dating back several years to identify the likelihood of future funding for them. There will also be an orientation for new board members that will include an explanation of their authority such as eminent domain and having taxing authority at the ballot.

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Ms. Ray said the legislation to extend provision of funds to counties through the wireless 9-1-1 surcharges has been introduced as House Bill 550. H.B. 550 keeps the monthly surcharge at 32 cents and extends the collection of the surcharge through 2012. She asked Mrs. Geissman and Mr. Hambley if they would agree to a letter of support to State representatives from all three Commissioners and they agreed. Ms. Ray added that the bill has bi-partisan sponsorship so that should help move it through the legislative process.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners went into the Executive Session that was voted upon earlier.

At 10:07 a.m., Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 5/12/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0405	RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEDINA COUNTY HOME CEMETERY CREW AND THE DEDICATION OF THE LOST BURIAL GROUNDS
08-0406	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0407	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE WESTFIELD ROAD (C.H.15) BETWEEN CHIPPEWA ROAD (C.H. 50) AND LAFAYETTE ROAD (U.S.42)
08-0408	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS WITH ITEM 402 COUNTY SPECIFICATION AND ODOT ITEM 448
08-0409	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS WITH ODOT 405 TO INCLUDE ODOT ITEM 422 CHIP SEAL
08-0410	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
08-0411	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
08-0412	REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND
08-0413	AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER FOR THE COUNTY HOME LEVY FUND
08-0414	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR INDIRECT COSTS
08-0415	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE GASOLINE ROTARY FUND
08-0416	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO THE MEDINA COUNTY PRINT SHOP REVENUE LINE ITEM
08-0417	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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- 08-0418 RESOLUTION APPROVING A TWO (2) DAY SUSPENSION OF SUSAN HIRSCH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOR EXCESSIVE TARDINESS
- 08-0419 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEMOTION OF MARK BARR FROM DESIGN ENGINEER 2 TO DESIGN ENGINEER 1 AND REDUCE HIS HOURLY RATE OF PAY FROM \$25.00/HOUR TO \$20.00/HOUR
- 08-0420 AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED MEDINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT
- 08-0421 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- 08-0422 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES FOR PROPERTIES LISTED FOR FORECLOSURE
- 08-0423 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
- 08-0424 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

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

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS _____
Patricia G. Geissman

OF _____
Stephen D. Hambley

Pam Vereb, Clerk

MEDINA COUNTY _____
Sharon A. Ray