

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 October 20 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the Commissioners' meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Doug King, Administrative Assistant in the County Engineer's Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Medina Excavating, Inc. for the replacement of Bridge No. 08 on Old Mill Road (T.H. 68); and, (2) authorizing the Medina County Engineer to advertise for bids for various sizes and quantities of aggregate for use by the Medina County Highway Department. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued October 16-22, 2008.

Bev Valentine, Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; (2) amending the Annual Appropriation Resolution; (3) amending the 2008 appropriations resolution by transferring appropriations; (4) cash transfer of County General Funds to the Diversion Program; (5) cash transfer to the Crippled Children's Health Fund; and, (6) authorizing a cash transfer for the Clerk of Courts' Auto Title Fund. Ms. Valentine requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$3,546,969.34. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the six Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call vote 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 vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Chris Jakab, County Administrator, presented a resolution approving a signage easement agreement with the University of Akron for the placement of signage at the intersections of Lake Road and University Boulevard, and Wedgewood Road and Technology Lane for the Medina County University Center. He also presented another resolution approving the site plan and request for proposals (RFP) for the construction of a parking facility at the Medina County Courthouse. This would allow the City of Medina to release the RFP design/build of a garage facility on the courthouse property to be issued October 31, 2008. The schedule calls for the due date of December 4, 2008. The specifications depict a parking structure of approximately 350 spaces, 2-1/2 stories high, with a budget of \$5.05 million for the construction including all fees. The plans allow for the contractors to utilize the Walker property (grassy lot) located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Liberty and Jefferson Streets for a staging area. The existing parking lot entrance on Liberty Street will be closed and the contractor will be required to construct an alternate entry on Liberty Street closer to the Courthouse. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. Mr. Hambley asked if the County's architect had reviewed the RFP and agreement. Mr. Jakab said he reviewed them and checked the preliminary setback to see how close the garage would be to the Courthouse. He is comfortable with the dimensions and has no issues at this time. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the Final Adjusting Change Order No. 1 for replacement of water lines on Concord Boulevard and Arlington Drive (Phase 1) MCSE Project #WR-700/02-1.1. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the

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motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services (JFS) Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing an agreement with Cornerstone Psychological for professional services; (2) authorizing an agreement with Medina County Transit to provide transportation services for Medicaid and OWF recipients; (3) authorizing a contract for the Abacus software maintenance used for overpayments in assistance that clients were not entitled to; (4) authorizing the extension of a contract with Dennis and Kathleen Kinzelman for foster care services; (5) authorizing an agreement with Will and Janet Sutton for transportation services for children in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; (6) amending an agreement with Will and Janet Sutton to increase the yearly allowable amount to \$28,000 due to increased transportation needs of children in custody; and, (7) amending an agreement with Windfall Industries to provide job training and practical work experience to participants of public assistance work programs. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the seven JFS resolutions and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting aye.

Mr. Wilkins presented a list of a list of the funding cuts from the State of Ohio for SFY 2007-2009 that showed a total of \$1.4 million total (overages not covered). He said that they have already been informed that they could start at 90% of their funding levels for SFY 2010. Medina County JFS has not filled about 13 positions and cut most of their contracts in order to cut costs to "stay in the black". About 50% of the State budget is for education and 15% is for Medicaid; therefore, any cuts must come out of the one-third that is left (mental retardation, mental health, justice, and JFS).

Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Executive Director, presented a resolution proclaiming October 23-31, 2008 as "Red Ribbon Celebration Week". In 1985, Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena was kidnapped while working undercover in Mexico. One month later, his body was found in a shallow grave. Citizens in his hometown of Calexia, California began wearing red ribbons in his honor and it became a national symbol of prevention in order to reduce the demand for illegal drugs. The first national Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed in 1988 by the U.S. Congress. An anti-drug levy was passed in Medina County and the money generated is spent on drug enforcement, education, prevention, and treatment. These programs will be highlighted this week in a special Red Ribbon section of the Gazette. This year's celebration theme is "Vote Yes for a Drug-Free Future. The Only Choice." Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Ray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting aye. The Commissioners signed and presented the resolution to Mr. Nowak and the Clerk took a photograph of the presentation.

Bill Hanigan, Workforce Development Director, thanked the Commissioners for attending the Next Step grand opening celebration on October 2 that was a big success. They are continuing their outreach to the County school systems and Juvenile Court. The Medina County Job & Career Expo will be held in conjunction with Chambers of Commerce of Medina County on October 28, at 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Weymouth Country Club. About 20 employers will be there and they expect many job seekers. The Incumbent Worker Training Program is assisting seven Medina County employers in their Supervisory Training efforts at the University Center (Cell-O-Core, Columbia Chemical, EBO Group, Ovation Polymers, Sandridge Foods, Sealy Mattress Company, and Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc.). As a result of limited funds, they have been working with the State to identify areas that will provide jobs that are high paying and those that offer potential stackable certificates that enable people to move through a career in the new emerging industries. Workforce is currently working with three growth industry clusters (bioscience, healthcare, and polymers) that have available job openings that need skilled workers.

Mr. Hanigan stated that the unemployment rate for Medina County dropped to 5.9% in September 2008 from 6.4% in August. It is still higher than last year when it was 5.1% for September. Medina County's unemployment rate is one of the lower ones in the State of Ohio.

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Scott Uhas, Transit Director, presented a resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids to provide supplemental transportation services for clients of the Medina County Job & Family Services. The current contract expires on December 31, 2008. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ray. There was no discussion. Roll call vote showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Uhas reported that Transit ridership for the month of September was up compared to the same time last year and ridership for the first three quarters of 2008 was up 4.31% compared to the same period in 2007. He attended the regular Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) meeting on Friday, October 17, and on Tuesday, October 14, he attended a meeting at NOACA with Ohio Department of Transportation representatives regarding the use of Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. On November 14, he will be attending the Paratransit peers' quarterly meeting in Columbus and an ADA expert will discuss regulations. Two new transit vehicles arrived earlier than expected to replace two used vehicles.

Jeff Van Loon, Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), District Manager, said that the SWCD Board of Supervisors and County Commissioners will be required to reappoint the at-large members to the Resource Conservation and Development Board. They will be holding a meeting with the eight Phase 2 Communities in Medina on Thursday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m., at the Engineering Center. They will be offering equine training for horse owners in a two-evening event on Wednesday, November 19, and Thursday, November 20, from 6:30-9:15 p.m., at the Medina County University Center. The main topics will be water quality, rules and regulations, nutrient management, pasture, hay, and forage management, facility management and design, neighbor relations, and equine liability law. There will be a U.S. Department of Agriculture meeting for landowners in the Rocky River Watershed. They will be working with the Village of Lodi and the Ohio EPA regarding the crossing in the park that is a possible mitigation site that could receive funding assistance for bridge replacement. There was a Balanced Growth Initiative meeting in Sandusky last week and they have requested an extension for that program until next year so they can use the remainder of the funds rather than lose them. He asked if the Commissioners would be willing to generate a resolution of support of the extension and the Commissioners agreed to the support.

Mrs. Geissman said that the Planning Commission would be presenting awards at their annual Community and Regional Planning Day Open House on October 31. She announced the recipients to receive the awards as follows:

Medina County Health Department	Public Agency Planning Award
Barbara Starre	Green Building Planning Award
Larry Cray, Harrisville Township	Continuing Education Planning Award
Anthony Ratajczak, Medina County	Citizen Community Service Planning Award

For the record, Mrs. Geissman stated that a Regular Annexation Petition was filed in the Commissioners Office on Monday, October 20, 2008 for 107.5098 acres from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick. The hearing for this annexation is scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2008 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

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 vote showed all commissioners voting aye.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Sandy Neuman, Administrative Assistant in the office of Medina County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC), said that MCEDC is ready to go forward with the infrastructure that they have in place. The Executive Director stepped down in September and there was a two-month search for his replacement. The MCEDC Board of Trustees determined that Bethany Dentler (Economic Development Director from Norwalk), with her education and expertise, would be able to lead the County forward; she introduced Ms. Dentler.

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Ms. Dentler said she would be transitioning from Norwalk over the next week and that she was very excited about the opportunity to serve Medina County. Her background has been in economic development from the time she was in college. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and Economics from Goucher College in Towson, Maryland and a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Maryland. She received the designation of Certified Economic Developer from the International Economic Development Council in 2000. She moved to Medina about five years ago, but she spent most of her waking hours in Norwalk, Ohio, being involved in things such as brownfield redevelopment and workforce development. She is looking forward to meeting everyone. The Commissioners and audience welcomed Ms. Dentler.

Stan Scheetz, Attorney, 225 East Liberty Street, Medina, said that he would be bringing a couple of annexation petitions to the Commissioners for filing in a couple of weeks. He presented a draft copy of an Expedited Type 2 Annexation plat for 103.2164 acres from Guilford and Westfield Townships to the Village of Seville. The property is located east of the Chippewa Creek and adjacent to Creco, Inc. and Ohio Wholesale. The proposed use of the land is light industrial park and Class A Office Park in the time period of five to seven years from now. Under Expedited Type 2 annexation, no taxes would be taken from the township and the township retains its tax base. He expects the cooperation of Guilford Township and the Village of Seville; Westfield Township is expected to be reluctant. They hope to have the annexation completed by January and then he will visit Economic Development regarding a jobsite-ready facility and looking for grant money for infrastructure. The owners of the property are Creco, Inc., Ohio Wholesale, Sugar Shack, and Betty House.

Mr. Scheetz said he has been involved with Westfield Township for the past eight months with the proposed commercial development. They were successful in getting a 6-2 recommendation from the County Planning Commission for the development to go forward with the commercial zoning. They were then successful getting a 4-1 recommendation from the Zoning and Planning Commission to go forward with the development. Last week, they were voted down 2-0 by the Westfield Township Trustees not to allow the development to go forward. This would be a \$100-150 million project and he will be looking at every possible alternative in order to get this development "off the ground". His clients are meeting in Columbus with Lieutenant Governor Lee Fischer, the Attorney General's Office, Ohio Municipal League, and the Township Trustees' Association within the next two days. The options they are investigating include annexations at one of three different communities that would be adjacent to the development that may also annex additional land (developed highway commercial district and local commercial district at Lake Road and S.R. 224). They are also investigating incorporating a new village, which has not been done in Medina County for over 80 years. With two square miles and 800 people within it, that would be possible to do. Many townships wish to remain rural-residential, which they understand, but there is a delicate balance between the two, and the tax base and schools.

There were no further comments.

The meeting recessed at 10:07 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 10:11 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Conference Room.

Mr. Hambley presented copies of the Medina County senior citizens needs assessment survey that was commissioned this summer by the Family First Council, Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the HANDS Foundation. According to the survey responses and statistical information, leading recommendations were for improved transportation to increase housing alternatives and affordability. The Commissioners Office along with the Transit Consortium will work on the transportation issue and the Housing Network will work on the housing issue. The assessment sets clear direction for some of the County's collaborative organizations to meet the needs of the seniors. Mrs. Geissman added that there were no surprises.

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She helped to work on the assessments; the very thing that they thought they would find, they found. Mr. Hambley said the raw data would be available to members of the Family First Council to be used for applying for grants that could potentially bring in funds to the County from outside sources.

Ms. Ray asked the other Commissioners their opinions about an email that they received about a person that wanted to serve coffee and baked goods in the break room. After a short discussion, they decided against it because if they opened it up to one person they would have to allow everyone to serve food there. The former cafeteria that was operated by the Achievement Center closed because of lack of traffic when the Building Department moved to another location.

Ms. Ray said that Michael Day Enterprises of Wadsworth has qualified for the Incumbent Worker Training allocation from the State of Ohio through Workforce Development. Other businesses that qualified were MTD and Discount Drug Mart.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, said the County granted an easement for a restricted water main on Hartneck Road to two gentlemen, Art Gallo and Tom Windenmyer, in 1997 and it expired in December 2006. Recently, someone hooked on to that water line and then Mr. Gallo and Mr. Windenmyer sent a letter requesting to renew the restricted main. The Sanitary Engineer's Office renews lines for another ten-year period if the request comes before or shortly after expiration. This instance is different because it is two years later. Additionally, the County collected the tap-in fee at a lower rate because the restricted main had expired. They would have collected \$3,500 for the tap-in on a restricted main, but they collected it at the subdivision rate of \$2,400 because it had expired. Mr. Hambley said he thinks they should pass a resolution to allow the renewal to go forward from that day forward and the County should keep the tap-in fee that was collected before it was renewed. It is the responsibility of those that build the line to keep track of when it expires and the other Commissioners agreed.

Mrs. Geissman asked Mr. Troike when they would be sending the letter to Lodi Board of Public Affairs. He said it was being reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office and they would be sending it soon. Mrs. Geissman added that they should be able to come to terms with Lodi because the five-year term in the agreement is not an issue with them.

Mr. Jakab said the construction manager interviews were scheduled for that morning that morning at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Balcony Rooms to interview Donley's, Knoch/Simmons, and Welty.

The meeting recessed at 12:55 p.m. for the Commissioners to move to the Conference Room for more discussion.

At 1:31 p.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 10/27/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0988	RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31, 2008 AS RED RIBBON CELEBRATION WEEK
08-0989	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASURER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0990	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 01 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 8 ON OLD MILL RD (T.H.68) BETWEEN MEDINA EXCAVATING, INC. AND THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
08-0991	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS SIZES AND QUANTITIES OF AGGREGATE FOR USE BY THE MEDINA COUNTY

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- 08-0992 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
- 08-0993 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
- 08-0994 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS
- 08-0995 CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM
- 08-0996 CASH TRANSFER TO THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND
- 08-0997 AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS AUTO TITLE FUND
- 08-0998 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- 8.999 APPROVAL OF A SIGNAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
- 08-1000 APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING FACILITY AT THE MEDINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
- 08-1001 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL ADJUSTING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES ON CONCORD BLVD. AND ARLINGTON DR (PHASE 1) MCSE PROJECT #WR-700/02-1.1
- 08-1002 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JFS AND CORNERSTONE PSYCHOLOGICAL
- 08-1003 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH MEDINA COUNTY TRANSIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JFS
- 08-1004 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE ABACUS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE BETWEEN JFS AND UNITRONIX DATA SYSTEMS, INC.
- 08-1005 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DENNIS AND KATHLEEN KINZELMAN AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-1006 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-1007 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILL SUTTON AND JANET SUTTON AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-1008 RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WINDFALL INDUSTRIES AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 08-1009 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
- 08-1010 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

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