

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Patricia G. Geissman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley present. (Sharon A. Ray was ill.)

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

The oral reading of the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting on September 15, 2008 was dispensed with as each Commissioner had read them personally. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both 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 Remsen Road (C.H. 37) between South Weymouth Road (C.H. 32) and Stony Hill Road (T.H. 48) for culvert replacement; and, (2) extending the completion date of the 402CS/448 Resurfacing Contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly permits list for permits issued September 11-17, 2008.

Scott Miller, Finance Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) amending the annual appropriation resolution; (2) cash transfer of County General Funds to the Diversion Program for September operating costs; (3) creating a Family First Council Children's Trust Fund and authorizing appropriations; (4) creating the Victim Assistance FY09 Fund and authorizing appropriations; and, (5) authorizing an amendment to an agreement for WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Services for the Medina County Workforce Development Office. Mr. Miller requested payment of the weekly bills in the amount of \$1,073,001.52. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the five Finance resolutions and payment of the weekly bills; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Holly Muren, Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Office, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) approving personnel changes for the employees under the jurisdiction of the Medina County Commissioners and, (2) authorizing the layoff of a full-time electrical inspector in the Medina County Building Inspection Department due to lack of funds from decreased revenue. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Jim Troike, Sanitary Engineer, presented a resolution authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to obtain easements for the Plum Creek Apartments Project MCSE#W-500/00-264.2A & 2B. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Service (JFS) Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) allowing the travel expenses of interns who are approved to complete an educational internship with JFS for the period of September 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009;

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(2) authorizing an agreement between the Medina County Health Department and JFS to conduct medical examinations of children who have allegedly been abused; (3) authorizing the Disaster-Related Non-TANF Policy and Procedures for JFS for funding for families and certain elderly or disabled individuals who were affected by the high winds that impacted the State of Ohio on September 14, 2008; and, (4) amending the Prevention, Retention & Contingency Plan (PRC) for JFS for TANF disaster relief. About 20 families' food stamps were replaced because they lost all of their food when their refrigerators were not functioning due to the power outages. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the four resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Wilkins informed the Commissioners that they will be holding an Ohio Benefit Bank Medina County Expo on Wednesday, September 24, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m., at JFS, 232 Northland Drive, Medina. They have invited about 150 people to attend. The Ohio Benefit Bank is an on-line application completion program that assists individuals in connecting to state and federal resources such as food stamps, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Ohio School Meals Program, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Best Rx/Golden Buckeye, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Healthy Start and Healthy Families, Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled, and tax assistance for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credits, Hope Education Credit, and Lifetime Learning Credit. The goal is to obtain more sites in the County for computer access for County residents. Current sites are at Community Action Wayne/Medina, Red Cross of Medina County, Salvation Army Wadsworth, and JFS.

Mr. Wilkins reported that JFS will likely have their funding severely cut later this week by the Governor's Office. So far this month, they have 574 applications for assistance; 40 applied in one day. He said he does not know what the Governor is going to cut because some of the needs are urgent life and death situations.

Mr. Wilkins announced that JFS will be holding their Coats for Kids coats distribution days on October 7, 8, and 9 at 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They had a very positive and generous response from the community. They have about 600 warm winter coats to distribute to eligible children and teenagers in Medina County. Mrs. Geissman commented that she is sure that they will be needed with all of the loss of jobs in the County. Mr. Wilkins said that having 40 new applicants in one day (people who had never been on welfare) is significant. Mrs. Geissman said they had a speaker at the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO) Board meeting in Columbus last Friday from the State Auditor's Office. He said counties can be certain that they will lose 10% of their Local Government Funds. This not only impacts counties, but also libraries and park districts. Ohioans will form a task force to fight this again, but she is not sure if it will do any good this time because the State is in a very poor financial situation.

Mr. Wilkins, who is also a Medina Township Trustee, reported that he would be applying for a grant to make S.R. 3 an Ohio Scenic Byway destination on behalf of Medina Township. The proposed name of this byway is Gateway to Historic Medina. It would be starting at I-71 in Medina Township and continuing to the City of Medina's Historic Square. He presented a copy of the application for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Wilkins introduced Julie Sabo, some other coordinators, and four teenagers in the JFS Independent Living Program. He said Ms. Sabo gave a wonderful presentation on the

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program at the State Conference last Thursday. The program helps transition 18-year old youth into adulthood and provides a support system. The teens expressed appreciation for the support that the Commissioners have provided and said that the program has changed their lives in a positive way. Mrs. Geissman commented that it is easy to support them when they have shown every effort to make themselves better and have productive lives. Mr. Hambley told them to keep up the good work.

Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) Executive Director, reported that Solutions Behavioral Healthcare, with support from MCDAC and the ADAMH Board, will host Terrence Gorski for a three-day workshop on September 24-26 at the Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. Mr. Gorski will present his addiction treatment model, which is recognized by the National Institute on Drug Abuse as one of the top three most respected treatment approaches in the United States.

MCDAC will also participate in Brunswick Safety Day on Saturday, October 4, that will take place on Center Road in front of Giant Eagle. With college presidents encouraging the lowering of the drinking age and the controversy of Miller/Coors releasing an alcohol energy drink on October 1, they will feature an alcohol IQ test for adults and teens and they will distribute anti-drug stickers and bookmarks.

Mr. Nowak said MCDAC is also preparing for Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, the oldest anti-drug campaign in the country. The *Gazette* will publish a special interest section to appear in the Tuesday, October 28 edition. Any area businesses that are interested in supporting a drug-free future for Medina County children are encouraged to contact the *Gazette* and place an ad in the Red Ribbon Week section.

Mr. Nowak said the Medina County Health Department will be the fiscal agent in submitting a grant proposal to the Ohio Department of Health for tobacco prevention and cessation. MCDAC will offer supervision and direct service to the cessation portion of the grant proposal. Last year, prior to the Governor dissolving the Tobacco Foundation, 50 entities throughout the State of Ohio applied for over \$30 million in grants. This year, those same 50 entities are vying for \$2 million and only about 15 agencies will receive funding. While the State of Ohio spends \$2 million for tobacco prevention and cessation, in that same time period it is estimated that the tobacco companies will spend \$542 million encouraging young people in Ohio to smoke. Even though the odds are not in their favor, they feel that they owe it to the citizens of Medina County to apply for funding to help children from starting to smoke and help adults addicted to nicotine to not smoke.

William Hanigan, Workforce Development (WD) Director, presented the WD monthly report for August 2008. They finalized their Goodwill contract and the performance numbers for Adult and Dislocated Workers are on track. Based on the current economic conditions, there are many individuals seeking services and total numbers being served are ahead of schedule.

In other activities, they were asked by the Medina County Economic Development Corporation to chair their Business Retention and Expansion Committee that was part of their greater strategic planning effort. The final report was presented to the Commissioners for their review. The Medina County Job & Career Expo will be held in coordination with the Chambers of Commerce of Medina County. The event will be held on October 28 at Weymouth Country

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Club from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are expecting over 50 employers and many job seekers. They have been asked by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide additional facilities for testing purposes. Their applications for the mostly part-time regional positions for the upcoming 2010 Census will be available online. They are moving ahead with the healthcare grant to advance nurses with a baccalaureate to a master's degree to increase the training capacity of nurses in the region (Stark, Ashland, Wayne, and Medina Counties). Workforce Development and The University of Akron have been working with Summa, Samaritan, Mercy Medical Center, Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital, Medina General Hospital, and Lodi General Hospital to utilize five of these positions. This would open the bottleneck to train more Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses.

Mr. Hanigan announced that Viking Steel was approved for Trade Adjustment Assistance. This will provide additional training dollars and healthcare options for the displaced workers. They have also been working with Teknor Color in Lodi, where 39 employees were affected. They met with the employees and discussed the services that they provide. They also worked with local and regional economic development personnel in an effort to find additional employment options for the affected workers.

Mr. Hanigan said that the unemployment rate for the State of Ohio is up. Mrs. Geissman added that she was told that the unemployment rate for the State of Ohio is the highest that it has been in 16 years; it is up to 7.4%.

Scott Uhas, Transit Director, presented and reviewed the following resolutions: (1) authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for federal and state operating and capital funds for FY 2009 and, (2) authorizing the Medina County Transit Department to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program. They hope to purchase five new vehicles next year. Mr. Hambley moved to approve both resolutions and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mr. Uhas reported that ridership was down slightly in August 2008 compared to August 2007. This was partly due to one less weekday of service in August 2008. Year-to-date, ridership continues to be up. This was done by using less vehicle miles and less diesel fuel. He attended the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Transportation Advisory Committee, RTIS, and Transit Council meetings on September 19. He also attended the NOACA Executive Board meeting on September 12 where they approved five public transit agencies in the NOACA region to receive Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. There has not been any guidance from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) about how they will be able to use that money. CMAQ funding is normally for capital-type items and not for operations. He will be attending a training session sponsored by ODOT in Columbus at the end of the week to discuss some changes in the law regarding the Limited English Proficiency Program requirements that is a requirement of a grant application.

Mr. Uhas said he and Mr. Hambley spoke with Brunswick City officials regarding the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority service cuts to Brunswick and if they wanted that service to continue. They have expressed that they would like Transit to use some of Brunswick's portion of the CMAQ funds from the State to have the RTA continue Brunswick's service.

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Jeff Van Loon, Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), District Manager, reported that at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, at Glen and Jeff Hoerger's Farm in Wadsworth Township, they will be hosting a Forestry Field Day with the Farm Bureau and the Division of Forestry. They will provide information about the Forest Tax Program, CAUV implications, and income potential on their forest properties. This year, the Public Officials Tour will be on Friday, October 3. They will be visiting the southwestern portion of Medina County to view some landowners' conservation practices. The USDA has announced that they have approved the Rocky River Watershed for a conservation preservation program. They will hold a landowners' meeting on Wednesday, November 12. The SWCE will be presenting information to several townships from Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne and the Lake Erie Commission regarding the Balanced Growth Initiative.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution supporting a fully-funded renewal of the Clean Ohio Fund bond package that will be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot as Issue #2. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution appointing Diana Clarke to the Summit/Medina Workforce Investment Board with her term expiring on December 31, 2011. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Geissman. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

Mrs. Geissman presented a resolution commending Jim Doult for his years of service to Medina County and the Medina County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Hambley moved to approve the resolution and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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

The meeting was opened for public comment. Jeff Van Loon, Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), District Manager, said that his in-laws live in Mount Vernon and their electricity was off for a long time due to Hurricane Ike's strong winds on Sunday, September 14. They were told that a large problem was the shortage of poles to replace the ones that were broken. Mrs. Geissman said many people in southern Ohio still did not have power five days after the storm.

There were no further comments.

Mrs. Geissman noted that there would be a Discussion Session immediately following the regular session.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m.

Discussion Session

The meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m. for the Discussion Session in the Conference Room.

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Mr. Miller said that he will be having a meeting that afternoon with an individual regarding the excess insurance that is necessary for the County to self-insure its Workers' Compensation.

Mr. Hambley said the Commissioners received notice that the Achievement Center will be altering some of their transportation routes, which will decrease ridership on Medina County Transit's vehicles. This will result in some cost implications to Transit and cause some re-routing. Transit Director Scott Uhas will be meeting with the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Board to discuss details on Thursday, September 25.

Mr. Jakab said that the proposal deadline for construction management services for the Medina County Courthouse Project was Friday, September 19. He provided copies of the 14 proposals that were submitted, a summary list of the proposals, and a proposed evaluation form for the Commissioners. They could schedule the interviews in the next week or two.

Mr. Jakab said he provided the Commissioners with a draft response from Mike Sharb, Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, and a copy of the September 10 letter from Medina City Law Director Greg Huber that was sent to Mr. Sharb regarding the joint agreement for the parking garage. Mr. Sharb discussed the agreement at the September 8 Discussion Session and drafted the response from the Commissioners comments about some requested changes. Mr. Jakab discussed the agreement issues. The City asked what type of approval process the County wanted in the agreement, if any. Approval will be done by Commissioners' resolution and they will act within two weeks of any request. Failure to do that would mean that it is approved. The renewal option for the City will be that they can renew the lease for an additional 50-year period. The portion about security staffing and monitoring will be removed from the agreement. The issue of reserved spaces will be determined after additional input. There will be continued negotiation regarding the County's share of the maintenance expense. The parking garage committee will be the mayor, county administrator, and the presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Further discussion is needed to determine who will get credit for the parking revenue and how it will offset the maintenance costs. There will be no refund to the County if the project comes in under budget and that will be removed from the agreement. Mr. Jakab asked the Commissioners if Mr. Sharb could put these changes in writing and send it as the County's response and the Commissioners' agreed. The City and the County officials will meet to discuss the major issues that needed further discussion.

Mr. Jakab said the architectural firm for Courthouse Project responded to the Prosecutor's draft agreement and they have made some suggested inclusions to it. He presented those to the Prosecutor's Office to review. Once received, he will give it to the Commissioners for their review.

Mr. Jakab said the window replacement project will begin next week. Two sides of the Administration Building, except for the arched windows, will be replaced with Pella windows.

Mr. Hambley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and Mrs. Geissman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call showed both Commissioners voting AYE.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED 9/22/08

<u>Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title</u>
08-0886	RESOLUTION COMMENDING JIM DOUTT FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO MEDINA COUNTY
08-0887	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE UPON THE TREASUER IN SETTLEMENT OF SUCH LIST OF CLAIMS
08-0888	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO CLOSE REMSEN ROAD (C.H.37) BETWEEN S. WEYMOUTH RD. (C.H.32) AND STONY HILL RD. (T.H.48)
08-0889	RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE 402CS/448 RESURFACING CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. & THE MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
08-0890	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
08-0891	CASH TRANSFER OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM
08-0892	CREATION OF A FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
08-0893	CREATION OF THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE FY09 FUND AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS
08-0894	AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR WIA ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
08-0895	RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
08-0896	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAY OFF OF A FULL-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE MEDINA COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT. DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FROM DECREASED REVENUE
08-0897	AUTHORIZING THE SANITARY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
08-0898	RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRAVEL EXPENSES OF INTERNS WHO ARE APPROVED TO COMPLETE AN EDUCATIONAL INTERNSHIP WITH MEDINA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
08-0899	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEDINA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. AND MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0900	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISASTER-RELATED NON-TANF POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0901	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVENTION RETENTION & CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR MEDINA COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
08-0902	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO ODOT FOR FEDERAL & STATE OPERATING & CAPITAL FUNDS
08-0903	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
08-0904	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FULLY-FUNDED RENEWAL OF THE CLEAN OHIO FUND BOND

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PACKAGE THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE 11/4/08 BALLOT AS ISSUE #2

08-0905 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SUMMIT/MEDINA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

08-0906 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 twenty-second day of September, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vereb, Clerk

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