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**Medina County Port Authority
Board Meeting
August 5, 2009**

Attendance: Port Authority Board: Ron Paydo, Dean Harris, Bob Kenderes, Bill Frantz, Laurie Price, Jim Gerspacher, Commissioner Steve Hambley, Todd Gerber and Skip Trimble. MCEDC staff: Bethany Dentler, Sandy Neuman and Jodi Robbins.

Guests: Karen Wolff and Mike Sammon, Armstrong; Jeff Bomberger, Squire Sanders and Dempsey; Gary Sills, Chippewa Partners and Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator.

Mr. Paydo called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the July 1, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report: None.

Financials: Mr. Frantz stated that the financial report for the month of May had been sent out for review. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Gerspacher made a motion to accept the May financial report and Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner's Report: None.

Old Business

Medina County Fiber Network Project: Mr. Gerspacher reported that everything is moving along with a focus now on fine tuning the financing options.

Ms. Dentler reported that the proposed MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the Port Authority and OnCommunity has been reviewed by legal counsel. It covers the collaboration needed to get the project started, and the duration of the build expected is to be approximately 18 months. Mr. Trimble made a motion to accept the MOU and Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Dentler also reported that OneCommunity would like to apply for a federal broadband grant on behalf of the MCPA (Medina County Port Authority). This may give the county a better chance of receiving funds. OneCommunity is planning to apply for stimulus money for a broadband project including Medina County that reaches areas in Northeastern Ohio. The Fiber Contract Negotiation Committee has authorized OneCommunity to apply for the funding. Applications are due August 14, 2009. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the recommendation for collaboration in stimulus application and Mr. Gerber seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Paydo reported that a meeting with County Administrator Chris Jakab was held on July 30, 2009 to update the County Commissioners on the progress and financing plans of the project. A project status update will also be presented to the Commissioners on Monday August 17, 2009.

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Ms. Dentler presented a request from Armstrong Utilities asking for her support for Armstrong's application for fiber stimulus money. Ms. Dentler asked the board members to provide her with feedback on the draft letter and discussion ensued about the request.

Wadsworth Community Center: Mr. Paydo reported that there are still financing options being explored for the project. He also reported that the City of Wadsworth has announced that the Steiner Center will be closing May 31, 2010.

C.B. Richard Ellis: Ms. Dentler reported that due to the economy, the previous project that was considering Innovation Park for a location has been put on hold for the time being. Ms. Dentler also reported that Jim Boyes has been named the new director of the MCUC (Medina County University Center) and that she would be working with him on ways to market the property.

Mr. Gerspacher reported that the Akron Plain Dealer newspaper had reported the exciting introduction of the Corrosion Engineering program to begin at the University of Akron this fall.

Chippewa Landing-Manor House Project: Mr. Sills presented an update reviewing the scope of the project and named the priorities and phases that would occur with new financing options.

Mr. Paydo requested the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss the potential roll of the MCPA in the Chippewa Landing project. Mr. Frantz made a motion to enter and Mr. Trimble seconded. The executive session began at 8:30 AM.

Roll Call:

Mr. Frantz, yes; Mr. Harris, yes; Mr. Gerspacher, yes, excused at 9:32 AM; Ms. Price, yes; Mr. Gerber, yes; Mr. Kenderes, yes; Mr. Trimble, yes; Mr. Paydo, yes.

Mr. Trimble made a motion to end the executive session and Ms. Price seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Harris, yes; Ms. Price, yes; Mr. Gerber, yes; Mr. Kenderes, yes; Mr. Trimble, yes; Mr. Paydo, yes.

The executive session ended at 9:55 AM.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

Please Note: The next scheduled MCPA meeting is
Wednesday, September 2nd at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310)
County Administration Building.