Commissioners Present: Porter, Cameron, Crooks
Staff Present: Susan Reese
Visitor: Wesley Frank

RES 19-0001 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks. Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review. Seconded by Commissioner Crooks. Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

There was brief discussion regarding the documents Don Madden brought down regarding the tax exemption denial of pump station properties. The issue is not with the lack of right-of-ways, but rather that the property is not deeded to the County.

Commissioner Cameron reported that there was a message from Michael Dunfee who lives on Shannon Road. He has concerns with a bad place in the road. Commissioner Cameron called the Engineer’s office and they were to call him. She called Mr. Dunfee to let him know.

Commissioner Cameron moved to accept the minutes of the December 30, 2019 session, with correction. Commissioner Porter seconded. Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

There was brief discussion regarding the exit interview that Pam Davis, Human Resources, had with Suzette Walker from Housekeeping who recently resigned her position.

The Commissioners discussed the new Dog Warden facility and the proposed agreement with Zane State for water. Commissioner Porter thought he had a copy of an agreement between the Animal Shelter and Zane State that could be used as a guide for the County’s agreement.

There was discussion regarding Carol Goff’s sponsorship of 30 dog adoptions at the Perry County Dog Pound.

Commissioner Cameron placed a call to Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, regarding the tax exemption denials. He suggested calling Debra Nye, County Auditor.

The Clerk is to set up a meeting with Mr. Weiser and Mr. Crawford regarding the Second Amendment requesting Muskingum County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. She was asked to include Sheriff Lutz and Mark Zanghi in the conversation.

Debra Nye called back regarding the tax exemptions. She said the determination from the Ohio Department of Taxation was based on the property not being deeded to the County, in the Commissioners’ name. She suggests calling Jeffrey McClain at the Ohio Department of Taxation, who made the determination. These kinds of easements with tax exemption requests
have been granted before. A call was placed to Mark Zanghi asking him to call Mr. McClain. He will talk with Debra Nye and will get back with the Commissioners Monday.

Commissioner Cameron placed a call to Alice Hill at the Ohio Public Defenders’ Office regarding new data reporting required starting in January. Alice said she is willing to talk with Beth next week to help walk her through the process.

Cindy Rodgers, County Recorder, was asked to come in to discuss the Zane State easement. She will check to see if anything was recorded between Zane State and the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Cameron reported that the new flooring will be installed in the Extension Office of the Rural Services building, January 6 and 7. New flooring will be installed at the EMA Office sometime in January.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

Cindy S. Cameron
Mollie S. Crooks
James W. Porter

This is a condensed version of today’s session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.