

Minutes for Thursday, January 02, 2025

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks
Staff Present: Susan Reese

The Commissioners attended the Landbank meeting at the Welcome Center at 8:00 a.m.

RES 25-0001 Meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

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

The Commissioners had placed a call to Susan McDonald, Washington Township Fire Department's attorney. Susan stopped in the office on her way through town and the Commissioners shared with her their conversation with Dudley McDougle, former Washington Township EMT and some of their concerns. Susan will have a conversation with Gene Hanning, Washington Township Fire Chief.

As the Commissioners continued to work on the 2025 General Budget, it was discussed that some Judges and the Prosecutor, filed their 2025 Budgets by Court Order which included 5% increases for their employees.

Eric Reed, County Administrator, received the payment and performance bonds and the COI from Granger. Eric presented the Notice of Commencement for the Jail Project to the Commissioners. The following was then considered:



RESOLUTION 25-0002 authorize Eric Reed, County Administrator, to sign Notice of Commencement for Public Improvement, Muskingum County Jail Project, on behalf of the Muskingum County Commissioners.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Eric will be sending a letter to the bond surety agent to notify them that everything is in place.

Eric also asked for an extension on the Courthouse window replacement project, due to the windows arriving later than anticipated. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0003 approve a thirty (30) calendar day extension of the Courthouse Ballistic Window Replacement Project. The substantial completion date will be January 31, 2025.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:48 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Crooks and the second of Commissioner Bell.


Cindy S. Cameron

Melissa J. Bell

Mollie S. Crooks