

Minutes for January 03, 2022

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

RES 22-0001 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Two representatives from Newark Campus Development Fund came to meet with the Commissioners to get their signatures on the Black Hand Gorge support letter.

Commissioner Cameron reported that a Nashport Postman called her and said that Gorsuch Road is in terrible shape.

- He asked that the Commissioners contact Mark Eicher
- She gave him Mark Eicher's phone number

The Clerk was asked to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for Roy Williams, Wayne Township fireman.

The following legislation was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0002 Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Occupancy Permit and the Rail Crossing Permit for both a sanitary sewer line and a storm water line from Genessee and Wyoming Railroad for the Licking View Sanitary Sewer Project.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0003 sign Subordination Agreement, Requested by Sheila Samson, Director of Community Development.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0004 enter petition on to Journal of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners for Expedited Type 2 Annexation Petition under the Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 to annex real estate to the City of Zanesville, Ohio owned by Grant R. Kearns, Trustee, Jean A. Kearns, Trustee and Sue A. Norris and Kearns Development Company, LTD stated as the sole owners of the 8.95

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acre parcel described in the Annexation Description as Exhibit A and Plat as Exhibit B. The agent appointed for this annexation request is Linn Engineering, Inc. as required under Ohio Revised Code Section 709.02.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0005 accept and approve Job Description for Muskingum County Community Development, Program Administrator as presented by Pam Davis, Human Resources.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0006 approve to rescind Resolution 21-1230 dated 12.06.2021, requested by, Sheila Samson Director of Community Development.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0007 authorize the signing of the Agreement for Indigent Defense Services in Municipal Court between the Muskingum County Commissioners and the City of Zanesville for the term of January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0008 authorize that Kathryn Paul, Executive Director, Center for Seniors, be granted prior service credit 11.7944 years to reflect her prior service to:

Muskingum County-Health Dept: 02.04.08 to 07.01.14 = 6.4083 years

Cambridge-Guernsey Health Dept: 08.12.02-08.12.05 = 3.0000 years

Guernsey Board of DD: 08.15.05-01.04.08 = 2.3861 years

Total prior service to be credited: 11.7944 years

Her total eligible transferrable Accrued Sick Leave balance is 348.41

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0009 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Notice to Proceed for the Zane Trace Road, Zane Grey Road, South Cove Lane, Southern Road, West Union Road, Sundale Road, East Wheeling Road, Flat Lane, and Peach Lane, Water Main Extension

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she talked with Mark Schneider today and he said that Mikey has not been to work for a couple of weeks.

- Mark reports that this is not like him, he has never even missed an entire day's work
- Mark did talk to Rob Reiter who said he would send someone today, but that person did not show up

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- Commissioner Porter said it was discussed at Solid Waste and Rob is having a hard time finding anyone to work

Kasey delivered a phone message to the Commissioners from Troy McCollister, Director, Muskingum County Job and Family, that a disgruntled client may be coming in to see the Commissioners.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to see the Commissioners to propose a new hire for the Sewer Department and the following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0010 approve the employment of Cody Latham as Field Operator for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$16.50 per hour with the opportunity for a \$.50 per hour increase upon the successful completion of the 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Pam also reported that Kyle Dunn has accepted the Community Development position.

- Kyle's current employer requires that he work out a minimum of ten business days or he would forfeit his vacation pay
- His current employer has agreed to allow Kyle to work half days/afternoons with the County beginning Monday January 10 and running through January 21
 - He would then begin full-time January 24
 - This would allow him time to spend with Sheila before she left the position
 - All agreed to this arrangement
- Pam also asked about allowing Kyle to begin with the County without having yet received his BCI check, if it is not received by Monday
 - All agreed

Pam requested Executive Session and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0011 declare an Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Disciplinary Action of a Muskingum County employee. This session ended about 10:39 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Kate Paul, the newly hired Director of the Center for Seniors, stopped in this morning to meet with HR and Commissioner Cameron asked her to stop in to introduce herself to the Board.

Commissioner Porter questioned Jeff Jadwin and Travis Roach's overtime in traveling to get the morgue trailer. Why is it County's responsibility to take to Kelso, a private entity.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Dr. Vinsel, County Coroner, called to say that the Licking County Coroner called and said they are full, do not send any bodies there for autopsy.

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Commissioner Cameron reported that at the last Center for Seniors meeting, a CFS Board Member asked about making their temp employees County employees.

- Commissioner Cameron told them they need to come in to talk with the Commissioners, Mark Zanghi at the Prosecutor's Office and Pam Davis, Human Resources
- Megan Durst, CFS Board Member sent an email to Pam and Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator for the County Auditor
 - Stephanie responded by saying the levy fund cannot support any wages at this point
 - No more funds added to that account until March
- Pam responded to Megan with a list of things they should take into consideration regarding making these employees of the County
 - Will have to offer benefits if they work more than 30 hours per week
 - Employee will have to pay 10% into PERS
 - Cost of pre-employment screenings considering the amount of turn-over they have; and the length of time screenings can take
 - Must discuss with the Board of Commissioners; their decision
- Obviously a reason this was not done before

Commissioner Porter asked if we should revisit the mask requirement. There was discussion on the CDC's new guideline of five day quarantine.

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer came to update the Commissioners

- HB168
 - Talked with Washington County Commissioner, Charlie Schilling regarding their Debola Water project
 - They received \$10 million
 - \$5 million over the cap because of "special circumstances"
 - They hosted a tour of the proposed project to members of Appalachian Ohio; Ohio EPA; Attorney General's Office; Governor's Office and CCAO
 - They used Sunday Creek Horizons to help promote the project
- Perry Township has turned in their Loss of Revenue figures
- Pre-Construction meetings will be held Wednesday for
 - Southern-Sundale
 - Big B
 - Twin Hills
- The First ARPA report is due January 31

Commissioner Porter asked about Norfield/Arch Hill Water project

- He says there's a rumor that it is not happening
- He understood that Don told someone that he didn't think it's doable
 - Not Don's decision
- Eric thinks that when the price went to \$1,000,000, Don didn't know if the Commissioners would still be in support of using ARPA dollars
- Commissioner Porter would encourage the Board to consider Norfield/Arch Hill as a project

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- Commissioner Crooks is fine with the project, just not sure it needs to be ARPA money

Eric referred to the ARPA article in yesterday's Times Recorder

- Why didn't they put the \$500,000 contribution to the City in the article
- Commissioner Crooks had texted Erin at the TR and told her the County gave the City \$500,000 to assist with the clean-up of Lear and saw that it wasn't listed
 - Erin replied she did see it on the list but somehow missed copying it over to the story
 - Erin said that Chris Crook did a story when the County made the contribution
 - Eric has copies of the stories
 - October 14, 20, November 30 and December 13
- Eric said that Erin did meet with him and he gave her the Resolution list for ARPA contributions, but never heard back from her
- Commissioner Cameron noted that it talks about Genesis and that we're all in favor of Genesis, but the last she knew, that has not been agreed upon
 - Commissioner Porter noted there were several times in the article that it said "Commissioners" and he hadn't agreed to some of those
- Why no mention of Eric Reed, our ARPA Compliance Officer

Commissioners Crooks reported that she called Dave Kreis regarding the fairgrounds waterline project

- She wanted to make sure he understood that some conduit needed replaced
 - He had no idea what she was talking about
- Dave did some research and reached out to Pat Allen, who had been the electrician a few years ago; and also to Adam Heil who works for Zemba and helped install the water line to the cattle barn
 - Both say that it is waterline that exists and they felt comfortable with that
 - SDR21 waterline that hasn't been available for a long time
 - When she asked Don Madden, he said he's puzzled that his guys did not recognize it as such
 - Don confirmed that they would be replacing a valve and will be able to confirm conduit/waterline at that time
- Dave told Commissioner Crooks that the Fair Board feels this is a good plan that they have and they want to move forward
- Denis Swierz will do surveying and Mark is planning to meet with Grounds Committee
 - Jim Bunting, Grounds Committee Chairperson, will be contact for Mark Eicher
- Commissioner Crooks asked Mark Eicher if he would prepare the bid packets
- Eric said he would get involved after plans and cost is determined

Eric will ask Andy Roberts if he's had any contact with APG about when they may be starting "Scope"

Commissioner Cameron asked what would have happened with Lear if there had been no ARPA money and the County hadn't given \$500,000 towards the \$732,000 cost

- Commissioner Porter asked Commissioner Cameron if she would be willing to send a letter to the City asking for consideration of refunding some money

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- Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Porter if he really thought they would send back money, she's not interested in sending a letter

The Commissioners returned a call to Kayla Dickinson, an MCJFS client who is upset because she has not received December and January check.

- She was told that the Commissioners have no control over such issues and that Troy said they are waiting on the State for confirmation

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Porter asked about Don Madden's proposal for increases that he received this morning. Is it safe to assume they've not yet been approved? Looks more like 6%, not 3%.

The Commissioners received and reviewed the November 2021 Reconciliation Report from the County Auditor.

Commissioner Crooks reported that Adrian Adornetto asked about our adjoining parking lots.

- He is wondering if we would allow parking in the Soldiers and Sailors parking lot on Fifth Street, in the evenings for his customers
 - Is that even our decision to make when we only lease the lot

Commissioner Crooks asked about the request from the Center for Seniors regarding making their temp drivers, County employees.

- Commissioner Porter would like to allow the new director to get her feet wet first and strongly recommends she be included in those board decisions
- In his opinion, financially, it won't work

In discussion of the December 27, 2021 minutes, Commissioner Porter asked that it be noted that in regard to the water project at the fairgrounds, Plan B didn't even exist in October when the Fair Board voted.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2021 minutes, with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

The Commissioners began work on the 2022 General Fund Budget.

Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, sent the year-end report that shows how much each department used and returned in each line item for 2021.

The Commissioners received a call from Jason Sturgeon of ODOT.

- ODOT will be holding a virtual public meeting January 24; 2:00 p.m. regarding the Dresden, SR208 bridge

Commissioner Crooks asked Commissioner Porter if he was packing up to leave and no longer going to participate with the Budget.

- He has some policies for Solid Waste to read through

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- He said he would look at the figures when they're done and has a choice to support it or not support it; he'll vote no because he doesn't agree with the spending
 - Commissioner Crooks said he also has a choice to participate
 - Commissioner Porter says it does no good; it only matters what Commissioner Cameron thinks
 - Commissioner Crooks said she asked Commissioner Cameron because she wasn't saying anything and Commissioner Porter was
- Commissioner Porter left session at 2:55 p.m.

Commissioner Cameron said "just tell me what to write down, it doesn't really matter what anyone thinks or wants in here anyway"

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron continued working with the 2022 Budget.

At 3:28 Eric came back in to give some updates.

- He talked with Don and Norfield-Arch Hill has not been cancelled
 - The question becomes where they want to come in with the line
- Commissioner Cameron asked how many taps involved
 - Eric will find out
- APG will be going to Munson on Wednesday

Commissioner Cameron is going to suggest to Erin at the TR to come in during session when Eric comes in to do his regular updates and all three Commissioners are here.

Eric was asked about ARPA funds paying for advertising of ARPA projects.

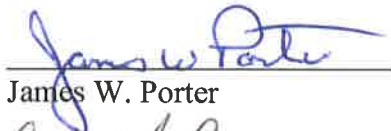
- Eric will research that

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron continued to work on the 2022 Budget.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:02 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter



Cindy S. Cameron

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