

Minutes for Monday, January 06, 2020

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

RES 19-0002 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Crooks, and the second of Commissioner Porter.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

The Clerk informed the Board that Attorney Steve Baldwin stopped in the office Friday to let the Commissioners know that he appreciated the added security in the Courthouse.
Commissioner Crooks said she had talked to Deputy Hanning who said it was going well...has calmed down considerably.

The following legislation was considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0003 acknowledge receipt of notice from the Muskingum County Recorder of the Board's duty under Ohio Revised Code Sections 303.11, 303.12, 519.11 or 519.12 to file zoning resolutions and amendments in the office of the county recorder as submitted by Cindy Rodgers, Muskingum County Recorder.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0004 acknowledge receipt of the application by D. Michael Haddox, Prosecuting Attorney and entry by Judges Fleegle and Cottrill pursuant to ORC Section 309.06, to fix an aggregate sum for the compensation of his assistants, victim witness coordinator, clerks, stenographers, interns and investigators in the amount of \$1,141,313.26 from the county general fund, of \$40,400.00 from the fund provided for the State Grant, \$36,672.16 from the fund provided for the Federal Grant, and of \$60,000.00 from the fund provided for the Prosecuting Attorney pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.261, being \$1,278,385.42 in the aggregate.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 20-0005 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2019 with 2020 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Tom Smith, Fiscal Supervisor, MCJFS.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shred-It LLC	Document Shredding	\$304.46
Shred-It LLC	Document Shredding	\$ 16.02

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0006 approve the hiring of Mike DeVaughn as Muskingum County Apiary Inspector for 2020 for the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Right-Of-Way Permit Signed:

**Columbia Gas of Ohio; Columbus
Springfield Township, Potts Lane
Install underground gas line
One day completion**

Commissioner Cameron reported that Don McKee from Veterans' Services had called this morning to report that their internet service had been shut off due to lack of payment. Commissioner Cameron authorized using the County credit card to have it turned back on.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Chris Hamill brought down the requested tax figures for the Muskingum Recreation Center. It appears that the tax exempt forgiveness for 2016, 2017 and 2018 is \$441,007.83. Supposedly, they are also applying for exemption of the Watershed tax, as well. Commissioner Cameron reported that Shelly Shultz of The Times Recorder called her Friday to ask what the Board thought about it, the impact on County and how they found out. Commissioner Cameron told her she could come in Monday during session to discuss with the Board.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a Proclamation for David Boyer on his retirement.

There was discussion regarding Mark Zanghi's email addressing the appointment of County Coroner. He addressed several scenarios of appointing or electing the next coroner.

Commissioner Porter asked about holidays for 2020. He said an email went out to Child Support that said they had an extra day this year. The Clerk got a copy of the holidays the Commissioners approved in November for 2020.

Commissioner Cameron placed a call to Julie McClain at Zane State regarding their MOU with The Animal Shelter for use of the Zane State sanitary sewer line. It would be helpful for the County to have the MOU to use as a guide for creating one for the County. Julie will look for the MOU.

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The Commissioners received a message from Katrina Stevens regarding a complaint against Domestic Court investigators. A call was placed to Domestic Court asking the procedure for doing such. A call was then placed to Ms. Stevens who explained she is in a custody battle for her granddaughter. Her claim is that the granddaughter is being abused by the father, but no one at Domestic Court will look at her evidence. Commissioner Porter told Ms. Stevens that the Commissioners would contact Judge Hooper at Domestic Court.

The Commissioners acknowledged the receipt of the annual report from the Dog Warden.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the January 02, 2020 session.
Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners placed a call to, and left a message for Judge Hooper at Domestic Court.

Commissioner Porter reported that Shelly Shultz from the Times Recorder would be coming in at 1:30 this afternoon.

There was discussion regarding flooring for the Commissioners' north hall and offices. There is sample flooring for consideration. Scott will contact Trent at Modern Glass for estimates of hallway and hallway plus offices.

Captain LeCocq from the Sheriff's office came to update the Commissioners on the recent accidents involving deputies and cruisers. He said there are three cruisers damaged and one out of commission. He believes the three will be repairable.

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

Shelly Shultz, from the Times Recorder came to talk with the Commissioners about the Tax Exempt determination for the MRC/Y.

Judge Hooper returned the Commissioners' call. Judge Hooper's initial advice was to not get involved because that could set precedence. He explained that Ms. Stevens had council, there was a court investigation and the case is closed. She didn't like the outcome. Judge Hooper said he would respond to Ms. Steven's formal written complaint and if she has issues with the Judge she should contact the Supreme Court Disciplinary Council. A return call was placed to Ms. Stevens to explain Judge Hooper's recommendations.

Commissioner Cameron reported that John Graham came in during lunch to return \$42.00 that the John Glenn FFA did not pick up for their 2019 fair premiums. There was some discussion on the best way to handle distributing premiums to 4-H and FFA participants in the future.

The Commissioners received and reviewed a copy of the latest jail audit.

Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk to the Commissioners requested 2019 invoices to be paid with 2020 monies and the following was considered:

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<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ritter's	Office Supplies	\$ 107.86
Pitney Bowes	Copier Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 291.99
Verizon Info Services	December Phone	\$ 310.37
Kelly Architectural	Dog Warden Facility	\$3,300.00
Lexis Nexis	December Invoice	\$1,654.00
Absolute Total Staffing	One Housekeeping Temp	\$ 588.80
Westwater	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 302.96
Sentry Security Fasteners	Jail Lock	\$1,798.00
Cameron Drilling	Gas Sheriff Bldg	\$1,443.00
Dutro	December Invoice	\$ 224.60
WMD Motors	December Invoice	\$ 46.09
Snap-on Tools	Supplies	\$ 924.90
AT&T	December Phone	\$6,872.04
Columbia Gas	December Gas	\$ 669.25
Tractor Supply Co	Dog Warden/December Dog Food	\$ 499.80
SEAT	Transportation for IME	\$ 234.36
Galls	Dog Warden/Uniforms	\$ 529.05
Muskingum County Human	Salary	\$8,200.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

The Commissioners had a message and returned a call to Clifton Martin at OSU Extension. He had a question about their lease. He said that Peggy Johnson would be the person calling the Commissioners from OSU Extension to work on the lease renewal.

Debra Nye, Auditor and Michael Babcock, Chief Administrator came to share with the Commissioners the year-end figures from 2019.

There was also discussion regarding the tax exemption decision from the State. Commissioner Cameron asked how those that would be effected by the exemption, such as schools and libraries, be notified. Debra said they will know it when money is taken out of their settlement. She believes there is an ORC that will exempt colleges and universities from the Watershed, as well. The Watershed will be submitting a letter to the Auditor asking those monies be remitted as well...approximately \$11,000.

Commissioner Porter told the Board that he asked Auditor Nye, after the meeting, if she would consider appealing the tax exemption for the MRC/Y. She said she would have to think about it.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she received an email reply from Julie McClain at Zane State with a copy of the MOU with the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Cameron forwarded it to Commissioners Crooks and Porter, as well as, Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to ask the Commissioners about sending Ernie Curtis for a medical exam for a continuing Workers' Compensation claim. The cost will be approximately \$1,000. All agreed.

Debbie Irwin was called in to the conversation to discuss her retirement date. Debbie is looking at September 30, 2020 for retirement. Pam is interested in taking Debbie's position as Benefits

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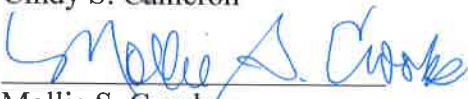
Administrator, at that point. It was agreed that Human Resources would probably be the easier position to fill due to the County's self-funded insurance. Also, Pam will be available to help the new person moving in to the HR position. And, Pam has dealt with insurance claims and policies most of her career.


Commissioner Cameron mentioned calling the new Director of the Animal Shelter to sit down and talk with her and her Board. Commissioner Crooks agreed.

It was decided to set aside Thursday morning to work on the 2020 Budget.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:46 p.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.

