

# Minutes for Monday, January 08, 2024

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

**RES 24-0011** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.  
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 24-0012** A RESOLUTION IN ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2024-APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT  
Commissioner Bell nominates Commissioner Cameron, to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio for the year 2024.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0013** A RESOLUTION IN ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2024 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT  
Commissioner Cameron nominates Commissioner Bell to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio for the year 2024.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0014** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CLERKS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-2024  
appoint Beth Iden and Kacey Stackhouse to serve as Deputy Clerks of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2024.  
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0015** A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION HEARINGS FOR 2024  
approve the appointment of Commissioner Crooks as the Commissioners' representative to the Muskingum County Board of Revisions with Commissioner Bell appointed as the alternate in the event Commissioner Crooks is unavailable to attend for calendar year 2024.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0016** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE FOR MUSKINGUM COUNTY FOR 2024  
It was nominated by Commissioner Crooks, that Commissioners Cameron and Crooks, and Todd Hixson, Muskingum County Treasurer, serve on the Investment Committee for Muskingum County for the year 2024.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 24-0017** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE FOR MUSKINGUM COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2024 YEAR

WHEREAS, it is sometimes necessary for County employees to drive their own vehicles for business purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners hereby approves a mileage allowance of sixty-seven cents (67¢) per mile in 2024 (IRS rate), effective for travel dated on or after January 01, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0018** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TO THE RECORDS COMMISSION BOARD OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY FOR YEAR 2024

It was nominated by Commissioner Cameron, that this Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio consider the appointment of Commissioner Bell to the Records Commission Board for the year 2024.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0019** A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2024

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Cameron nominates Commissioner Crooks as designee as the Official Voting Representative of Muskingum County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Cameron also nominates Commissioner Bell as designate as the Alternate Voting Representative of Muskingum County.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0020** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR OMEGA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

It was nominated by Commissioner Cameron, that this Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio consider the appointment of Commissioner Crooks to the OMEGA Executive Board 2024.

AND ALSO, as alternate to the OMEGA Executive Board 2024, Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0021** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO THE ZANESVILLE-MUSKINGUM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

appoint Commissioner Crooks as the Commissioners' representative to the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the year 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 24-0022**                      A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUSKINGUM COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION BOARD (LANDBANK)

appoint Commissioner Crooks and Commissioner Cameron to the Muskingum County Land Reutilization Board (LandBank) for the year 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-0023**                      approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2023 with 2024 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk of Muskingum County Commissioners office.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T	Service for December	\$6,399.43
CORSA	Claim for Engineer	\$ 864.72
CORSA	Claim for Sheriff	\$5,000.00
Columbia Gas	December Invoice	\$1,118.71
COVIC Connection	December Services	\$4,499.37
CORSA	Claim for Prosecutor	\$2,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-0024**                      approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Fund 136 Terrorism Prevention FY2020 as requested by Sheriff Matthew Lutz, as follows:

**REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
136-458-510001	001-000-414001	\$20,000.00
136-458-510001	001-000-414001	\$10,000.00
136-458-510001	001-000-414001	\$15,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-0025**                      A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE OPWC INTEGRATING COMMITTEE

Appoint Mark Eicher, Engineer to the Integrating Committee of Ohio Public Works Commission with Matt Russell, Administrative Deputy, as his Alternate, with a three year term to commence May 21, 2024 and end on May 20, 2027.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call; Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0026**                      approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Commissioners General Fund 001 to the Dog and Kennel fund 002 for the purchase of 25 dog beds, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-510002 General Transfer Out	002-000-414002 Dog and Kennel Transfer In	\$2,283.75

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Total cost of the beds is \$3,533.75. The Commissioners are contributing the difference (\$2,283.75) from donations collected through a fundraiser by Amanda Dunlap, Kennel Master (\$1,250.00).

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 24-0027** declare an Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation. This session ended about 10:57 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, came to update the Commissioners on the status of the Graham Street property. Because he's not heard anything this morning, he is guessing that nothing is happening today. He would hope that he would have something for the Commissioners to sign when they are in session Thursday.

Commissioner Crooks asked Mark about the RFQ's that were received last year for Courthouse renovations. He said there is no need to republish just because it's a new year. But, we could repost if we know of additional interest.

Eric Reed, County Administrator, came to update the Commissioners.

- Jail
  - Eric has updated Allison Binkley and Kathleen Clark regarding the status of the new jail
  - Eric reviewed the email from Laura Bowman of Bricker Graydon, regarding the Evaluation Committee and Selection Coordinator for new jail
- Avondale HVAC
  - The Commissioners agreed to attend the meeting with APG Architects at Avondale Thursday, with Eric
- Press Release Tab on Commissioners' Website
  - Brian Diamond has added a tab for "Press Releases" on the Commissioners website
    - Zoning and OMEGA Press Releases are currently posted there
- Zoning Meetings
  - Continued discussion regarding the agenda for the evenings
- Graham Street Property
  - Eric will email title company regarding status

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

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to see the Commissioners and requested the following:

**RESOLUTION 24-0028** declare an Executive Session at 1:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation. This session ended about 2:01 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

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After further discussion regarding Sheriff Lutz' request, the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 24-0029** authorize and approve the increase of dog adoption fees to \$130.00 to be effective February 01, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she received a call from the Coroner regarding the bodies of three deceased residents that are being held at SRS Services because there is no one to claim the bodies. It is costing \$25 per day per body. The City will only pay \$500 towards burial/cremation. The Coroner called the Prosecutor and waiting to hear. (City Law Director, David Tarbert, out of town).

A call was placed to Kathy Daniel from Common Pleas Court regarding the 2024 Budget increase request. She was not available and a message was left.

The Clerk is to call Melanie Richert from Adult Probation to let her know their 2024 Budget increase will be approved and she will need to submit a request for Supplemental Appropriations for the differing amounts.

Commissioner Crooks reported on the One Ohio Opioid Committee.

- They will hold a virtual meeting January 30 to approve By-Laws

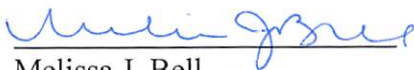
There was continuing discussion regarding details of the upcoming zoning meetings.

Commissioner Bell received an email from Starr Jinkens in response to the request for a more detailed explanation of the additional charges for the Lorena.

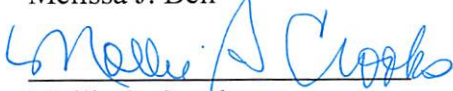
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:58 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Cindy S. Cameron



Melissa J. Bell



Mollie S. Crooks

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