

Minutes for Monday, January 12, 2026

Commissioners Present: Prouty, Cameron
Commissioner Bell was absent
Staff Present: Susan Reese, Kacey Stackhouse

RES 26-0034 Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Prouty and the second of Commissioner Cameron.
Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the payroll, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that MRDD will be meeting with Superintendents of MVESC today.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0035 appoint Kacey Stackhouse and Marcie Blackwood to serve as Deputy Clerks of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0036 approve the appointment of Commissioner Bell as the Commissioners' representative to the Muskingum County Board of Revisions with Commissioner Prouty appointed as the alternate in the event Commissioner Bell is unavailable to attend for calendar year 2026.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0037 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 seventy-two and one-half cents (72.5¢) per mile in 2026 (IRS rate), effective for travel dated on or after January 01, 2026.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0038 nominated by Commissioner Prouty, that Commissioners Cameron and Bell, and Todd Hixson, Muskingum County Treasurer, serve on the Investment Committee for Muskingum County for the year 2026.
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 26-0039 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 2026.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0040 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 Prouty nominates Commissioner Bell as designee as the Official Voting Representative of Muskingum County.

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

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0041 nominated by Commissioner Cameron, that this Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio consider the appointment of Commissioner Bell to the OMEGA Executive Board 2026.

AND ALSO, Kyle Dunn as alternate to the OMEGA Executive Board 2026.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0042 appoint Commissioner Cameron as the Commissioners' representative to the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the year 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0043 appoint Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Prouty to the Muskingum County Land Reutilization Board (LandBank) for the year 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0044 authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 6 for the Claysville Road (St. Rt. 313) Waterline Extensions. Pay App 6 is \$121,695.68 to Perry Reclaiming Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0045 authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 5 for the Claysville Road (St. Rt. 313) Waterline Extensions. Pay App 5 is \$74,641.82 to Perry Reclaiming Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 26-0046 authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Change Order Number 1 for the Claysville Road (St. Rt. 313) Waterline Extensions. Change Order Number 1 is a balancing change order for quantities of material that exceeded the bid amount of \$11,223.00 for Perry Reclaiming Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0047 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2025 with 2026 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, Muskingum County Water Department.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maysville Do It Center	heaters	\$279.94

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0048 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2025 with 2026 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, Muskingum County Sewer Department.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Zemba Companies	2-tank pumpings	\$190.00

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0049 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2024 with 2025 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Tom Smith, Fiscal Supervisor, Muskingum County Job and Family Services.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pitney Bowes Inc	SH/IM mail machine supplies	007-692-503001	\$40.80
Pitney Bowes Inc	SS mail machine supplies	007-697-503001	\$1.69

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0050 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Water Department as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
014-373-510001	153-000-414001	\$2,049.50
Advance Out	Advance In-Claysville	

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 26-0051 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Fund 192 as requested by Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
192-000-101000	001-000-414001	\$46,655.80

This is a 2022 CHIP grant

This constitutes all advanced funds for 192.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0052 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2024 with 2025 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Marcie Blackwood, Office Clerk, Muskingum County Commissioners.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lexis Nexis	Subscription	\$230.00
AEP	Electric	\$12,880.66
Gordon Flesch Co.	Copier Copies	\$71.06
Producers Gas Sales Inc	Gas/Utilities	\$950.86
Verizon	Cell	\$149.06
Columbia Gas	Gas/Utilities	\$2,888.18
Elan Financial	Travel/Training	\$738.20
Roger Touvell	Contract Repairs	\$263.69
City of Zanesville	Parking Lot Renewal Fee	\$120.00
Hartley's	Termite Bait Rehl Road	\$240.00
Sidwell Materials	Blight Cleanup	\$73.55

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0053 approve funding an award of \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) to the Muskingum County Prosecutor's Office outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). This award will be sourced from the One Ohio Opioid Fund (Fund 010).

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0054-A approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2025 with 2026 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Wendy Roush, Court Administrator, Domestic Court.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Absolute Total Staffing	Front Desk Receptionist	\$696.32

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty gave an update on the status of the boiler at Child Support.

Commissioner Prouty also reported on the meeting Friday with Eric Watkins, Facilities Superintendent; Kade Haddox, County Administrator; Robbie Frame, Maintenance and Mike

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Reiter, Director, SEO Joint Solid Waste, regarding the inventory of equipment at Recycling and a plan of operation to repair the building.

Prosecutor Ron Welch met with the Commissioners to discuss the use of DRETAC funds to hire the two new employees for delinquent tax collections. That would free-up \$120-\$130,000 for the Commissioners to use towards the renovation of 44 North Fourth Street.

Stan Lucas came in to discuss the Jail sewer line with Kade.

Stan gave the Commissioners a quote from Omni Sites and AT&T for the 19 lift stations, Commissioners agreed with Stan that Omni Sites is the best to go with.

Stan, Zack, Kade & Pam came in to discuss Water/Sewer salary percentages for new project. Commissioners asked Stephanie Spencer to come to session to be involved in the discussion.

RESOLUTION 26-0055 the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 10:39 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Cole Ryan, Kade and Mark Zanghi came in to discuss the 44 North Fourth Street property

- Getting rid of some existing front windows and putting some windows in on the sides
- Color Scheme
- Advertising a week from today, Cole will get the bid specs to Kade to put on the website

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:00 p.m.

There was discussion regarding DRETAC funds and how are collected and how they can be used.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, reported on the catch basin from the new jail. The City of Zanesville directed the County to use the pipe that is currently in place. Question is – where does that pipe drain to?

There was continued discussion and updates on the Center for Seniors retaining wall replacement.

The Commissioners took a call from Mark Neal and Monte Bainter of MVESC to discuss the Starlight Programs.

Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist, met with the Commissioners to update on current projects.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, brought the following for the Commissioners' consideration:

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RESOLUTION 26-0056 sign Appointment of Special Prosecutor Agreement between The Licking County Board of Commissioners and The Muskingum County Board of Commissioners, as presented by Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor.

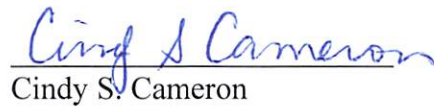
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:51 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.

_____ ABSENT _____
Melissa J. Bell


Drake L. Prouty


Cindy S. Cameron