

# Minutes for Thursday, January 15, 2026

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

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

**RES 26-0057** Meeting was called to order at 8:40 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.

Bids were received from three local contractors for the West Pike sewer line repair. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 26-0058** accept RML Contracting, LLC estimate of \$39,244.00, for West Pike sewer line repair behind "My Pool Guy" building, as presented by Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, shared a conversation he had with the City regarding the catch basin line at the new jail site. All agreed to keep an open mind for further discussions.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 26-0059** accept and sign the agreement for 2026 Recycling Services between the SouthEastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District & the Muskingum County Commissioners. Agreement shall be from January 01, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$39,000.00.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Cameron, aye; Prouty, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 26-0060** 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 Kate Paul, Executive Director, Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Absolute Total Staffing	Temporary Help	\$8,739.20

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

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**RESOLUTION 26-0061** 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 Tom Smith, Fiscal Officer.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CINTAS	SH/IM MAINT 12/19/25	007-692-503001	\$93.66
CINTAS	SS MAINT SUPP 12/19/25	007-697-503001	\$3.89
MEOAG	TANF COMM ACTION EXP 12/2025	007-692-504400	\$19,363.96
Columbia Gas	Gas Services 11/25/25-12/30/25	007-692-504202	\$1462.41
Columbia Gas	SS Gas Services 11/25/25-12/30/25	007-697-504176	\$39.08

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0062** 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>
Workmens	clothing	\$209.96

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

There was discussion regarding the following resolution. Eric Reed, Port Authority Director, explained that the SIB documents are required by ODOT due to the current Maintenance Agreement expiring.

**RESOLUTION 26-0063** authorize the execution of the necessary ODOT SIB documents to enter into agreement as guarantor for the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority's loan, not to exceed a loan amount of \$1,606,000.00 (one million six hundred-six thousand and zero cents). This funding will be used for the Eastpointe Transloading Rail Expansion Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0064** authorize Tammy Swingle and Briann Wooley with Muskingum County Job and Family Services, to travel to Lewis Center, Ohio to attend a OCOWF Conference, March 18-20, 2026. Requested by James Evans, Benefit Recovery Supervisor.

Estimated cost: The cost for the trip is estimated at \$904.00.

(\$239.00 OCOWF fees, \$100.00 estimated mileage, \$325.00 the Ohioan, and \$240.00 dinner)

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0065** 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 Marcie Blackwood, Office Clerk.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW-G	Black Box 1000 ft	\$1495.55
Genesis Occupational Health	Physicals/Drug screening	\$ 100.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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**RESOLUTION 26-0066** 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 Shannon Bell, Director, Rambo Memorial Health Center.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Genesis Oxygen & Sleep Therapy	Oxygen Concentrators Repairs	\$465.10	020-585-504001

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0067** 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>
New Service	dec rags & rugs	\$34.30

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0068** authorize Drake L Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Change Order Number Three for the Maysville Regional Water project. Change Order Three is for \$5,156.96 and is a deduct of the booster station fence. Motion by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0069** authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Change Order Number Four for the Maysville Regional Water project. Change Order Four is for \$8,421 and is a payment for the AEP requested external non-fused disconnect.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0070** 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 Kate Paul, Executive Director, Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hartman Landscaping	Snow Management	\$1,946.70

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0071** 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 Matthew J Lutz, Muskingum County Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Line Item</u>
Bailey Veterinary Clinic	12/22/2025	12/22/2025	\$310.00	001-458-504001
Bailey Veterinary Clinic	12/29/2025	12/29/2025	\$149.00	001-458-504001
Coler LTC	December 2025	12/31/2025	\$4,633.21	001-458-504349
Diversey Inc	12/26/25-01/25/26	12/29/2025	\$75.00	106-458-504347
Genesis Comm Ambulance	Aug-Dec 2025	01/05/2026	\$4,562.69	001-458-504349

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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## **RESOLUTION 26-0072**

WHEREAS, on January 08, 2026, this Board adopted a resolution determining to submit to the electors of Muskingum County, Ohio, the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, as described below, a copy of which resolution was certified to the County Auditor of Muskingum County; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that an estimated annual levy of 0.50 mills for each \$1.00 of taxable value, which is \$9.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value, which will be required to produce the annual amount required set forth in the Resolution of Necessity; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that the total current tax valuation of Muskingum County, Ohio is \$3,191,668,970.00 and the dollar amount of revenue that will be produced annually by the millage stated below would be \$989,149.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO, that:

Section 1. This board determines and declares that the revenue which will be raised by all tax levies which the county is authorized to impose will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Muskingum County, Ohio, and that it is therefore necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens services or facilities for the benefit of the Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

Section 2. Said levy is a renewal of a 0.50 mill levy, which amounts to \$0.0005 for each dollar of valuation, for five years.

Section 3. The question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of Muskingum County, Ohio at the election to be held on May 5, 2026, and that said levy be placed on the tax lists commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Muskingum County, Ohio, not less than ninety days before the election, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 26-0073**

approve the termination of Trisha Wyer of the Muskingum County Center for Seniors, to be effective Thursday, January 15, 2026, which is within her probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 26-0074**

authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Release of Mortgage from for the mortgage of Robert G. Rasor and Brooklyn E. Rasor aka Brooklyn E Hittle, in the original amount of \$39,504.00 for the Muskingum County Community Housing Improvement Program. This request was submitted by Kyle Dunn, Program Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 26-0075** authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Agreement for Township Services by and between the Board of Directors of the SouthEastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District and the Muskingum County Board of Commissioners as presented by Mike Reiter, Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, updated the Commissioners on the Center for Seniors retaining wall and asked the Commissioners to consider the following:

**RESOLUTION 26-0076** approve and authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners a Change Order in the amount of \$6,500 due to the collapse of approximately 90' of existing brick retaining wall, an additional day of digging and removing old brick and sandy soils. This change order also includes materials, equipment and labor to complete, in the amount of \$6,500 to G & M Construction, Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Kade also reported on the Juvenile Court upgrades and presented the following for consideration:

**RESOLUTION 26-0077** accept proposal from Lavy's Flooring for the Muskingum County Juvenile Court, 1860 East Pike, in the amount of \$66,170.41.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

There was discussion regarding a recycling dumpster at the County Fleet Garage. The County would only be charged when it was full and picked up. There would also be a fuel charge when picked up.

After discussion regarding estimates for the renovation of the 44 North Fourth Street property for the Prosecutor's Office, the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 26-0078** authorize the advertisement for bids for the renovation of 44 North Fourth Street.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Kade continued with jail construction updates.

A call was placed to Mark Eicher Engineer, regarding the form boxes for the jail construction site. Mark said the boxes would be delivered today.

The Commissioners had a call with Cole Ryan regarding the Friends of Secrest financial commitment of \$10,000 from the Commissioners for their renovation project.

The Commissioners received and reviewed the December 2025 Financial Reports from the County Auditor.

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Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 05, 2026 session.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

It was reported that the K-9 Adoption Center currently has 30 dogs as residents.

There was discussion regarding some changes to the Muskingum County Fair Board.

Andy Roberts, GIS Director, met with the Commissioners to update them on OWPA funding.

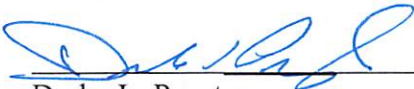
Commissioner Cameron reported on the OneOhio Opioid Meeting Wednesday.

- The grant portal opened on yesterday, 01.14.26
- Commissioner Cameron texted Roni from Brave Beginnings and Prosecutor Ron Welch to let them know the portal is open and the deadline for application is February 11
- Next OneOhio meeting will be March 11; 10am

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:09 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.

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ABSENT

Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron