

# Minutes for Monday, January 27, 2025

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

**RES 25-0094** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Ron Welch, Prosecuting Attorney, came to update the Commissioners.

Matt Abbott, Port Authority Director, came to see the Commissioners with TIF and TIRC updates.

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

- Jail
  - Eric Ratts, (DLZ) has been working with Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) for project approval since May 2024
  - Phase I and II have been verbally approved and letter is forthcoming
  - Phase III still pending, DLZ monitoring

Eric presented the following for consideration:

**RES 25-0095** agree to sign pay application GMP 001 for the New Jail Project in the amount of \$585,765.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Shannon Bell, Executive Director Rambo Memorial Health, came to update the Commissioners.

- The Respiratory Care Association consists of 12 Board Members and manages Dr. Rambo's benevolence funding
  - Bill Schimmel is the Board President
    - Board meets the third Thursday of every month; 12:00 Noon
  - The Association owns the building and rents to the Health Clinic
- The Respiratory Care Association is funding the Home COPD Pilot Program
  - They are also proposing to expand the Oxygen Program by purchasing additional portable oxygen concentrators
    - Commissioner Prouty suggested Shannon check with Fire Departments to create a list of residents on oxygen
- The Rambo Health Clinic operates with levy dollars
- The following was now considered:

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**RESOLUTION 25-0096** declare an Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to public employees of Muskingum County Rambo Memorial Health Clinic. This session ended about 10:44 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RES 25-0097** 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 Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
USA Bluebook	Lab Supplies	\$887.55

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RES 25-0098** 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 Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
USA Bluebook	Lab Supplies	\$887.55

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RES 25-0099** 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 Mark Eicher, Engineer.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Matheny International Trucks	Invoice	\$653.29

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RES 25-0100** approve and authorize the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners to sign Change Order Number One (1) for Shelly & Sands, Inc in the amount of \$72,462.20 for the Adams Lane Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RES 25-0101** authorize the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners to sign the Change Order Number Two (2) for U.S. Bridge in the amount of \$ 61,280.24 for the Piper Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

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**RES 25-0102** approve and authorize the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners sign the Change Order Number one (1), U.S. Bridge in the amount of \$44,796.26 for Schoolhouse Road Bridge Replacement Project.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 25-0103** approve and authorize the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners to sign Change Order Number One (1) for Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC in the amount of \$19,226.67 for the Pavement Marking Project.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 25-0104** approve payment of renewal of Fieldhouse Corporate Membership 2025 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Requested by Pam Davis, Human Resources.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 25-0105** approve the payment of the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) Membership Dues for 2025, in the amount of \$200.00.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 25-0106** authorize Melissa J Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Change Order Number 4 for the for the Granger Hill Water Storage Tank, which is part of the Maysville Regional Water project. Change Order 4 is for an additional 4 working weeks due to weather for the project and the new substantial completion date would be May 26, 2025. Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 25-0107** authorize Melissa J Bell to sign the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form. This form is a required form for the federal appropriations for the Virginia Ridge and Irish Ridge Watermain Extension.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell reported on the CCAO meeting she attended last Friday where many topics were addressed.

- Proposed Real Estate Tax evaluation updates
- Port Authority opportunities
- Public Records
- HB315; Department of Development \$1.5 million for townships, villages and counties for zoning efforts

A call was placed to Debra Nye, County Auditor, regarding a real estate tax overpayment because of incorrect reporting of square footage. Debra was not available and a message was left.

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The Commissioners continued to work on the 2025 General Budget.

Debra Nye, Auditor, came down to answer the question asked of her regarding the property overcharged by square footage. The square footage was initially confirmed over the phone by the tenant or employee of the tenant. Her office did not originally do the measuring of the property. The discrepancy was found when the property was being sold and an Auditor's appraiser measured the property. She explained that if the discrepancy is found before the evaluation, the adjustment can go back five years. This is not the case in this particular situation.

Andy Roberts, GIS Director, came to continue the discussion of zoning. The Commissioners will draft a letter to township trustees that would be involved.

City of Zanesville Mayor, Don Mason, came at the Commissioners' request to discuss the Lorena. Pam Davis, Human Resources and Eric Reed, County Administrator, were also in attendance.

- Fresh leadership in a new Captain
- Jeffrey Spebeck, Coast Guard to come in March/April to visually inspect interior
  - Will he waive the dry docking inspection an additional year?
  - The Mayor will email the Coast Guard to coordinate inspection date
- COZ would like to see Convention Facilities use more software and less people in managing the Lorena
  - COZ has offered Secret's ticketing program
- The Mayor is not happy with CVB charging one-third of the cost of the operation of the Lorena to the City and one-third to the County. He believes Lodging Taxes should be used.
- Pam will coordinate the Coast Guard inspection with Dan Libby of Rankin and Rankin Insurance so he can be present for the inspection, as well
- Commissioner Cameron told the Mayor that the County is willing to give the City their half of the Lorena
  - The Mayor said he would run it past Council

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2025 session.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 session.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 session.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A call was returned to Trevor Scott regarding his concern with his sewer bill charges. He was told the tap fee was waived, however, there will be a monthly charge for the additional tap.

Commissioner Bell left session at 3:50 p.m.

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Commissioner Prouty and Cameron continued to work on the 2025 Budget.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron