

# Minutes for Thursday January 30 , 2020

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Crooks

Commissioner Porter was attending a Public Records Meeting in Guernsey County

Staff Present: Susan Reese and Beth Iden

**RES 20-0106** Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to discuss 2020 wages with the Commissioners. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 20-0114** declare an Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Muskingum County Employee Wages. This session ended about 11:43 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, absent.

Motion carried.

Jessica from Y-News came to talk with the Commissioners about the passing of Clerk of Courts, Todd Bickle, this morning.

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to see the Commissioners. At the Creamery Road lift station one of the pumps went bad. The repair shop is having issues getting it working. They are also starting to see issues with the other pump. He would like to purchase a third pump to have a spare. Commissioners Cameron and Crooks agreed.

**RESOLUTION 20-0115** declare an Executive Session at 11:58 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Disciplinary Action of an employee of the Muskingum County Sewer Department. This session ended about 12:20 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, absent.

There was brief discussion with Stan regarding the sewer issues at EMA. He believes the issues are from where the old restroom was abandoned and the recycling trash went down in and plugged it up. He would like to camera to see what the current line is like.

There was discussion with Stan and Pam regarding a per day on- call pay. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 20-0116** approve to adjust On-Call Rates for the Muskingum County Sewer Department as follows:

\$10 per day

An Additional \$20 per day if holiday

Changes to be effective January 31, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, absent.

Motion carried.

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The Commissioners adjourned for lunch at approximately 12:35 p.m.  
The Clerk left for a Doctor's appointment and did not return to session.  
Deputy Clerk, Beth Iden, was in session.

Commissioner Cameron called Todd Bickle's father to offer condolences from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Crooks talked to Chris from the Times Recorder regarding the Animal Shelter and the Dog Pound. Commissioner Cameron said that she would love to talk with the new director and the board to see if they can work with them on housing some of the dogs from the pound. The Animal Shelter board president said they are too busy right now to meet. The Prosecutor's office said they can work up an agreement with the Shelter, if they would agree to it. All 3 Commissioners, the director, the board members and the 3 dog wardens need to join forces for the good of the dogs. Chris said he will call the Shelter to see if they would be willing to talk to the Commissioners and try to work together. He said the public is passionate about animals.

Chris asked about the budget. Commissioner Cameron said it will be discussed during the session on Monday. Commissioner Crooks said they have met with several of the elected officials to discuss their budget and a lot of the leg work is already completed. Commissioner Cameron said they hope to finish budget Monday for final review. Commissioner Cameron said Chris Hamill and the Investment Committee has made great decisions in investments and interest is up. Commissioner Crooks said Chris made \$135,000 in investments in December and has collected a lot of revenue from delinquent taxes for the county.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:50 p.m. for Commissioner Crooks to go to an appointment.

Commissioner Porter returned at 2:10 p.m. from the Sunshine Law training in Guernsey County.

Session resumed at 2:25 p.m. with Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Porter.

The following legislation was considered:

**RESOLUTION 20-0107** 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 Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, Muskingum County Water Department.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Verizon	Cell Phones	\$ 302.25
Muskingum County Treasurer	December Credit Cards	\$ 158.85
LEB Contracting	Pay App #2	\$67,796.31
WMD Motors	1 Ton Truck Repairs	\$ 6,881.23

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent at time of voting; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-0108** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 098, for the Muskingum County Sheriff Department, as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CCW Fund – Insurance	098-458-502004	\$6,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent at time of voting; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 20-0109** 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 Alma J Tennent, Clerk, Muskingum County Court.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Z.M.H.A	Housing Choice Voucher Change	\$129.00
Mary Bradley	Dollar General – Supplies	\$ 19.31
Allwell, Inc	Individual Counseling December	\$ 81.75

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent at time of voting; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-0110** 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 Matthew J Lutz, Muskingum County Sheriff Office.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Genesis Emergency Physicians LLC	December Med Invoice	\$166.04

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent at time of voting; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-0111** 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 Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, Commissioners Office.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Muskingum County Utilities	Nov/Dec water bill- Rehl Rd	\$ 44.00
The Animal Shelter Society	December vet bill	\$1,013.00
City of Zanesville Utilities	December utilities – 22 N 5 <sup>th</sup> St	\$ 187.64
The City of Zanesville	Municipal Court Judge claims	\$ 674.48

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent at time of voting; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron asked Judge Cottrill about Coleen Thomas closing the Clerk of Court and Title office due to the death of Todd Bickle. He said he stopped in and said at least 1 person has to stay and keep the office open.

Commissioner Porter said he talked to Stan Knox, Just Junk It and Stan told him he wasn't going to buy junk scrap anymore. He just spent a lot of money on a car crusher to help clean up.

Commissioner Cameron said they are waiting on a call back from Bud Chess. Mike Haddox, Prosecutor, is going to talk to a judge about appointing someone temporary for the Clerk of Court vacancy.

Dan Long stopped in to report that he will be getting Todd Bickle's e-mail password so his staff can access his e-mails.

Commissioner Cameron said the Commissioners appoint someone as acting office holder and then the Central Committee has 45 days to appoint someone to hold the office.

Commissioner Cameron told Commissioner Porter about the discussion with Chris, T.R. reporter, regarding the Dog Pound, Animal Shelter and the budget. Jessica, Y-City News, stopped in earlier about Todd Bickle.

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George Hiotis, WHIZ, called in earlier about Todd Bickle.

Commissioner Porter said according to the Sunshine Law training he attended today that record requests do not have to be in writing.

**RESOLUTION 20-0112** declare an Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing replacement of an elected office holder of Muskingum County Clerk of Court. This session ended about 3:05 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, absent; Porter, aye. Motion carried.  
Commissioner Crooks returned to session at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Cameron told Commissioner Crooks what Bud Chess said the process is to appoint the Clerk of Court position.

Bud Chess returned call and said the Judge suggested Coleen Thomas to Clerk of Court. The Auditor's office will prorate pay.

**RESOLUTION 20-0113** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.02 (F), that Coleen Thomas be and hereby is appointed acting Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, effective January 30, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

Coleen Thomas was asked to come in to session. The Clerk of Court position was offered to her until Central Committee appointed someone and she accepted. She was informed that Bud Chess said he would be available if she has any questions.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes.  
Seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye.

Commissioner Crooks said it was her understanding that Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Porter are not in favor of putting the agenda and minutes on the County website.

Commissioner Cameron said Susan made it clear it wouldn't be any more work for her, she would do whatever the Commissioners say. Commissioner Cameron feels it would create more calls and questions to the office.

Commissioner Crooks said sometimes the minutes can get to wordy and that maybe there could be bullet points about the session. It is too much of he said, she said. Commissioner Porter said you can have bullet points, but you still have to know what the discussion is about.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

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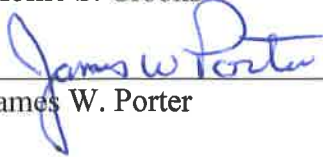
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Cindy S. Cameron



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.*

