

Minutes for February 07, 2022

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Cameron
Commissioner Porter arrived at 10:10 a.m.
Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 22-0129 Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting ; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting ; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron played a phone message she received from Steve Baldwin regarding an Animal Shelter issue.

- She called him back and told him when the Commissioners would be in session to call back and talk to all; she had sent an email to Commissioners Crooks and Porter

It was decided to schedule a Budget Work Session for Wednesday, February 09; 11:00 a.m. in the session room. No decisions will be made, just working on numbers.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0130 Upon consultation with the County Sheriff, the County Engineer, and the County EMA Director, a state of emergency is declared in Muskingum County due to the snow & ice conditions impacting the roads located within the county and due to the ice jams & potential flooding conditions affecting the Muskingum River. All public service agencies within the county and all utilities servicing the county are hereby requested to respond appropriately to this emergency.

This state of emergency is retroactive to Friday, February 4th, 2022 and shall continue until such time as the board determines otherwise.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0131 authorize the Mid-East Ohio Building Department to refund building permit fees to Patrick Kelly, 2960 Pinkerton Lane in the amount of \$1,350.54 due to project cancellation. The request was received from Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Porter joined session after an outside appointment.

RESOLUTION 22-0132 authorize the Mid-East Ohio Building Department to refund building permit fees to Danny Popp, 855 East Cooke Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43224 in the amount of \$2,039.97 due to the building not being located in our jurisdiction. The request was received from Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official.

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Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0133 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2021 with 2022 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC	Randy Wilson/Clothing/Amazon	\$59.95

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Porter reported that he would be leaving at 11:30 today for an outside appointment.

There was discussion regarding numerous phone calls from John Ferrigonio; ABM Building and Energy Solutions to discuss their services of evaluation of energy efficiency.

- It was decided to tell Mr. Ferrigonio that we are not interested at this time
 - The Clerk will contact him to let him know

There was discussion regarding the Community Action Board of Directors.

- Commissioner Porter said there are two Boards
- Steve Wilson, their Director, said that he has not been included in Board appointments
- Who is on their Executive Board and how did they get appointed

Commissioner Porter said he had received a call asking if there had been any discussion regarding the Perry Township JEDD and New Bakery at the Port Authority meeting

- No one has received a call
- Commissioner Cameron reported that it had not been discussed

The Commissioners received an email about TIRC appointments

- Nothing further was decided

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came to give an ARPA update

- Avondale
 - Grace Energy's Scope for lighting; \$9,183.96
 - Recovered in 3.3 years at an annual savings of \$2,700
 - Commissioner Porter asked if this would be one project or considered individual
 - Ask the Auditor and Prosecutor
 - Pre-bid walk through, February 18
 - Bids due, March 7

Mark Eicher, Engineer and Matt Russell Administrative Deputy came to meet with the Commissioners.

- International Drive/Zion Ridge
 - \$529,031 motor paving estimate

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- New Office
 - \$2 Million estimate
- New Garage
 - Currently only have one bay that holds truck with plow
- Salt Storage barn
 - Currently not enough storage for salt quota
- Budget allows to maintain, but no improvements
- Receives grants for paving and for large bridges
- Mark asked if the Commissioners would be giving them another \$1 million this year
 - All agreed

Commissioner Crooks believes we must look at the License tax that would generate nearly \$1.2 million annually

- It would help the townships, as well
- Commissioner Porter reminded that the voters defeated in the past three to one
- Matt said it's his understanding that it has never passed anywhere in Ohio
- The majority of counties in Ohio have the additional license tax
- The more electric cars there are, the more gas tax that is lost

Commissioner Cameron acknowledged that Munson and the Engineer are both deserving of funds, but Munson is probably a moot point now after receiving the \$5 million estimate
The Engineer will spend approximately \$436,000 on salt this year

- They maintain 526 miles and 402 bridges
- They save approximately \$200,000 annually by doing in-house engineering

Mark said that a new garage must have a concrete wall

- Must be fireproof when working on trucks inside
- Cost would be approximately \$2 million with the ability to park all vehicles inside
- The Engineer feels at this time the garage would be most important

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron agreed to proceed with the next step on the office building

- Mark will call Dave Derwacter regarding HVAC

The License Fee application must be submitted before July 1

- If it's unanimous, a Resolution must be passed
- If not unanimous, hearings must be held

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

Eric Reed, APRA Compliance Officer; Zack Forker, Projects Assistant and Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager came to meet with the Commissioners about Water and Sewer funding.

- Eric contacted Tim Shaffer about the HB168 money to ask why we didn't receive funding
 - He referred Eric to John Bernstein, Chief of Financial Assistance
 - We were missing three things
 - Engineering design - In process

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- Public participation – Not aware that was a requirement
- Permits – Rail permit has been submitted
- Ohio EPA will have \$241 million additional funding to their State Revolving Program starting this year
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - Licking View would score high for this program
- Commissioner Porter asked if there are Findings and Orders for Licking View
 - No
- Juanita Project
 - Still has a functioning system
- Licking View
 - Railroad permitting could be a big hang up
- Weber Lift Station
 - Morgan Coast still working on engineering
 - Weber has had five breaks in the last three years

Stan explained that they would like to ask the Board to consider holding ARPA monies in case the grant dollars do not come through.

- Agreed, and will pursue EPA money in the fall

Eric said he talked with Gary King at Avondale about Straker funding.

- Gary is going to present \$200,000 to them
- HVAC estimate is \$620,000
- Window estimate \$196,000
- Commissioner Cameron also suggested the Fellers Foundation

Stan came back in and reported that his employees worked until 2:30 last Thursday when County employees were dismissed at Noon because of the weather.

- Also, they were off because of Level 3 on Friday – 4 hours; total of 5.5 hours of Admin time
- Three of his employees got called back out and worked over-time above the Admin time; how will that be handled
 - Typically after “working” 40 hours they would get paid time and half
 - Stan would ask, shouldn’t they get paid time and half if working during level 3
 - Needs to be more discussion

Commissioner Crooks reported a message from Steve Wilson of Community Action regarding his Board.

- A call was placed to Mr. Wilson with no answer and a message was left

There was discussion regarding emails from Captain Page of the Lorena and Kelly Ashby of the Chamber.

- The Clerk is to schedule a meeting with the Captain, Kelly and the Commissioners

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Commissioner Porter reported that Dan Arter of Soldiers and Sailors, asked if we had liability insurance on the parking lot.

- Commissioner Porter told him he would look into it and get back with him
 - He has since found out that we do not have liability insurance on that lot
 - We, also, cannot sub-contract the lot
 - Adrian Adornetto of the Market House just wanted to swap spaces during the day and evenings

Commissioner Cameron said she got a call from Debbie Nye about parking spaces for her employees when they return to the Courthouse

- Commissioner Cameron found ten spots in the Market House lot, five that the law office rents from the Market House five from Adrian Adornetto, all at no charge

The Commissioners received a return call from Steve Wilson of Community Action regarding Board appointments.

- According to their By-laws they have reduced the number of members to twelve
 - Four of those are appointed by the Commissioners
 - Currently:
 - Doug Hobson
 - Sandy Gentry
 - Mark Burrier
 - Ed Fell
 - His term has expired as of December 31, 2021 but Mr. Fell indicated that he would be sending a letter requesting reappointment
 - Mr. Wilson said the process of appointments should be that Community Action identifies and submits appointees to the Commissioners for their appointment
 - Corey Hamilton should not have requested one of her employees to be on the Board
 - Commissioner Crooks said that in Corey's defense, she didn't insist
 - The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0134 RESCIND Resolution 21-1144, dated November 18, 2021, appointing Ann Hollingsworth to the Community Action Board of Directors. There is currently no position open.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, abstain Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron abstained because she was not present for the initial resolution.

A call was placed to Corey Hamilton to explain this situation. She was not available and a message was left.

Commissioner Porter reported that he asked Dan Arter of Soldiers and Sailors if the demolition contractor or the owners of the Masonic building had asked permission to use their parking lot...No

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- Adornetto was not asked either
- Mr. Arter indicated that the owners of the building contacted him and offered to make a settlement for the parking lot now
 - Mr. Arter declined not knowing the extent of the damage
- Commissioner Porter said it is important for us to look into liability insurance for us on that lot

There was continued discussion regarding the overtime hours during Admin leave.

A call was placed to Scott Lee to give an update on the jail progress.

- There is heat everywhere inmates would be
- CORSA wants to inspect joint and windows before moving back in
- Three HVAC units need repaired from being frozen (lack of heat)
- Kitchen HVAC on third has been repaired
- Doors and control panels all working
- Back elevator working
- Front elevator wires and panel completely burnt
- Dealing with issues from water being off
- Must be a back-up generator before moving back in
- Will bring back inmates gradually
- Hope to begin cooking there Wednesday
- Washer and dryer are working

Corey Hamilton returned call to Commissioners

- Commissioner Crooks explained to her the Commissioners' conversation with Steve Wilson of Community Action
- Corey said that Tiffany had completed her term, she feels there is no need for a resignation letter but if Steve needs a resignation letter she will provide one
 - Corey just wanted a member of her team on the Board to better learn how the organization worked

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 session.

Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter said that Mark Zanghi will be asked for two contracts for the parking lot.

- First, to update the contract with Soldiers and Sailors
- The second with Adrian Adornetto of the Market House
- Pam is checking with insurance about liability for the County on that lot
- Commissioner Cameron gave Jarrett Daniels, Dan Arter's number and visa versa, with their permission

There was also discussion about the profit from the parking lot; 52-57 spaces at \$25 each, per month

- Commissioner Cameron noted that in calculating how much we are making off the parking lot, she doesn't think it was our intent to make money

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- Commissioner Porter doesn't think that's the right thing to do

Commissioner Porter asked if we should consider asking Soldiers and Sailors about purchasing the lot

The Commissioners' revisited paying overtime during Level 3 if actual 40 hours not worked

- No definite decision made

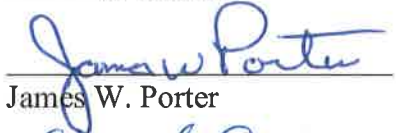
Commissioner Crooks reported that she called Bob Grayson regarding his email about 333 Putnam.

- Their artist's group is not a 501.c3
- He was asked if they are going to bid on 333 Putnam
 - Not at this time

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter



Cindy S. Cameron

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