

Minutes for February 09, 2026

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

RES 26-0159 Meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 06-0160 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 Kelly J. Cottrill, Judge Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Line Item Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miami Valley	Laboratory	001-240-504002	\$625.00
Reg Crime Lab	Evidence Analysis		

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

RESOLUTION 26-0161 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 Supervisor.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Big Brothers	Dec 2025 TANF Grant 21 Littles	007-692-504400	\$2,883.54

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

RESOLUTION 26-0162 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 063, for the Muskingum County Court, as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of Court.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	063-242-501002	\$18,540.00
P.E.R.S.	063-242-502003	\$ 2,596.00
Medicare	063-242-502001	\$ 280.00
Insurance	063-242-502004	\$ 20.00
Program Expenses	063-242-504024	\$ 9,412.88

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

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RESOLUTION 25-0163 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.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Zanesville Toyota	Auto Repairs	\$94.07
Advanced Business Communications, Inc.	Phone System Service	\$82.50

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Kim Tatman, Founder of Dude, Be Kind Week, met with the Commissioners to share this week's activities. The Commissioners presented Kim with a Proclamation declaring it "Dude, Be Kind Week" in Muskingum County February 8-15.

The Commissioners met with the following regarding the 2026 Capital Budget.

COZ Mayor Mason
Representative Adams Holmes
Matt Russell, Engineer's Administrative Deputy
Shawn Johnson, Engineer's Office
Gary Williams, Engineer's Office
Kevin DeWine, CDB Consultants; Virtual
Mark Eicher, County Engineer; Virtual
Senator Al Landis; Virtual

The Commissioners presented the SR146 traffic issue. Unfortunately, infrastructure is not included in the Capital Budget.

They also discussed the Courtroom remodel.

Don Madden, Projects Manager and Chad Hutchins, Water Department Manager, met with the Commissioners to update on current and future water projects.

Maysville Water has not yet turned the valve to open County water. Don is not sure why. Everything has been ready on the County's side of the project.

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, joined Don and Chad to discuss Water and Sewer rates with the Commissioners. Water rates have not been raised since 2003 and sewer rates since 2011.

Eric Watkins, Facilities Superintendent, met with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0164 moved to go into Executive Session at 11:26 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 11:45 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

The Commissioners agreed to participate in this year's Muskingum County Fair Guide. They will pay individually and would like to submit new pictures.

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The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with the following to discuss the delinquent tax process.

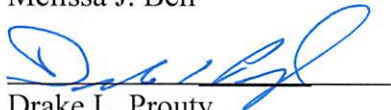
Prosecutor Ron Welch
Treasurer Todd Hixson
Dennis Dove, Assistant Prosecutor
Layne Bertke, Prosecutor's Staff
Jayce Moorehead, Prosecutor's Staff
Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist
Andy Roberts, GIS Director

It was noted that in the November 13, 2025 minutes, Resolution 25-1120 indicated the resignation of Cynthia Sheppard from the Center for Seniors. Be it clarified that Cynthia retired from her position at the Center for Seniors.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:54 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty

Cindy S. Cameron