

Minutes for Monday, February 10, 2025

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

RES 25-0161 Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Cameron 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 25-0162 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 Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Muskingum Valley ESC	Dec 2024 Background checks	\$35.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-0163 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 Deborah Tolley, Manager of Title Office.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ABC	Service Call	\$222.75

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

RESOLUTION 25-0164 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 Wendy Sowers .

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Modern Office Methods	Overage	\$332.21

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

RESOLUTION 25-0165 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>
Neenah	3-Arcadia Sewer Imp invoices	\$8,620.00

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

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RESOLUTION 25-0166 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 013, for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arcadia Sewer Improvement	013-372-503027	\$8,620.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-0167 appoint Danny Harper to the Eastern Regional Prevention Council.

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

RESOLUTION 25-0168 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Amendment to Plan Administrator/Employer Payor Agreement with Quality Care Partners dated January 01, 2025.

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

Rick Morrison, Rich Hill Township citizen, has expressed concern with a county road... Wilson Place/Green Valley Road. He will attend a meeting during Thursday's session with County Engineer Mark Eicher.

Danny Brenneman, Executive Director MCJFS came to meet with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 25-0169 declare an Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to that of a public employee of Muskingum County Job and Family Services. This session ended about 9:47 a.m.

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

Mr. Jeremy Ryan, FFA Instructor at West Muskingum High School brought six FFA members to meet with the Commissioners recognizing National FFA Week February 16-22;

Abby Crum
Sydney Bollinger
Caroline Smith
Joey Miller
Dylon Brown
Zach Dunn

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation and the students presented the County with a FFA Flag to fly on the Courthouse lawn during FFA Week. The Courthouse will also be lit gold and blue.

Eric reported that the Avondale tour has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 13; 9:30 a.m.

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Kate Paul, Executive Director, Muskingum County Center for Seniors, came to update the Commissioners. Board Member, Jeff Tilton, also came to represent their Board. Discussion involved new policies and procedures at the Center. It was agreed to begin afresh with developing new By-Laws for the Center.

There was also discussion regarding the billing of work from Maintenance and IT. IT will bill annually by contract, Maintenance will be on an hourly basis.

Commissioner Prouty moved to accept the minutes of the February 03, 2025 session. Commissioner Bell seconded. Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell left for the day at 12:00 Noon and the Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 2:30 p.m.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, emailed the Commissioners a resolution to address requests for use of the Courthouse Esplanade, which was now considered:

RESOLUTION 25-0170 Whereas the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners is responsible for the care, maintenance and operation of the Muskingum County Courthouse and Law Annex Building and the public property associated with the courthouse and law annex building; and

Whereas from time-to-time groups and individuals have expressed a desire to conduct events on the courthouse property.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners that the following guidelines are established for the use of courthouse property:

1. No signs or placards of any type are to be affixed to or placed in the ground on courthouse property. Any signs or placards must be carried by event participants and promptly removed from the premises at the conclusion of the event.
2. No graffiti or chalk painting shall be allowed on the public sidewalks or the premises.
3. Event participants shall not interfere with access to the courthouse by the public or county employees and officials.
4. Event organizers shall be solely responsible for contacting the City of Zanesville to obtain any permits that might be required.
5. Event organizers shall be solely responsible for contacting the City of Zanesville Police Department to advise them of the nature of the event.
6. Event organizers and participants shall be solely responsible for the clean up of any debris and/or litter created during the event.
7. Muskingum County and its officers and employees shall not be responsible for any injuries to persons or property of event organizers and participants.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0171 approve a Wage Market Adjustment for Stan Lucas, Manager, Muskingum County Sewer Department for an additional \$2.45 per hour, bringing his hourly wage to \$38.50 per hour to be effective January 12, 2025.

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Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Don Madden, Projects Manager; Zack Forker, Assistant Projects Manager; Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor and Eric Reed, County Administrator, came to report to the Commissioners regarding their meeting with the City to continue discussions about purchasing water from the City. Don thinks they may be close to an agreement.

Mark Zanghi continued discussion with the Commissioners about the Lorena. He suggested signing the County's 50% over to the City and letting them operate it or dispose of it.

The Commissioners also talked to Mark about hiring another Attorney and assistant for delinquent tax collections, at the Commissioners expense.

After further discussion, the following was considered:

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Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:27 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Prouty and the second of Commissioner Cameron.



Melissa J. Bell

Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron