

# Minutes for Thursday, February 12, 2026

Commissioners Present: Prouty, Cameron

Commissioner Bell absent.

Staff Present: Susan Reese

**RES 26-0165** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Prouty and the second of Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Brian Addis, APG Architects, met with the Commissioners to share updates on the following projects:

- Center for Seniors retaining wall
- Jail construction
- Phone system for current jail and new jail

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, gave updates on the Juvenile Court flooring and painting project.

Jason Baughman, Chief Building Inspector, met with the Commissioners and requested the following:

**RESOLUTION 26-0179** Executive Session at 11:05 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 11:23 a.m.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 26-0180** approve a wage increase for David Herron, following the successful completion and evaluation of 90 day Probationary Period. The increase of \$5.00 per hour is to be effective February 17, 2026.  
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll Call: Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 26-0166** 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 Rachael Dille, Finance Manager Muskingum County Juvenile Court.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Modern Office Methods	01/30/2026	001-244-50404	\$150.42

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

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**RESOLUTION 26-0167** 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 Wendy Sowers, Clerk of Common Pleas Court.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Modern Office Methods	Copy Overages from 11/1/25 to 01/31/26	\$495.69

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0168** authorize Drake L. Prouty to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 12 and the OWDA Payment form for the Maysville Regional Water project. Pay App 12 is for RDR Utilities for \$16,068.95

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0169** approve the advance of funds from Fund 055 to Fund 146 for the Muskingum County Sewer Department as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, as follows:

**ADVANCE OF FUNDS**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
055-372-51001	146-000-414001	\$20,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In-Boggs Rd	

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0170** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within fund number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Kade Haddox, County Administrator.

**Supplemental Appropriations:**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-510002	Transfers Out Engineer's Office	\$2,000,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0171** 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 Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Treasurer State of Ohio	09/21/2025	02/06/2026	001-458-504001	\$73.00

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

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**RESOLUTION 26-0172** approve a financial grant for Max's Fund – Gandolf Veterinary Service, LLC in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners' LATCF (*Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund*) dollars.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0173** appoint Blair Tom, Nick Roberts, and Steve Barr to the TIRC Board as Voting Representatives for 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0174** approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Auditor's Office as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-990-510002 (General Fund)	071-000-414002	\$245.80

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0175** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 009, for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment & Maintenance	009-368-506001	\$2,000,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0176** agree to sign change order "PCO -051 – AEP Secondary Enclosure" for the New Jail Project in the amount of \$9,848.99. This change order is classified as "Owner Requested" and therefore funded from Owner's Contingency.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0177** agree to sign change order "PCO -056 – Shower Head Designation" for the New Jail Project in the amount of \$4,839.20 (detail attached). This change order is classified as "Owner Requested" and therefore funded from Owner's Contingency.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0178** authorize payment of the renewal invoice for Sedgwick TPA Services in the amount of \$6,575.00 for the period 02/01/2026 – 01/31/2027. Requested by Pam Davis, Human Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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It was noted that the Commissioners received an email from a client of the Records Department, giving the Records employees high marks for their helpfulness and pleasant attitudes in finding information he was searching for.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the February 02, 2026 session. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the February 05, 2026 session. Commissioner Prouty seconded.

Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported on the Transportation Meeting she attended Thursday, February 3 at ZSC. Howard Stewart was the presenter...she said he did a great job.

Commissioner Cameron also reported on the MVESC Business Advisory Council held at Genesis Tuesday, February 10 at Genesis.

- Dr. Wegner gave updates
- Reported on Workforce Development
- Genesis one of the top robotic surgery centers in the world

The Commissioners placed a call to Charity at the Humane Society regarding the use of the old Dog Pound as a quarantine center. She was not available and a message was left for her.


Don Madden, Projects Manager, reported that the valve has been opened on the Maysville water extension project.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he met with Danny Brenneman, Job and Family Services Director. Commissioner Prouty encouraged the improvement of communication with the County Maintenance Department.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.

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ABSENT  
Melissa J. Bell

  
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Drake L. Prouty

  
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Cindy S. Cameron