

Minutes for Thursday, February 19, 2026

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty
Commissioner Cameron was absent
Staff Present: Susan Reese

Commissioners Bell and Prouty attended the Workforce Advisory Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m.

RES 26-0181 Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.

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

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

Seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

The Commissioners received and reviewed the January 2026 Financial Reports from the County Auditor.

RESOLUTION 26-0182 open bids for the renovation of 44 North Fourth Street.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0183 take bids under advisement for the renovation of 44 North Fourth Street.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Cole Ryan, APG Architects, met with the Commissioners to discuss the options for AEP poles and towers downtown.

Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist, met with the Commissioners to present the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 26-0194 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners, Amendment No. 3 to the Muskingum County Employee Benefit Plan as presented by Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0184 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 Marcie Blackwood, Office Clerk, Muskingum County Commissioners.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ohio Department of Commerce	Cert Ren Fee Elevator	\$346.25
Roger Touvell	Service call air conditioner HD	\$1,179.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0185 approve forwarding the amount of \$3,399.00 that was received from Treasurer of Noble County on behalf of SEO Joint Solid Waste for reimbursement for Washington Township funding, to Washington Township. These monies are provided to the County as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.57 (G) (4) as an allowable cost within District expenditures as provided by law.

Washington Township is required to complete Attachment B "Documentation of District Funding Expenditure Report".

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0186 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities as requested by Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager, MCBDD, as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
018-694-510002	041-694-414002	\$100,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0187 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 195, for the Muskingum County Community Development Office, as requested Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHIP Admin	195-375-504300	\$22,843.05

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0188 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 128, for the Muskingum County Board of Elections, as requested by Lindsay Peardon, Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Remit to State	128-112-507027	\$8,040.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0189 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 092, for the Muskingum County Court, as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of Court.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	092-242-501002	\$11,401.00
PERS	092-242-502003	\$1,600.00
Medicare	092-242-502001	\$180.00
Insurance	092-242-502004	\$2,000.00
Program Expenses	092-242-504024	<u>\$11,817.97</u>
	TOTAL	\$26,998.97

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0190 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 065, for the Muskingum County Court, as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of County Court.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Program Expenses (SD Drug Court, Criminal Justice ATP Grant 25-26)	065-242-504024	\$890.37

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0191 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 Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of County Court.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Intrinsic Interventions	Drug Screens 12/16/2025	045-242-503001	\$100.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0192 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 191 as requested by Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
191-375-504341	191-375-504300	\$1,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0193 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>Service Date</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Diversey Inc.	01/26/2025-11/25/2025	10/30/2025	106-458-504347	\$750.00
Diversey Inc.	11/26/2025-12/25/2025	11/27/2025	106-458-504347	\$75.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners to update them on the Juvenile Court paint and flooring project.

A call was placed to Mark Eicher, Engineer, to ask about the progress with the parking lot bids and Evidence Center updates.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he will be meeting with representatives of the Health Department regarding their storage at the EMA and Recycling Center.

The Arts Council MOU was discussed.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch as Commissioner Bell and Susan Reese, Clerk, attended the Genesis Luncheon at the Welcome Center.

Commissioner Prouty reported on his meeting with the Health Department.

The Commissioners returned a call to Cynthia Harriman regarding her concerns with Monroe Township roads, specifically Castor Road.

The Commissioners placed a call to Bill Huston regarding his request to rename the stream on his farm. The Commissioners explained to him that they cannot honor his request.

The Commissioners were informed by Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, that Muskingum County's Lead Safe Ohio program has been awarded \$300,000.

A call was placed to the Mayor regarding his support for the SR146 turn lane. He will be writing a letter of support for the Port Authority's application.


Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of the February 09, 2026 session.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

Commissioner Bell reported on an email from Jon Jones, State Director of USDA, asking about possible upgrades to the FSA Office in the Rural Services building.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty

ABSENT

Cindy S. Cameron