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Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 21-0230 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

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

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

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Porter moved to approve the payroll, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Cameron shared with the Board that Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, called this morning, regarding the Fire Department grants.

- Jamey Baker from Value Care Ambulance Services, asked if private companies would be eligible for the grant made available to local fire departments
- Commissioner Cameron said it is her understanding no, but she would present it to the Board
- Commissioner Porter's opinion....it's not eligible; They did receive the \$10,000 from the CARES Grant
- It was agreed that the intent for this grant was for the local fire departments, the ones listed on the resolution

Commissioner Cameron reported that she listened on a CCAO Webinar on Friday, regarding the budget.

- The State will be giving \$240 million dollars for water quality issues and CCAO has backed that
 - To ensure that there is safe water up north
- The money will be divided between
 - Agriculture
 - Natural Resources
 - Ohio EPA
- Commissioner Cameron said she would be calling Rachel, from CCAO, to clarify.

It is Commissioner Cameron's understanding that the Federal Stimulus will be going straight to the counties.

- Commissioner Porter not in favor of spending that kind of money.
- It's Commissioner Porter's opinion that the County has not been affected that much....we have done well

Commissioner Cameron reported that there is currently a \$20 monthly fee for each MARCS radio, the State has always paid \$10 of that fee....they are doing away with that

Commissioner Cameron said there was also discussion on the webinar regarding body cameras for law enforcement.

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- All agreed that it's not the cost of the cameras that is the concern, it's where and how the video will be stored
- Commissioner Porter feels body cameras are a must
- Drug rehab for inmates has gone up \$500,000 per year
- Counties were encouraged to be an advocate to increase the Indigent Defense reimbursements

Mayor Mason came to meet with the Commissioners regarding the agreement between the City and County regarding the Building Department.

- The latest agreement presented proposes 60%-40% the first year and 50%-50% the second year
- Todd Slaboden, Architect, started last Friday with the City
- Tim Smith is still doing inspections
 - May be retiring in July, but may still continue working part-time

Commissioner Porter asked the method and frequency of payments to the City.

- Annually

The Mayor will inform the Commissioners of the next meeting with ODOT regarding the I-70 project.

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0231 accept and sign agreement between Muskingum County Building Department and City of Zanesville Public Safety.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Commissioner Crooks asked the Mayor if the City ever addressed the feral cat situation as presented by Teresa Hildabrand.

- The County has received several calls about feral cats
- The City had \$5,000 in their 2020 budget to match the County

Robert Moore, IT Director, came to meet with the Commissioners for his first update since taking the position. Pam Davis, Human Resources, was also in the meeting.

- Has a new employee starting next Monday
- New TV is installed at EMA
 - It is hardwired now
 - FB Live shouldn't drop now
- Reported on three projects that Dan had been working on
 - Domestic Court
 - TVs on walls for virtual meetings
 - County Court
 - Municipal Court
 - Dan has completed his part, Robert completing the projects
- Robert says he's still trying to figure out what is his job and what isn't
 - Having staff meetings at least once a week

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- Still trying to determine what is attached to wireless so he can assign new password
- In regards to what is Robert's job and what isn't, Commissioner Crooks suggested a good rule of thumb would be to ask, "if Dan was no longer with the County, how would the situation be handled?"
- Commissioner Porter suggested cross training for Courthouse lighting
 - Robert asked what are the plans for the Courthouse lighting
 - Commissioner Crooks said "to make what we have more vibrant"
 - She suggested Russ Nelson could help
- Commissioner Cameron said she had contacted Russ Nelson earlier and he would like to come in later in the spring
 - He could be expensive
 - Can buy or lease from Russ
- Commissioner Porter suggested contacting Convention Facilities to see if they may be willing to pay
 - He agrees it's time for a change in the lighting
 - Robert will talk to Russ
 - Guernsey County contracts with AVC Communications to do their lighting

Commissioner Crooks asked about security cameras and door locks monitoring that Maintenance has always worked with Dan on.

- Is that's Maintenance's responsibility
- Dan has done that since we've had door locks and cameras
- If wiring is run to a certain department, does that department have access to the cameras
- Who does it now, Dan or IT
 - Commissioner Porter would think that's IT's responsibility
 - Could create an issue of who the IT Director is
 - It would be Commissioner Crooks' hope that any department that would do anything that would remotely access IT technology expertise, they would start with Robert and involve him in the conversation
- The more Dan continues to do, the more it makes the area gray
- Commissioner Cameron understands that Robert has stressed that he definitely wants to keep a good working relationship with Dan
- Is there any reason for Dan to have full access to County departments
 - Robert will talk to Scott about access
 - Dan needs to be made aware
 - Robert will talk with Dan
 - Robert has already asked Dan to remove "IT Director" from his email

The following legislation was now considered:

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RESOLUTION 21-0232 authorize payment to the Muskingum Valley Garden Society for the filling of the flower containers at the Courthouse for 2021. The cost for early ordering is \$100.00 per container; \$700.00. To be paid from 001-902-50284.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0233 accept the resignation of Amanda Ford from Rambo Memorial Health Center effective immediately.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0234 approve removal of Jennifer Richards from On-Call from Rambo Memorial Health Center effective 02.26.2021. Last day worked = 06.21.2019.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter asked if we receive all of the Fire Department Grant applications before the April 30 deadline, could we proceed with reviewing them before the deadline.

- Agreed

Commissioner Porter reported that he received a text from Wesley Frank yesterday, asking to be put back on the email list to receive the Commissioners' agenda.

RESOLUTION 21-0235 WHEREAS, Jack D. Downing and David L. Downing were the original owners of the former water tower property located on Bryan Drive (Tax Parcel No. 70-90-03-18-000); and

WHEREAS, the deed of conveyance recorded at Volume 590, page 189 of the Deed Records of Muskingum County, Ohio contained a reverter clause; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that the sum of \$2,499.00 (two-thousand four-hundred ninety-nine & 00/100 dollars) be paid to Jack D. Downing & David L. Downing, 4228 El Mar Drive, Apartment 405, Lauderdale by the Sea, FL, 33308-5450, as compensation for executing a quit-claim deed which extinguishes the reverter clause found in Deed Volume 590, page 189.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Crooks asked about the fiber optics for the Dog Warden facility.

- Are we okay with moving forward

The Commissioners received an email from Pat Kelly with Pay Request Four for Flecto. The following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0236 approve and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Pay Request Number Four (4) in the amount of \$95,021.40 to Flecto Construction, for the Dog Warden Facility, East Pike.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

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There was continued discussion regarding the proposal from Ables Electric to install fiber optic at Dog Warden facility.

- The Sheriff says this makes the most sense to him
- Robert also agreed

Commissioner Cameron questioned whether this would actually be a change order.

- Wiring was never figured in the original contract

RESOLUTION 21-0237 approve and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Proposal from Ables Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$21,829.09 for the installation of fiber optics.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that the Raiders Road ditch that always flooded Mr. Rambo's property, is dry this morning.

Commissioner Cameron asked to see where the wiring was in the original contract that would justify Ables proposal being a change order, rather than an addition.

- Pat Kelly didn't have any wiring figured in the original contract

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:21 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.

Commissioner Porter attended the SEO Joint Solid Waste meeting in Caldwell.


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.