

Minutes for Monday, March 30, 2026

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

RES 26-0309 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 following was requested for consideration:

RESOLUTION 26-0312 declare an Executive Session at 7:57 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Matter of Economic Development of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 8:27 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, absent. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0310 approve and authorize the establishment of the following credit card and charge accounts for the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas Department of Probation retroactive to the original date of origin respective to each account with a monthly spending limit not to exceed \$5,000.00 and yearly maximum of \$30,000.00 as follows:

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Number of Cards</u>	<u>Authorized Signors</u>
Park National Bank (Visa CommUNITY no reward)	1	Melanie Richert Chief Probation Officer

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

RESOLUTION 26-0311 approve and authorize the execution of the jail contract between Washington County and Muskingum County for the period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 as submitted by the Muskingum County Sheriff Matthew J. Lutz.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, absent. Motion carried.

A return call was placed to Dirk Lincicome regarding water for Harrison Township. He was not available and a message was left.

A call was placed to James Rose. He was not available and a message was left.

Commissioner Bell reported that Coleen Thomas sent more photos claiming the Engineer's Department mowed off her forsythia bushes. Commissioner Bell responded by email saying that the Engineer said the bushes were in the Right-of-Way. If she has further questions or needs further discussion, it needs to be with the Engineer.

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Commissioner Bell reported an email from Terracon letting the Commissioners know of their Project Collaboration Portal for the Evidence Center.

Commissioner Prouty reported that they are getting quotes for the roof on the Rural Services Building.

Commissioner Prouty presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 26-0313 authorize purchase of 2021 Ram ProMaster Cargo Van from McHugh's in the amount of \$19,283. This vehicle will be used for Maintenance HVAC employee.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0314 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicles	001-115-506001	\$13,000

Decrease appropriations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicles	001-102-506001	\$7576.50

Increase appropriations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicles	001-115-506001	\$7576.50

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Commissioner Prouty reported a request from the Duncan Falls Business Association asking to shut down the Philo Bridge to use for their fireworks display, June 26; 9-10pm. A call was placed to Mark Eicher, Engineer, to ask his permission. Mark will do some research and get back with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he received a request for water from a resident and business owner in Wayne Township near 3000 block of SR60.

The following was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION 26-0315 approve a financial grant for the 2026 Quality Care Partners Corporate Challenge in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) "Weekend Warrior Sponsorship" from the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners from line item 001-102-504120 Advertising.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Commissioner Prouty reported that the fire hydrant at the fairgrounds has been repaired and is working.

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The Commissioners placed a call to Keith Nelson, who has inquired about having a part of SR555 declared “Freedom Road”. Mr. Nelson was referred to Representative Adam Holmes.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2026. Commissioner Prouty seconded. Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026. Commissioner Prouty seconded. Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell reported on her recent SEO Joint Solid Waste Policy Committee meeting regarding the proposed Rumpke Transfer Station. She has concerns about not following protocol.

The following from Brave Beginnings, met with the Commissioners in recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month:

- Roni Kuhn, Executive Director
- Gerry Elson, Board Member
- Koa Bell, Therapy Dog
- Carrie Andrews, Forensic Nurse
- Amanda McClelland, Forensic Nurse
- Trinity Saxton, Office Coordinator
- Steve Welker, Board President

The Commissioners presented Brave Beginnings with a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Muskingum County.

The Commissioners considered the following:

RESOLUTION 26-0316 approve the employment of Logan Hopkins, Maintenance Technician, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$25.50 per hour with evaluation after 180 day probationary period. Logan is approved for three personal days upon hire.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, presented two change orders for the 44 North Fourth Street property for the Commissioners’ signatures.

Chris Crooks, Redevelopment Specialist, met to update the Commissioners on current projects.

The Commissioners participated in a CCAO IT-AI Committee Meeting.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty

Cindy S. Cameron