

# Minutes for April 02, 2020

Commissioners Present: Porter, Cameron, Crooks  
Staff Present: Susan Reese

**RES 20-0309** Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.

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

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

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

Judge Scott Rankin came to talk to the Commissioners to share his opinion about renovation versus the Zane Street property. He is not in favor of renovating the current space...even with a renovation there would be no additional space. Judge Vinsel has communicated that he is not excited about the Zane Street property, but will do whatever the Commissioners choose. Judge Rankin said he really likes the Zane Street property, as does his staff. He believes Judge Vinsel would go along with the decision to move to Zane Street if the Commissioners said to do that. Commissioner Porter asked why they continue to collect fees if not using on a new facility. Judge Rankin said they were holding those monies for a new County Court and jail. Commissioner Crooks asked if County Court would stay there even if a new jail was built. Judge Rankin said if Zane Street was purchased, that would be their home. It was thought that Starlight would be open to conversation regarding the price. Judge Rankin thinks that Judge Vinsel will say he's not willing to purchase and renovate Zane Street. Commissioner Porter wondered if \$500,000 each would be reasonable.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 20-0310** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Eric Martin, Judge, Muskingum County Probate Court, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-238-504007 Misc Exp – Legis Updates	001-238-503017 COVID-19	\$500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Commissioner Porter asked Commissioner Cameron what she knew about the Washington Township Fire Department issues. The issue was discussion regarding removing Gene Hanning from his position as Fire Chief with the Washington Township Fire Department until COVID-19 has passed. He is accused of using PPE unnecessarily.

Commissioner Porter asked about Troy McCollister mentioning the possibility of having \$30,000 grant money for use to clean masks. It was questioned whether Genesis has been approved by the FDA to clean the masks with the machine they have...are they under the approval given to Batelle?

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Commissioner Cameron said Mark Eicher called questioning the decision he made to close the Engineer's office. He said he's not sure what to do. He does have some employees that are high risk for the Coronavirus.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 session with correction. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2020 Special Session. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Melissa Wood and Candy Emmert, of Muskingum County Child Protective Services, conference-called with the Commissioners regarding April being Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Cameron read the Proclamation. Melissa and Candy reported that Avondale Children's Home's current census is 17. They currently have no face to face visits but are doing FaceTime visits. She asked that the Commissioners wear blue and send her pictures in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Commissioners decided to wear blue Monday.

The Clerk asked the Board about Monday's scheduled bid opening for the Board of Elections HVAC. The Board decided to proceed with the bid opening but to hold it outside on the Courthouse esplanade.

Commissioner Cameron posed the question of three security deputies in the Courthouse when entrances and courts are so low right now.

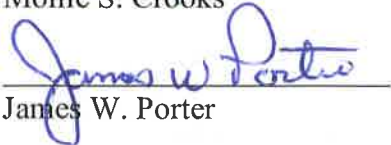
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Cindy S. Cameron



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter

*This is a condensed version of today's session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.*