

Minutes for Thursday, April 02, 2026

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

Commissioner Bell and Prouty attended a Landbank Meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Welcome Center.

RES 26-0317 Meeting was called to order at 9:05 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.

There was discussion regarding AEP's pending project.

Pam Davis, Human Resources requested the following:

RESOLUTION 26-0318 moved to go into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County Coroner. This session ended approximately 10:04 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0319 approve the employment of Jordan Rucker, Victoria Hively, Allison Driggs and Katelyn Gill for the 4 positions of Unit Support Worker II in the Human Services Division, MCJFS, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0320 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 128, for the Muskingum County Board of Elections, as requested by Lindsay Peadon, Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Remit to State	128-112-507027	\$4,300.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0321 authorize Todd Hixson to travel to the Polaris Hilton in Columbus, Ohio for the County Treasurers Association of Ohio Spring Conference, May 12, 13 and 14, 2026.

Estimated cost: \$775.00 *(This includes registration fee, room and board, travel and parking.)*

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0322 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-510002	009-000-414002	\$299,151.00
Transfer Out	Transfer In <i>(For equipment purchased in 2026.)</i>	

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners participated in an Electric Aggregation Pooling Discussion via Teams, presented by CCAO and Palmer Energy.

RESOLUTION 26-0323 WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents' lives; and

WHEREAS, Muskingum County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Muskingum County and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio encourages our fellow citizens to become engaged in and aware of services provided by county governments throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the dedication and hard work of the county workforce, who deliver critical services to the people of Muskingum County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio does hereby recognize April 2026 as National County Government Month.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

Mark Eicher, Engineer, sent a message that he has approved the fireworks on the Philo Bridge as requested by the Duncan Falls Business Association to be held June 29; 9:00-10:00 p.m.

He has contacted Wayne and Harrison Township Fire Departments, as well as, the Duncan Falls Business Association giving them his approval to move forward.

There will be a message Board placed at the bridge one week prior to the event.

All Emergency traffic will have access if needed.

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The Commissioners received a letter from the Ohio EPA indicating a resolution to the Boyd violation on Fourth Street, Roseville.

Commissioner Prouty and Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, looked at the property Monday, and even though Mr. Boyd has done a good job of cleaning smaller trash and has done significant work, there is still work to be done. They would not consider the violation resolved.

Commissioner Bell informed the Board that Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director reported that Ohio EMA Recovery has accepted \$840,996.29 in total claimed losses in Muskingum County, as a result of the March 13 windstorm.

The Commissioners received an email stating concerns regarding large mounds of dirt at 245 Hicks Road, Perry Township because of the industrial park. The email was forwarded to Eric Reed, Port Authority Director.

The Commissioners received the following request for consideration:

RESOLUTION 26-0324 authorize payment to the Muskingum Valley Garden Society for the filling of the flower containers at the Courthouse for 2026. The cost for early ordering is \$125.00 per container (7) equaling \$875.00. To be paid from 001-902-507024.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

Prosecutor Ron Welch met with the Commissioners to update them on his new hirings.

- Assistant for delinquent tax collections
- Child Support Attorney
- Prosecutor for Appellate work
- First Year Intern
- Second year Intern

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Prouty reported on EMA storage building renovations.

- Mid-East Students will be helping to remove top soil

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2026.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026.

Commissioner Bell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Lisa Griffin of Rumpke Waste and Recycling called the Commissioners to discuss the Zanesville Transfer Station.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty

ABSENT
Cindy S. Cameron