

Minutes for Monday, April 06, 2026

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 26-0325 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, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0326 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 190, for Muskingum County Community Development, as requested by Kyle Dunn, Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lead Safe Renovations	190-375-504422	\$250,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 26-0327 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 010, for the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, as requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SEAT	010-244-504066	\$5,000.00
FDC Alumni	010-244-504067	\$2,500.00
Maysville Drug Free Project	010-244-504068	\$4,000.00

(This is being requested for FY 2026 Opioid Funds)

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

RESOLUTION 26-0328 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 156 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>
156-373-504001	156-373-504069	\$66,000.00
Contract Services	Private Connections	

(This is for RPIG LMI Private water connections)

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0329 approve the establishment of new fund, number 158, which does *not* require approval of the State Auditor’s Office, and line items as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator for the Muskingum County Auditor’s Office.

ESTABLISH NEW FUND

Purpose of New Fund To accurately track & account for Social Security payments received on behalf of youth in custody of Muskingum County Children Services. Currently, these funds require a dedicated structure to ensure transparency, proper segregation, and compliance with applicable financial and reporting standards.

Fund Number 158
Fund Name Children Services Custodial Trust Fund
Department 695
Classification Trust Fund
CFDA n/a

The following revenue and expenditure line items will be created to reflect the activity of the fund as well as the corresponding appropriations:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Acct.</u>
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Revenues:

Social Security	104-000-409112		
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Expenditures:

Social Security Distribution	104-695-504070		
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Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0330 agree to sign pay application GMP 015 for the New Jail Project in the amount of \$3,830,098.49.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0331 approve funding an award of \$170,000.00 (One-Hundred and Seventy-Thousand Dollars) to Brave Beginnings outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). This award will be sourced from the One Ohio Opioid Fund (Fund 010).

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0332 approve funding an award of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) to Juvenile Court outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). This award will be sourced from the One Ohio Opioid Fund (Fund 010).

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0333 approve funding an award of \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars) to Juvenile Court outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). This award will be sourced from the One Ohio Opioid Fund (Fund 010).

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0334 approve funding an award of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to Juvenile Court outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). This award will be sourced from the One Ohio Opioid Fund (Fund 010).
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mark Eicher, Engineer, will be checking on the Rural Dale cemetery slip.

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

Don Madden and Zack Forker, Projects Department, met with the Commissioners to discuss Licking View Sanitary Sewer updates.

Don was given approval to replace his computer with newer equipment.

The Commissioners discussed their meeting with AEP and the electrical poles and ROW needs from other parties.

Pam Davis, Human Resources requested the following:

RESOLUTION 26-0335 moved to go into Executive Session at 10:19 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 11:40 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Kevin DeWine, CBD Advisors, met with the Commissioners to update.

The Commissioners received an email stating that reimbursement for Indigent Defense expenses would be 80% for the year 2026.

There was discussion regarding Dr. Gandolf’s response to her receiving the MOU prepared by Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor.

The Commissioners talked with David Marin with the Ohio Department of Agriculture regarding the financial status of the Muskingum County Agricultural Society.

There was continued discussion regarding the legal responsibility of the SEO Joint Solid Waste Board and Policy Committees.

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The Commissioners discussed the proposed changes in the removal of the electrical towers in the alley behind the Courthouse in the employee parking lot. Commissioner Prouty pointed out that this improvement will also benefit the Community. All agreed that it was best to proceed for the betterment of the community, even at the added cost to be covered by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the proposal for sponsorship for Gus Macker 2027 and considered the following:

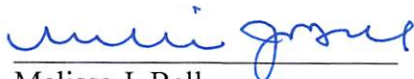
RESOLUTION 26-0336 approve a financial grant for Zanesville Gus Macker 2027 in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), Court Sponsor, from the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners' LATCF dollars. Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund Check payable to: Muskingum County Community Foundation; Love Thy Neighbor Fund Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Cameron.

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

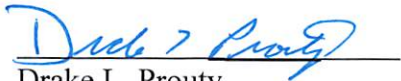
Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty reported that during the storm of March 27 the Water and Sewer Department and Sheriff's Office were affected by "dirty electricity". Eric Watkins, Facilities Superintendent, is investigating the situation with AEP.

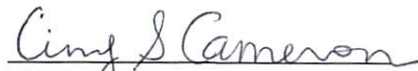
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:38 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron