

Minutes for Thursday, April 09, 2026

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

RES 26-0337 Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners to continue discussion regarding the proposed AEP project.

Mark Eicher, County Engineer, Matt Russell, Deputy Administrator and Gary Williams, Deputy Engineer met with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0346 open bids for Asphalt for the Muskingum County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0347 accept and award bid for Asphalt to Asphalt Materials, for the Muskingum County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0348 open bids for Resurfacing and Parking Lot Improvements – Muskingum County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0349 take bids under advisement for Resurfacing and Parking Lot Improvements – Muskingum County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0350 authorize re-bid for Masonic Temple Parking Lot, due to all bids received on Thursday, April 09, being over 20% estimate.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, met with the Commissioners to present a quote from Buckeye Power Sales for generators and analysis to South Avenue. All agreed to proceed.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mark Eicher, Engineer went to the Thomas residence on Pinecrest who had concerns with the County mowing off her forsythia bushes. Mark said the mowing was well within the County right-of-way.

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There was continued discussion regarding the County water and sewer rates. It was noted the last sewer rate increase was 2011, 2016 for water. A decision will be made Monday.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0338 re-appoint Sue Hoover to the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Directors for a 4 year term, commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0339 re-appoint Sean Brady to the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Directors with a 4 year term, commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0340 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Water Department as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
014-373-510001 Advance Out	156-000-414001 Advance In- Rt 555 Phase 2	\$250,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0341 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 033, for the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas, as requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Incentives	033-244-504344	\$930.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0342 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 024 as requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Manager, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
024-644-504344 Incentives	024-644-504001 Contract Services	\$6,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0343 appoint Jeff Jadwin and Ed Shaffer to the Floodplain Appeals Board for 3 year terms, terms ending October 08, 2029. Requested by Ray Mennega, Administrator.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0344 approve the appointment of Commissioner Prouty as the annual District 18 Ohio Public Works County Subcommittee appointment for the County Commissioners to attend and vote on project priority for projects submitted for funding during 2026 and 2027.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0345 accept Tax Incentive Review Council recommendations for 2026, as follows:

Continue all of the existing Enterprise Zone agreements, except for Fyda Freightliner.

Recommending Fyda Freightliner's Enterprise Zone Agreement be reduced from 50% to 30%.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Commissioner Prouty left session at 9:30 a.m. to attend Tri-Valley Workforce Development meeting.

Commissioner Bell reported that Dr. Gandolf called her to confirm a change in rates initially presented and included in the MOU.

Commissioner Bell explained to her that we are in contract and she cannot change stated rates. Dr. Gandolf is yet to sign the MOU.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Governor DeWine has awarded funding to eleven counties, including Muskingum, for the State Disaster Relief Program for the January 24-27 snow event.

There was continued discussion regarding AEP proposed project. Kade will be handling communications with all parties involved.

Commissioner Bell reported that EODA has decided to return to the old model of officers – Two Commissioners and Two Economic Development positions.

Commissioner Bell will become Vice President for the remainder of 2026.

The Commissioners attended the “Speak up-No more Secrets” presentation by the Prosecutor's Office at Zane State.

Zanesville City Mayor Don Mason met with the Commissioners to discuss AEP running lines underground and updates on the storm sewer lines to the new jail.

1:45 p.m. Commissioner Bell left session because of a family medical emergency.

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The Commissioners met virtually with Vanessa Butler of GroundWork Ohio. GroundWork Ohio works with children and young families to thrive through childcare challenges. Vanessa has also met with MVESC.

Commissioner Prouty reported there is another family currently serviced through Juvenile, that could use one of the drug forfeiture vehicles. He asked if the Board would agree to transfer the vehicle through the Center for Seniors, as they did the last one. All agreed. Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, will prepare the paperwork.

Seth Vensil, County Coroner, met with the Commissioners at their request and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0351 moved to go into Executive Session at 3:06 p.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 3:59 p.m.

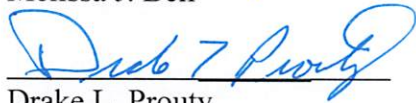
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty to attend a Planning Commissioner Meeting.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron