

Minutes for April 11, 2022

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

RES 22-0374 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0375 accepts Official Amended Certificate Number eight (8) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated April 04, 2022.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0376 authorize by signing, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement for the year 2023.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0377 approve the posting of the position of full-time Systems Administrator for the Muskingum County IT Department. This request was submitted by Pam Davis, Human Resources.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners acknowledged the email response from Soil and Water regarding equipment parking.

Commissioner Porter was asked if he has heard anything from Dan Arter about the Soldiers and Sailors parking lot. No, he will follow up with him.

RESOLUTION 22-0378 declare an Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining Pending Disciplinary Action of public employees of Muskingum County Records Center. This session ended about 10:18 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer Shuey and Eric Ratts from DLZ Corporation came to talk with the Commissioners about a feasibility study for a potential jail.

- Phase One: Project Recognition
- Phase Two: Needs Assessment

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- Phase Three: Facility Program Development
- Phase Four: Project Definition and Implementation Plan
- Phase Five: Bureau of Adult Detention
- Cost for Feasibility Study - \$19,500 - approximately 120 days to complete
- Also looks at programing to help inmates; presents a different way of looking at things
- Build for 20-30 years out and don't count on rental revenue
- Commissioner Porter asked if DLZ would visit a proposed site for the new jail; they said yes

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came to update the Commissioners.

- OCJS – State ARPA money dedicated to Law Enforcement “Reduction in Violence” staffing
 - Has its own portal and application process
 - Application deadline April 25; he forwarded to Heroes Landing

Eric presented a materials cost outline for the fairgrounds waterline project and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0379 approve ARPA funding for the Muskingum County Fairgrounds Waterline Extension Project, under the Negative Economic Impact category, up to the amount of \$77,478.32. Under the materials section, the pipe cost will be covered by the Muskingum County Water Department.

Cost Breakdown as follows:

Installation:

Hazen Services, LLC; \$49,880

Materials:

Fittings, Hydrants, etc:

Muskingum County Water Department; \$13,501.16

Pipe:

Muskingum County Water Department; \$14,097.16

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

- Clean Face
 - Eric called Jim Bunting Thursday afternoon and presented the options to him
 - Proceed with construction during fair week
 - Delay until after the fair
 - One for one replacement
 - Mr. Bunting called Eric back Friday morning and asked if he could come down to the fairgrounds to explain it to them
 - Eric went down and the following were there:
 - Dave Kreis
 - Doug Guinsler
 - Jim Bunting
 - Jerry Miller

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- Rodney Crooks
- Eric explained the options
 - They are not in favor of one for one replacement
 - Doesn't fix handicap issue
 - Still concerned with pipes under concrete floor; can they handle that much water going out with new toilets
 - Eric talked to Stan about that; Stan did run the camera in those pipes and he says they are in good condition and doesn't think there is a problem with the pipe, but maybe couldn't get an engineer to say that will be enough capacity to take it out; too many variables to get confirmation.
 - The Fair Board said they would take care of the situation of Clean Face being open during the fair. They said they got through the fair last year, they will patch what they need to and the toilets that don't work they will sub with a port-o-let. They will make it work this year, knowing they are getting something nice for next year.
 - Commissioner Porter noted that the Fair Board won't have to use the port-o-let during the fair so it won't bother them.
 - Commissioner Porter said Clean Face being closed or using port-o-lets during the fair is unacceptable
- The Fair Board's choice would be to hire a CMR for construction to start after the fair.
- Commissioner Porter asked, what if we told the CMR he has \$200,000 for Clean face renovations....would the Fair Board accept that?
 - Eric thinks they would; at that point Eric thinks Jeremy needs to be involved
- Commissioner Porter thinks there are two urinals in the men's that need fixed
 - The ladies' isn't that bad....it can function
 - They can start construction after the fair, but do not close during the fair
 - Eric said the Fair Board did say they thought they could band-aid it enough to get through the fair
 - Commissioner Cameron asked if they could replace the water heaters so they could have hot water for the fair this year, we're going to need new ones anyway, even if we go ahead and give them the money for those now. The location of the heaters would probably stay the same in the renovation; would still be part of the cost.
- Commissioner Crooks would appreciate Jeremy Davis coming in to help walk us through the CMR process; this has drag on too long
 - Commissioner Porter said he knows how it works
 - Commissioner Cameron noted that she has certainly not been in favor of dragging this whole process out; Jim and Mollie can decide what happens on this bathroom. She doesn't think anyone has wanted to drag out this process

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- Commissioner Porter asked if we are still considering the grandstand project
 - Commissioner Cameron said since the beginning that would be her vote, more crazy not to finish the grandstand
- Commissioner Porter would appreciate knowing the cost involved in the sewer repairs
 - Eric did make the Fair Board aware of the cost of the water project and they were appreciative
- Commissioner Cameron said she's not sure why the people by the hog barn and grandstand don't ask about that bathroom being fixed...it's every bit as bad as Clean Face.
- Commissioner Cameron reminded that the Commissioners also did the beams in the coliseum a few years ago
- ...and Commissioner Porter reminded that several years ago we put a new roof on the grandstand and never got credit for that....they claimed it was paid by insurance

The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0380 approve up to \$200,000 towards the Clean Face restoration at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds, as long as it is not closed for this year's fair and the hot water system is installed before the fair.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks asked if that would include design fees.

Commissioner Porter said that is negotiable with CMR.

All agreed that it be a stipulation to have the hot water system installed before the fair.

Commissioner Cameron added, even if we need to give them the money now.

Eric will set up a meeting time with Jeremy Davis.

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

Commissioner Porter moved to approve payroll, pending review. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Pam Davis, came in to meet with the Commissioners. She presented Hull coverage for the Lorena and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0381 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Commercial Hull and P & I Application for the Lorena Sternwheeler.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, nay; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Porter's reasoning for voting no, is that he's done with the Lorena. He understands that we need insurance on it and we should do it, but still feels we're getting screwed from the City on the whole Lorena deal.

We are to still bill CVB and the City when the bill comes in.

RESOLUTION 22-0382 declare an Executive Session at 1:31 p.m. for the purpose of addressing Disciplinary Action pertaining to that of a public employee of Muskingum County Records Center. This session ended about 1:39 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Fair Board debt. Commissioner Cameron asked if we have to do a resolution that they are not paying their debt? Commissioner Porter remembers that there have been previous resolutions, not forgiveness up until 2022, but for six or nine months...certain time frames.

Commissioner Crooks said she has brought it up in the past because of the discrepancy, to have a resolution to clarify for everyone. She has done a lot of research where the debt came from and Larry Merry told her that the debt was never supposed to get passed on to the Fair Board.

Commissioner Porter said that is not right.

Commissioner Crooks said, even with that being said, the Fair Board had been paying. It's just confusing...and the fact remains they were paying it, then they stopped paying it and their side of the story is they were told to stop paying it.

Commissioner Cameron said obviously we're not making them pay because they haven't been paying it. We would look kind of foolish giving them \$200,000 and then asking them to pay their debt. Obviously, they are not going to pay it and if we had to do a resolution for the Center for Seniors, why wouldn't we have to do it for the Fair Board?

Commissioner Porter said there is a paper trail for the debt, shouldn't go to Larry Merry, there is a paper trail. Should do homework, because there is a paper trail.

Commissioner Crooks said she has done extensive research.

Russell Edgington, Park District Director, came in to update the Commissioners.

- Russell reported that the wing walls on their current office building are collapsing; but not a safety concern at this time
 - \$250,000 - \$300,000 to repair
- Also the furnace in the office has died
 - They want to wait to see if they will be staying in that building before making any definite decision on how to handle
- They would like to purchase a new tractor, truck and utility vehicle for trails
 - Fleet garage will no longer work on truck; frame is broken
- Joe's Run is completed
- John McIntire – installing shade structure
- McGraw Edison – Roads are paved, planning upgrades to entrance
- Gale Gardens – Sculptures added

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- Mission Oaks – adding native plants; Native plant sale May 7
- Meadow Springs Farm – Challenging with so many stipulations on usage
- There was discussion about an Advance to the Park District in September of 2020 of \$188,000.
 - Russell brought a check for \$139,000 today to deposit back to General Fund
- Commissioner Porter recommended that Russell check out ODNR grants for a utility vehicle

Kyle Dunn, Director of Community Development came to see the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0383 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement. This agreement is for our Housing Program Income fund and is implemented every five years.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of April 04, 2022. Commissioner Crooks seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks reported that the ONE Ohio organizational meeting for our area will be Monday, April 18; 10-11:00 a.m. She will not be available and has sent a message asking if Commissioners Porter or Cameron could attend. Commissioner Porter reminded that we have a bid opening that morning at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Crooks if the Board of Revision knew anything about the Bakery and Avon asking for a tax reduction in their property tax evaluation. Their tax abatement is gone and now they are asking for a reduction totaling \$11 million between the two. Commissioner Crooks said they haven't had a hearing yet, but could be on a future schedule. Commissioner Cameron said someone from one of their districts called to ask her about it. Commissioner Porter said, a deal's a deal...they've had ten years tax free. Commissioner Cameron did not see the paper, someone just asked her about it.

Commissioner Porter asked what if the Fair Board rejects the \$200,000 offer for Clean Face?

Commissioner Cameron said, guess they won't get a new bathroom.

- Why didn't they have all the Grounds Committee members at the meeting?

Commissioner Cameron suggested that we need to talk with Mark Eicher if we are not going to do anything about helping him build a building as was discussed briefly on Thursday.

Commissioner Porter said he struggles supporting it

Commissioner Cameron's thought is that he has no way to generate money and part of this Board was willing to put \$2.1 million to Munson. Not sure how he is supposed to build a building if we don't help him....it's County and our employees; just like Avondale, it's our facility.

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Commissioner Porter said, talking two different things, not building a new building at Avondale. Commissioner Cameron said, but could possibly cost \$650,000 at Avondale.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came in to talk with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0384 approve the employment of Lora Paisley as full-time Assistant Cook for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors. Starting wage will be \$12.21 per hour, with no increase after probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Lora Paisley is currently employed with the Center for Seniors in another position. The Center for Seniors Union is in agreement with the lateral wage for Ms. Paisley.

RESOLUTION 22-0385 declare an Executive Session at 3:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to Pending Disciplinary Action of a public employee of Muskingum County Center for Seniors. This session ended about 3:11 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0386 authorize the one day unpaid suspension per the Order of Discipline for Anita Russell, to be Wednesday, April 20, 2022, Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

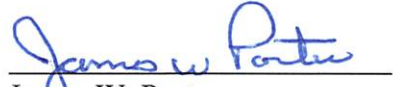
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

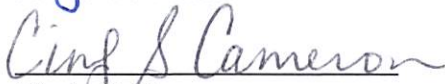
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:13 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter



Cindy S. Cameron

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