

Minutes for April 14, 2022

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

RES 22-0387 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came in to see the Commissioners.

- He is proposing to trade in their 2017 245 John Deere Excavator for a 2022 85 John Deere with Murphy Equipment

All agreed and the following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0388 accept and sign quote from Murphy Tractor and Equipment for trade of Sewer Department's 2017 John Deere 245 Excavator for a 2022 John Deere 85G Excavator which includes attachments and extended warranty. The trade –in will result in a \$7,700 in store credit with Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0389 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2020 & 2021 with 2022 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Shannon Bell, Director of Rambo Memorial Health.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Genesis	Chest X-ray	\$ 20.00
Shrivers	Tobacco Program lozenges	\$128.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0390 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 033 as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager of Juvenile, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
033-244-503001-Specialized Docket-Supplies	033-244-50200-Insurance	\$2,000.00
033-244-504344-Specialized Docket-Incentives	033-244-502004-Insurance	\$2,200.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0391 acknowledge the resignation of Paul E. Reed from the Muskingum County Information Services effective May 13, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 22-0392 approve the posting of the position of Full-time Desktop Technician. 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.

There was discussion regarding an email from Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, regarding the "Make Muskingum Home" Initiative. A call was placed to Mark for further information. The resolution is just supporting the initiative through the Straker Foundation and Community Foundation...no cost to the County. The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0393 Pursuant to Chapter 307 and other pertinent Chapters of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners for Muskingum County, Ohio (the "County Commissioners") hereby adopts the following resolution ("Resolution"):

WHEREAS, Muskingum County, Ohio (the "County") and the local region have seen a decline in local residents with qualified certificates, qualified licenses or college degrees that would serve as a basis for improving the economic conditions and subsequent quality of life improvements for the County and region; and

WHEREAS, this decline has led to a loss of overall population in the County, leading to increasing burdens on local government to meet the needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the County, in conjunction with the Zanesville- Muskingum County Port Authority (the "Port Authority") and the Muskingum County Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission"), is responsible for coordination and supervising economic development functions in Muskingum County; and

WHEREAS, the Port authority represents the County in joint planning activities with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the County is charges pursuant to 713.22 of the Ohio Revised Code with the formation and adoption of a committee to plan for the development of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission drafted a comprehensive plan, the 2020 Muskingum County Comprehensive Plan (the "Comprehensive Plan"), for the development of the County with input from local professionals which was approved by the County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2020 Fact Sheet compiled by the Port Authority:

- Only 40% if Muskingum County residents have a high school diploma, 20.6% have a 1-3 years of college, 12.2# have a associate degree, 10.9# have a bachelor degree, and 5.7% have a graduate degree.
- Only 76.1% of Muskingum County residents work in Muskingum County.
- Only 29.59% of Muskingum County residents have "high-knowledge occupational employment" (certain jobs in healthcare, science, engineering, business, financial, mathematical, education, legal and management).
- Only 2.4% of the Muskingum County labor force works in " professional, scientific, and technical services".

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan acknowledges the importance of education and training, and attracting and keeping highly skilled workers in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan has among its goals to ensure a full range of opportunities for advanced education and training will be available and accessible, and retaining educated, skilled and entrepreneurial talent; and

WHEREAS, the County has appointed the Port Authority, which has extensive experience with the necessity of retaining and increasing talent in the region to counter significant job losses, an eroding tax base, and reductions in government service, as the lead economic development agency for the area; and

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WHEREAS, the J.W. and M.H. Straker Foundation (the “Straker Foundation”) and the Muskingum County Community Foundation (the “Community Foundation”), in collaboration with other partners focused on increasing talent retention and regional prosperity, and combatting deteriorating and financially distressed communities, have created a new “Make Muskingum Home” award fund (the “Fund”); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this new Fund will lessen the burdens of government by preventing further erosion of the County’s economic base through recruiting and retaining college and vocationally educated individuals for the workforce who live and work in the County; and

WHEREAS, through the Fund, the Straker Foundation and the Community Foundation seek to lessen the burdens of the County government and improve the quality of life and economic condition of residents in the County, consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and related economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is a part of a regional effort with the community partners to expand our talent retention efforts, stimulate greater investments in our communities and improve our economic outlook; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Fund is to support the efforts of local partners to attract professionals with degrees, qualified certificate holders and qualified license holders in essential areas to work and live in our financially distressed County and communities; and

WHEREAS, relief of the poor and distressed or of the underprivileged, advancement of education or science, lessening the burdens of government, or combatting community deterioration and juvenile delinquency are all included in the definition of the term “charitable” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, Treas. Reg. Subsection 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. Muskingum County anticipates and represents that the “Make Muskingum Home” Fund will lessen the burdens of County government by improving income levels, decreasing unemployment rates, increasing household incomes and increasing the percentage of residents with college degrees, qualified certificates or qualified licenses living and working in Muskingum County.
2. Muskingum County is authorized to enter into a joint effort with the Straker Foundation, the Community Foundation, Port Authority, and City of Zanesville to administer the “Make Muskingum Home” Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0394 sign Letter of Support for South East Ohio Transit for their application to ODOT for the Two Vehicle Expansion Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the next Department Head meeting in person at the EMA Office. They also agreed to provide lunch.

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

- Eric reported that Jim Bunting called him to say the Fair Board approved the Resolution regarding Clean Face and are good with the requirements. They will make sure Clean Face is open during the fair.
 - Eric sent an email to Jeremy to let him know how the Board is proceeding and asked if he would be available the week of April 25
 - Jeremy said he would be available Monday afternoon, the 25th
- Eric reported that Stan is figuring costs for the fairgrounds sewer repairs.

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- Eric had a message from OBM that they are redistributing unrequested township ARPA monies to townships, but it appeared amounts would be very small
- Twin Hills pre-bid meeting is today
- Eric attended the Farm Bureau Policy Meeting yesterday
 - They discussed: Zoning; Broadband and Speed in school zones

The Clerk reported that she has only heard back from two firms regarding feasibility studies; DLZ and Public Facilities Investments.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 2:00 p.m.

Sheriff Lutz came in for the 2:00 meeting.

- Sheriff also discussed a requirement from the State Auditor regarding a question concerning increased payout of sick leave at retirement

The Commissioners met with representatives from Public Facilities Investment via Zoom, regarding a feasibility study for a potential new jail. Sheriff Lutz was also present for the meeting.

Commissioner Cameron addressed concerns with jail staff parking on City streets, using parking spaces for Courthouse customers. Sheriff will address with his staff and will call Cindy Baker about parking in the QCP's Third Street lot.

There was continued discussion about the feasibility study for the jail.

Commissioner Cameron said if we hire someone to do a feasibility study at least we will know if we're all right trying to do it or not do it. And, the community is not going to buy in, definitely against a levy.

Commissioner Porter said the community has already told you what they think about it. He's seen feasibility study after feasibility study and you'd might as well throw that money out on Main Street. Commissioner Cameron said she knows she could not figure things about the jail....what is needed or what makes sense.

The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0395 authorize the hiring of DLZ Architecture, Inc. for a Muskingum County Jail Study.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Discussion...

Commissioner Cameron asked if we should have asked them about doing it for less.

Commissioner Porter said that would have been the first thing he would've asked, but it doesn't seem to work that way in here anymore, did for several years.

Commissioner Crooks said that she wouldn't know the value of their work.

Commissioner Porter said negotiation worked for years in here. If we asked him to do it cheaper at least they would consider it and most times they do. Commissioner Cameron said it wouldn't hurt to ask. She thought we would hear from at least four of the five we asked and we'd have four different prices and maybe that would be what had made up our minds.

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

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Crooks asked Commissioner Porter if he was voting against this company or against the feasibility study.

- Commissioner Porter said the community rejected this jail through a levy
- He struggles putting the County in a \$60 million debt, and you won't build it for \$60 million, it'll be more than that
- He struggles with not even letting Public Facilities Investments give a price for their study
- He could go on and on....his vote is no
- He thinks everyone knows we need a new jail
- Commissioner Cameron is just trying to see what they say
- Commissioner Cameron said the voters also voted the license tax down, but Mark Eicher thinks we need it. Some things, she feels, they are going to vote no, no matter what. If this is what we need for the license tax or a jail, sooner or later we are going to have to do something
 - Commissioner Porter asked why they are voting no....because they don't like paying all the taxes
 - Commissioner Crooks said, and they'll be the first to complain about the roads or...
 - Commissioner Cameron said and I don't either, but I pay the same taxes that they pay
 - Commissioner Porter said, we're blessed, we can afford it, many people can't

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 07, 2022 session with changes. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks reported that Gail Deitrick of the Fair Board called her about the premium payment approval by the Commissioners.

- Gail wanted to know how much for each premium
- Commissioner Crooks told her it calculated out to \$10 for each participant
- Commissioner Crooks also shared with her the Commissioners' discussion about how the premiums were distributed
 - Gail said there is no easy way, but likes how it was done last year
 - The reason they did it on Sunday last year, because all of the kids that have animals are there on Sunday
 - Gail was asked if there could be more flexibility on who picks up the premiums and would it be possible to have a second day of distribution
 - Gail said those are things she could work on and would let us know
 - Gail also said that it was short notice last year, on advising them of the pick-up day; she'll try to get that information out earlier this year
 - Commissioner Crooks believes they will be looking to the Commissioners to help again this year

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- Commissioner Porter noted that beef breeder and feeder calves don't come in until Wednesday of the fair

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 session.

Commissioner Porter seconded.

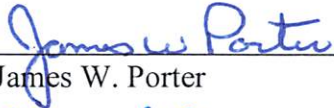
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:12 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.



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.