

# Minutes for Thursday, April 16, 2026

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

**RES 26-0378** Meeting was called to order at 8:00 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.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 26-0379** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 009, for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

| <u>Description</u>      | <u>Account Code</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Materials-Roads         | 009-368-503009      | \$500,000.00  |
| Equipment & Maintenance | 009-368-506001      | \$25,000.00   |
| Vehicles                | 009-368-506010      | \$31,000.00   |

Funds will be used for equipment and road maintenance materials; stone, salt, asphalt, emulsion, etc.

Motion made by Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0380** authorize Juanetti Yester and Lucretia Frame to travel to Philadelphia, PA to attend the 2026 National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators (NAGARA) Annual Conference, Tuesday, July 21, 2026 through Friday July 24, 2026

**KNOWN EXPENSES**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Lucretia Registration   | \$499.00 |
| Juanetti Registration   | \$499.00 |
| 4 night hotel stay, Sonesta Philadelphia Rittenhouse Square (\$169.00/night, taxes 16.36%. Taxes included.) | \$786.59 |
| Lucretia Pre-conference workshops   | \$198.00 |
| Juanetti Pre-conference workshops   | \$198.00 |
| Meals (\$50 daily allowance limit a piece) (Mon-Fri)  | \$500.00 |

**Estimated cost:** \$2,680.59

*This does not include transportation expenses. Transportation options and costs are still being explored and will be shared for approval at a later date.*

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0381** approve the employment of Jamie Bruggeman, Hannah Wagner, and Marissa Cervoski for the 3 positions of Clerical Specialist III in the Human Services Division of MCJFS, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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**RESOLUTION 26-0382** approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Prosecutor's Office as requested by Ron Welch, Prosecuting Attorney, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

| <u>From Fund</u> | <u>To Fund</u>      | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 001-999-510002   | 157-000-414002      | \$42,674.32   |
| General Fund     | Victim Criminal Act |               |

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0383** approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2025 with 2026 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Marcie Blackwood, Office Clerk.

| <u>Name of Vendor</u> | <u>Description</u>        | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Amazon                | Number Stencil Set        | \$64.02       |
| Amazon                | 27" touchscreen, Air Wick | \$959.31      |

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0384** authorize by signing, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement for the year 2027. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

The Commissioners discussed the receipt of a Landbank check for Chris Crook's work for the Landbank. The Commissioners asked Chris to keep a more detailed log of his work for the Landbank.

Chris also reported on the Westwood Drive property.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Attorney General Dave Yost returned the Commissioners' phone call to her after session. She asked him about the ARPA money to Heroes Landing and he didn't remember much about it and apologized.

Commissioner Prouty reported Pastor Michael Bullock asked if the Commissioners would attend the Grand Opening of Miles' Mission Memorial Park Grand Opening, May 2; 11am. The Clerk will prepare a proclamation.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, reported that Brian Addis, APG Architects, contacted him about the color of the chain link fence at the Center for Seniors. Brian was told to use his best judgement.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he visited the Bright Spot campground on SR60 South. The owners of the campground and marina have asked for help in having a Pedestrian Crossing from the Campground across SR60 to the marina. Commissioner Prouty spoke with the co-owner and advised her to contact the state of Ohio regarding the pedestrian crossing. Since they are a new business in the area, they could also contact Blue Rock Township Trustees for any other assistance they may need.

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Commissioner Prouty reported that the Mid-East Adult Heavy Equipment Operations Class has completed the groundwork at the EMA parking lot. He reported they did a great job, used their own equipment and fuel to accomplish the work.

Commissioner Bell gave an update on the Fairgrounds/Fairboard.

- Bathroom sinks have been ordered to replace broken ones
  - Sinks busted over the winter due to lack of winterization
- Water leak in front of hog barn
  - \$5,000+ to repair

The Commissioners received a call from Jeff Stankunas' office letting the Commissioners know Jeff will be back in the office and will call the Commissioners after 3:00 today.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, reported that he has received a change order for the roof at the 44 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street renovation...\$44,000.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he visited the Rural Services Building but could not get into the USDA/FSA Office. They will be cleaning the carpet today. Maintenance has sealed the windows.

Commissioner Prouty has asked that Brad Melshimer with Modern Glass be invited in to discuss the progress of the Courthouse windows.

Commissioner Cameron reported on Blue Rock Cemetery in Blue Rock Township. There is a large slip occurring that could involve 25 bodies. Mark Eicher, Engineer, has gone to assess the situation. Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, has also contacted several state agencies to seeking financial assistance. The Township Trustees will be doing a little more research as to how to best remedy the situation.

The Commissioners attended the MCJFS Recognition Lunch at the Welcome Center. Then they attended the Rambo Health Clinic luncheon at the Zanesville Country Club. They also visited the EMA site to view the recent dirtwork, the demolition at the old Holiday Inn and the National Road grading project.

Theresa Tom, Brad Richert and Jason Lyall with Rankin and Rankin Insurance and Ali Redmond with CORSA met with the Commissioners, Pam Davis, HR and Kade Haddox, County Administrator for the 2026 Program Update.

The Commissioners were asked to consider the following:

**RESOLUTION 26-0385** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 010, for the Muskingum County, as requested by Marcie Blackwood, Office Clerk.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Account Code</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Brave Beginnings   | 010-102-504071      | \$170,000.00  |

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 26-0386** acknowledge the resignation of Holley Lane, Requested by Kate Paul, Executive Director, Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-0387** declare an Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation Matters of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 4:15 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Commissioner Bell reported that Joshua Little called about his son Keith who is an inmate in the County Jail. Mr. Little claims that his son is not receiving his medication while in the jail. Commissioner Bell went to the jail and talked to the nurse. Commissioner Bell call Mr. Little and left a message that if he has further questions, to contact Nurse Lynn at the jail.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the April 09, 2026 session.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 session.

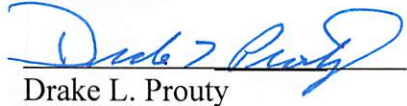
Commissioner Cameron seconded.

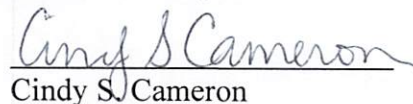
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners told Eric Watkins, Facilities Superintendent, to proceed with replacing the LED bulbs at the Graham Street garage.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:33 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.

  
Melissa J. Bell

  
Drake L. Prouty

  
Cindy S. Cameron