

Minutes for Monday, April 20, 2026

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

RES 26-0388 Meeting was called to order at 8:02 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.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 26-0389 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 098, for the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office, as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CCW-Supplies	098-458-503001	\$20,000.00
CCW-Contract Services	098-458-504001	\$10,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 26-0390 WHEREAS, the (Muskingum County, Ohio) (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
- The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 85% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 1, **by 5:00 p.m.** The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing

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Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0391 approve and authorize the ADVANCE of funds from fund 014 to funds 251, 252, 253 & 255 for the Muskingum County Water Department as requested by, Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, as follows:

ADVANCE OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
014-373-510001	251-000-414001	\$100,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In-Powelson Area Waterline	
014-373-510001	252-000-414001	\$100,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In-Old Nashport Area Waterline	
014-373-510001	253-000-414001	\$100,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In-Vickers Hill Waterline	
014-373-510001	255-000-414001	\$50,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In-Harrison Township Waterline	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0392 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	Air Wick Plug In, Car Air Freshener	\$53.97

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0393 approve and authorize the ADVANCE of funds from fund 018 to funds 096 & 097 for the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities as requested by, Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager, as follows:

ADVANCE OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
018-694-510001	096-000-414001	\$1,312.95
Advance Out	Advance In	
018-694-510001	097-000-414001	\$1,757.96
Advance Out	Advance In	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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RESOLUTION 26-0394 approve the increase in Appropriations within Fund Numbers 096 & 097 for the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities as requested by Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supplies (Increase 2026 appropriations in the Special Education FY26 ODE Grant Fund-096)	096-694-503001	\$4,150.00
Supplies (Increase 2026 appropriations in the Early Childhood FY26 ODE Grant Fund-097)	097-694-503001	\$1,725.00

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

Commissioner Bell reported on the CCAO Board Meeting she attended virtually last Friday.

There was continued discussion regarding the Muskingum County Fairgrounds and Fair Board.

Commissioner Prouty reported that there is a revised quote for the 44 North Fourth Street roof repair. Jason Baughman, Chief Building Inspector, looked at the project and made a recommendation that would decrease the cost of repairs by \$11,000.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 session, with changes. Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

The Commissioners had a call with Jerry Miller, President of the Muskingum County Fair Board. The Commissioners would like to attend a Fair Board meeting. Mr. Miller said their board is now meeting twice a month; the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Commissioners confirmed they will be attending a Board meeting May 19. Commissioner Prouty inquired about the sprinkler system in the Veterans' Building. Mr. Miller said that the system is working, but the sprinkler head is leaking.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, met with the Commissioners and was asked about protocol for the major slip at the Blue Rock/Ruraldale Cemetery. Is it the County's responsibility? Mark believes it is not the County's responsibility.

Mark will look into the process of preserving and/or moving the bodies in the slip.

The Commissioners held a phone call with Charlie Schilling, Washington County Commissioner regarding the proposed Rumpke Transfer Station. Belpre Township is not interested in having the transfer station in their township. Rumpke is currently looking for another location. There was also discussion regarding SEO Joint Solid Waste Policy Board versus Board of Directors. It was agreed that the Board of Directors is ultimately the decision maker.

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RESOLUTION 26-0395 moved to go into Executive Session at 9:58 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 11:20 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0396 authorize the following wage adjustments due to position promotions within the Commissioners' Office:

Marcie Blackwood to Deputy Clerk \$23.66/hour

Kacey Stackhouse to Clerk \$26.00/hour

These changes are to be effective April 27, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, updated the Commissioners on the painting of the Rural Services Building. Commissioner Prouty reminded him to have the gas meter and electric box painted, as well.

Kade also reported that he hand delivered the AEP Electric proposal letters to the involved parties, last Friday. No response to report.

Kade updated the Commissioners on the roof replacement at 44 North Fourth Street. The cost will be \$11,000 less than originally bid due to a recommendation of the Building Department. He also reported an additional \$860 for the carpeting in the 44 North Fourth Street renovation, due to the choice of carpeting.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to meet Phil Valentine, of ODOT on SR666 to discuss an issue concerning a slip.

A call was placed to Russ Edgington, Park District Director, to confirm a meeting with the Commissioners and ODOT to further discuss this slip.

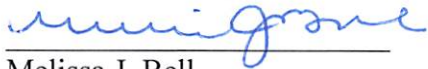
The Commissioners received a letter from Michael and Coleen Thomas, with an invoice for \$607 from Timber Run Gardens for the replacement of six forsythia bushes they claim were mowed off by the County Engineer's Office. The Engineer maintains that the bushes were in the County right-of-way. The Thomas' stated they would settle for \$400 and do the planting themselves. The Commissioners made no decision regarding their request.

Commissioner Prouty reported on a conversation he had with Don Madden, Projects Manager regarding water and sewer to the Dresden area.

The Commissioners received and discussed an email expressing concerns with a trailer park at 5965 Frazeyburg Road.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:27 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron