

Minutes for April 22, 2021

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

RES 21-0408 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.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Ted Lemmon with Avondale Youth Center asked if the Commissioners would be willing to send a letter of support to Congressman Balderson.

- A draft letter was prepared for the Commissioners to review

Commissioner Cameron said that she saw Alma Tennent, County Court Clerk, this morning and she told Commissioner Cameron the Attorney General has collected \$22,000 for them in a little over a month from people's stimulus money, tax returns and lottery winnings.

Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Porter what is happening with the Center for Seniors.

- He attended their special meetings Monday at 9am and Wednesday at 9am
 - They got all the department heads together along with James McDonald and Ann Combs
 - Time to clear the air
 - He doesn't know what the plans are
 - They want to do away with A and B and let them get back together
 - Discussed the possibility of an Interim Director
 - Department heads want leadership
 - They know what they're supposed to do, but Ann is the Director and she's obviously not there to direct them
 - It's a mess; some are threatening to quit, some have quit
- Delivering approximately increased to 400 per day
 - Fluctuates – sometimes over 600

Commissioner Porter asked if we'd received a report from the LEAN6 survey

- Commissioner Cameron thought it had been extended
- Commissioner Porter reported their Board has recommended stricter eligibility requirements for meals
- Purpose of special meetings was to decide on leadership
- Good group of people getting the job done without a lot of leadership

Commissioner Crooks reported that she stopped and talked to Carolyn Buchanan, Executive Assistant to the Convention Facilities, yesterday about the Village Mayor's appointment. She also talked to Barb Lloyd, Mayor of the Village of South Zanesville.

- The Mayors don't understand what the Convention Facilities is or does

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- Commissioner Crooks talked to Carolyn about meeting with the Village Mayors to give them a general overview of the Convention Facilities
 - Inform of the possible grants for the Villages, as well
 - Mark Zanghi said that is not a formal body so they would not be subject to the Open Meeting law
 - Preferable to have one Commissioner there but not a problem if two or three attended
- Commissioner Crooks will get back with Carolyn and will share the date and time of the meeting with the rest of the Board

Commissioner Cameron gave all of the Commissioners pictures of the potential signs for East Pike facilities, from Scott.

- Her only comment would be that all the print on the signs be the same size

Commissioner Cameron reported a call from Terry Spinks of 901 Goddard.

- There is a Pitbull loose there that has chased his wife twice
- The Sheriff took the message and said he would address it, since he's the Dog Warden
 - Mr. Spinks asked if he was allowed to shoot the dog if it chases his wife again

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0409 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund 119, for the Muskingum County, as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CORSA INS	001-119-504141	\$11,622.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0410 authorize the sale of the real property owned by the Muskingum County Commissioners as per the attached Notice of Sale of Real Property at a Public Auction.

The Clerk is hereby ordered to advertise the Notice of Sale of Real Property in the Times-Recorder (April 30th, 2021 edition) and on the Muskingum County Website.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0411 WHEREAS, the real property located at 2425 Three Towers Road, Chandlersville, Ohio 43727, also known as Auditor Tax Parcel No. 73-15-07-01-000, was forfeited to the State of Ohio on September 14, 2020, pursuant to a plea agreement in a criminal case styled *State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Muskingum County Common Pleas Court Case No. CR2020-0182; and

WHEREAS, the Entry granting forfeiture of the real property to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is recorded at Book 2940, Page 411 of the Official Records of Muskingum County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Taylor entered into a Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase the real property located at 2425 Three Towers Road, Chandlersville, Ohio 43727 on or about August 30th, 2018 with Richard and Ashley Marshall; and

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WHEREAS, R.C. 307.10 authorizes a board of county commissioners to enter into an agreement to lease real property titled in the name of the board of commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, that upon the recommendation of the Prosecuting Attorney, the board hereby adopts Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase entered into on or about August 30th, 2018 by and between Dwight Taylor and Richard and Ashley Marshall.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0412 appoint Mark Eicher, Engineer to the Integrating Committee of Ohio Public Works Commission with Matt Russell, Administrative Deputy, as his Alternate, with a three year term to commence May 21, 2021 and end on May 20, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0413 approve the award of bid to Spohn Excavating, Inc in the for the repair and replacement of a septic system for the following residents for Muskingum County Community Development 2020 Home Septic Treatment System Grant.

4620 McDonald Road, Chandlersville	\$23,800
9060 Claysville Road, Chandlersville	\$23,500
Contract Amount:	\$47,300

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0414 accept and sign Tronitech Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Muskingum County Records Center, effective 04.17.2021 to 04.16.2022 in the amount of \$1,850.56.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0415 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 09, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0416 accepts Official Amended Certificate Number Nine (9) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated April 14, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0417 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund 114, for the Muskingum County Water Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office Supplies	014-373-503001	\$5,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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RESOLUTION 21-0418 direct the Muskingum County Auditor to perform the CORSA Chargebacks to various Funds through an Agency Fund (220-000-415129) process for the departments listed as requested by the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners; AND authorize payment of the 2021/2022 CORSA premium total of \$371,622.00, as follows:

<u>Fund to be charged</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-119-504141	Commissioners-General Fund	\$ 247,655.00
002-502-504141	Dog & Kennel	\$ 1,191.00
007-692-504141	Job & Family-Public Assistance	\$ 16,034.00
007-697-504141	Job & Family	\$ 821.00
008-103-504141	Auditor-Real Estate	\$ 2,236.00
009-368-504141	Engineer	\$ 27,014.00
013-372-504141	Sewer	\$ 5,362.00
014-373-504141	Water	\$ 8,128.00
018-694-504141	Starlight	\$ 21,459.00
020-585-504141	TB Clinic	\$ 1,581.00
021-695-504141	Children Services	\$ 13,165.00
021-698-504141	Avondale	\$ 6,089.00
057-103-504141	Auditor-GIS	\$ 464.00
069-692-504141	CSEA	\$ 7,836.00
118-122-504141	Clerk of Courts	\$ 675.00
130-461-504141	EMA	\$ 855.00
162-696-504141	Center for Seniors	\$ 8,296.00
191-375-504141	CDBG-CHIP	\$ 256.00
851-384-511122	Soil & Water	\$ 1,788.00
901-398-511122	Port Authority	\$ 717.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS SIGNED:

American Electric Power; Zanesville
Falls Twp; National Road
Replace Pole, install pole and anchor and new overhead 3 phase primary
Begin June 08; Completion June 14, 2021

National Gas and Oil Cooperative; Hebron
Falls Twp; Linden Avenue
Install 8" plastic gas main
Begin May 03; Completion May 28, 2021

Susan Holdren and Pam Kirst from the Straker Foundation came to talk with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0419 declare an Executive Session at 10:34 a.m. for the purpose of considering the sale of Real Property of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 11:04 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

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The Clerk asked the Board about Shawn Johnson's communication about the fiber line at the Adoption Center.

- It was agreed to have the invoices sent directly to our office

She also reported John Deal's response about the Griff Medical Fund

- There are still some questions; the Clerk will follow up

The Clerk gave pictures of Avondale Road before sewer project to Commissioner Porter that he had asked for from Don Madden.

- Commissioner Cameron asked what they were for
- Commissioner Porter said to give them to the Newton Township Trustees
 - Don has sent a copy to Trustee Derek Dozer
 - Commissioner Porter said he just asked if they existed because they had been asking for them for quite a while...he didn't ask for them
 - Commissioner Porter said to put them up because we may need them...because they're talking about suing us
 - Commissioner Cameron asked for what
 - Commissioner Porter said he just heard that threat the other day
 - Commissioner Cameron said that certainly was not Derek's comment when we met

The Clerk asked about the utilities for the new Adoption center; who is to pay those

- The Commissioners will continue to pay

Commissioner Cameron reported that the Auditor's Office will open back up fully to the public May 3

Debra Nye, Auditor and Robert Moore, IS Director, came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss servers for BS&A.

- Because of the slowness of some BS&A applications, Robert would suggest new servers dedicated to BS&A
 - Cost would be approximately \$4,755 each plus migration costs
 - This would benefit all departments
- Debra reported that she only has \$1,000 in her equipment line
- Robert had not planned this in his budget, may have to ask for more money toward the end of the year, but believes this is in the County's best interest
- Commissioner Porter asked if they get a price break if they purchase more than one
 - Robert says they are custom built and doubts it, but will ask
- Debra suggested that the American Rescue Plan could cover the cost
 - She is participating in a webinar tomorrow with OBM on this plan
 - Technology, broadband and infrastructure
- Commissioner Porter asked if GIS could use funds for their server
 - Debra agreed

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The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0420 approve the purchase of three servers and also cover migration costs for the Auditor, Recorder and Clerk of Courts offices to be purchased through Information Services. A fourth server will also be purchased for the GIS Department to be paid from GIS Fund 057.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Cameron asked if GIS and the Health Department systems can work together for information folks may need when working with property deeds.

- It would have to be by permission
- Very possible if everyone agrees

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch and provided lunch for the staff in recognition of Administrative Assistants' Day. Session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed a letter to Congressman Balderson asking for funding for Avondale heating and cooling system, as requested by Ted Lemmon.

Commissioner Cameron presented an email from Craig Miller, resident of Maplebrook Road, Highland Township.

- He has approached the Commissioners before with concerns with the road
 - They (residents of Maplebrook) also talked with the Township Trustees and offered to pay \$10,000 towards the repair of the road
 - The Trustees will not agree
- Commissioner Porter said that if 51% of the residents agree to pay the cost of the repairs, the cost can be assessed through taxes over a seven year period, by a Township issued bond
 - If 100% of the residents agree to pay the cost, no hearings are required for the cost to be assessed
 - That is how Perry Township did Rusty Rifle
 - Townships are the only ones that can do this
- Commissioner Cameron recalled the Trustees saying that the residents knew what the roads were like when they built their big, fancy houses there
- Commissioner Crooks noted that the Township has \$20,000 more now through the County grant
- Commissioner Cameron will work on getting the procedure for the Township, in writing

Commissioner Cameron reported that Sherry Brooks, Brewers Lane, Harrison Township, called to say that the Trustees were asked to widen the road because someone wants to put in a subdivision.

- They've hired an attorney because they don't want the Trustees to come in and widen the road

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- She (Mrs. Brooks) wanted to give the Commissioners a heads up to say they were not trying to be difficult
- They can't widen the road based on an easement
- Trustees said they were going to widen the road and take out her row of trees
- Commissioner Cameron asked Andy Roberts, GIS, if anyone had asked about a sub-division there and he said no

Commissioner Cameron presented a report that was a result of a CCAO email blast to see what other counties were doing with their Park Districts.

- She forwarded it to Russell and Hannah at the Park District

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 session, with changes. Commissioner Crooks seconded.

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

Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the letter of request from Washington Township regarding the JEDD.

- Did the City receive a copy of the letter or request, as well
 - Commissioner Crooks said she could ask the Mayor
- Commissioner Cameron asked who represents the County, since the Prosecutor represents the Township
 - She doesn't talk about it at their house, so she doesn't know what's happened with the Township
- Commissioner Crooks asked
 - What's the County's position
 - What's the City's position
 - The original intent was for all three entities to benefit from the 2009 Amendment
 - Historically, the Township was supposed to receive tangible personal property tax....roughly \$100,000 per year which Governor Taft did away with in 2009
 - That might explain the 70% City and 30% County split for Dollar General, Bimbo and Bilco
 - Currently they are now only getting 5% for the four new companies, nothing from the original three
- Commissioner Porter asked why the Township wouldn't have had enough smarts to have renegotiated after they lost the personal property taxes
 - Commissioner Crooks thinks they realize they should have
- Commissioner Porter said the JEDD is between the Township and the City
 - The County has nothing in this, they just needed us as a partner
- To date the County has received \$6.4 million
 - City \$9.8
 - Township \$429,000
- Commissioner Porter noted that Perry Township is currently receiving 100% of real estate taxes, but the abatements are gone
- Commissioner Crooks asked what is the right and fair thing to do

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- She believes their request is reasonable
- Would like to consider
- Commissioner Cameron asked who would tell us how to amend the agreement
 - We would need some help with the process
 - Commissioner Porter suggested Matt Abbott and his legal counsel

A call was placed to Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor

- He said if County and Township agree, it's pretty simple
- Prosecutor could do amendment

Commissioner Cameron said she is not ready to give in to the City saying no....the City needs to be part of this.

Commissioner Porter said we are not considering how much the City and County has put in to the business park

- We still have bills out there

It is Mark's opinion that the Board should talk to the Mayor, their legal counsel and their Council President

- Eventually, they'll have to pass legislation

Commissioner Crooks' opinion would be that each give up a little to help the Township.

Mark Eicher, Engineer, came to report to the Commissioners about the Gaysport Bridge.

- Built in 1971; 50 years old
- He is pretty certain it will not reopen until new bridge is built
- Has given Congressman Balderson's office some of the County's projects
 - Talked with Nate and asked for \$3 million for new piers for the Gaysport Bridge
 - Will also call Bill Johnson
 - The Commissioners offered to write a letter to Congressman Balderson

Commissioner Cameron asked if he had any additional information on office building plans.

- He is working on that and trying to get some numbers together
 - Looks like about \$160/sf for 8,000 s/f

Mark thanked the Commissioners, again, for the money to help with roads and bridges

He reported that they have received a grant for the Thompson Run Road Bridge

- That is a project for this fall

Commissioner Cameron explained the Highland Township situation to Mark

- He will talk with Mark Zanghi
- Highland has 1.04 of miles on Maplebrook
- Highland has a total of 27.25 total road miles

Old Wheeling Road Bridge is also on the list for this year

Commissioner Porter asked about Fletcher Road Bridge

- \$25,000 in materials
- Township agreed to the road
- Two-three year total closure
- Needs permission from ODOT to re-locate
- Mark will inspect work

Mark asked the Board's opinion about billing the Port Authority for the work the Engineer has performed for them

- Mark thinks Matt is expecting a bill

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Commissioner Cameron thanked Shawn for helping so much with the Adoption Center. Commissioner Porter told Mark that the folks on North Moose Eye were grateful for the repair of the culvert.

Mark reported the work on Greenhouse Road bridge.

- When completed, it will be turned over to Village of South Zanesville

Mark reported an agreement with Beaver Excavating to purchase 60 concrete boxes for \$49,500

Commissioner Cameron reported that Marlee Gibson and Chris Hamill from the Board of Elections are asking for a second scanner and a wall to be built through the Evidence room in the back of their building.

- Would help expedite voters through elections
- They said the Sheriff is okay with it
- They are asking the Commissioners, because it's their building and BOE doesn't have the money to build the wall
- After some discussion, the Commissioners decided the wall wasn't necessary

It was reported that 3250 Green Valley Road has sold at auction for \$402,000

- A former Dwight Taylor property
- Sheriff will receive 50%
- Prosecutor will receive 50%

Commissioner Crooks will call Mayor Mason to arrange a meeting to discuss the Washington JEDD.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came in and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0421 approve the employment of Pamela Looker as part-time Records Clerk for the Muskingum County Records Center, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. This position will be 20 per week at \$10.00 per hour.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0422 approve the employment of Morgan Olson as full-time Administrative Assistant for the Muskingum County EMA Office, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$14.00 per hour; 40 hours per week with the opportunity for a \$.50 an hour increase upon the successful completion of the 180 day probationary period.

The 40 hours weekly will be divided as follows:

35 hours weekly for EMA

5 hours weekly for the Muskingum County Coroner

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Pam reported that she took the time clock to the Records Center.

- Are they to clock out for lunch
 - If they leave the building

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Commissioner Porter asked why the letter to him from Mark Altier was sent to the entire Board from Mark Zanghi, when it was addressed to Commissioner Porter. He thought that kind of summed it up.

- He will never go to another training
- Again, he would question why Mark Zanghi would send a letter addressed to Commissioner Porter to the other Commissioners

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:59 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.