

Minutes for May 06, 2021

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron
Staff Present: Susan Reese
Visitor: Benjamin Ahn

RES 21-0444 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.

Commissioner Crooks reported that she received an invitation from DLZ regarding a webinar on funding and financing for broadband being held from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. today. All are welcome.

Commissioner Cameron reported that the Prosecutor's office would like to talk about guidelines for funding for the Child Advocacy Center.

Commissioner Cameron also reported that Dr. Vinsel, the County Coroner, called about the six overdoses with three deaths on Tuesday night.

- These were in the City but wanted to make the Commissioners aware
- He believes there will have to be supplementals added to the autopsy line item
- Licking County is currently still \$1,200 for autopsies, but they are getting really busy
- They can take nothing to Franklin County because they are too busy
 - The next choice is Montgomery County
 - They are more expensive, also, transport and pick up

Commissioner Porter asked if James McDonald from the Center for Seniors had called the Clerk.

- Yes, he just called a few minutes before session began
- He will be sending a job description and contract for the Interim Director for the Commissioners to review

Mr. Ahn addressed the Board about a concern he has in Newton Township, East Fultonham.

- County has no ROW for a ditch running through his property on Fulton Rose Rd
 - There is a black pipe running from another house into the ditch
 - They have no leech bed, just running from septic tank
 - Mr. Ahn says it is disgusting, an eyesore and will lower property value
 - Mr. Ahn wants to fill in the ditch, but Mark Eicher, Engineer, said he would open it back up and charge him for the cost
- In Mr. Ahn's opinion the Health Department is not following State guidelines
- Several people in his neighborhood have the same concerns
 - Sewage is going in to Buckeye Creek
- He will be meeting with the Board of Health on May 20th

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- He believes it is a bigger issue now because Mark Eicher did not address
- The Health Department has sent his neighbors a letter telling them they had to fix their septic issue
- Commissioner Porter asked him if the Engineer's office was out there surveying for a ROW
 - Mr. Ahn said there is no ROW

The Commissioners will call Mark Eicher and the Health Department.

Derek Bringardner and Tom Hammons from Strategic Systems met with the Commissioners virtually to discuss what their company has to offer. Robert Moore, IT Director, was also present for the meeting.

- Strategic Systems offers support and assistance for IT Departments

Commissioner Cameron mentioned that Coburn Church houses the community food pantry. They are expanding to a larger room. They are looking for shelves.

- Commissioner Cameron asked Scott Lee
 - He said they have some from the County Home that have been in storage
- Commissioner Porter said Records Department has old shelving

The Commissioners and staff participated in a Human Trafficking training as recommended by Prosecutor Ron Welch.

Those attending: Mollie Crooks, Jim Porter, Cindy Cameron, Susan Reese, Kacey Stackhouse, Sheila Samson, Pam Davis, Mackenzie Hill and Beth Iden. WHIZ News was also present.

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

Mark Eicher and Gary Williams from the Engineer's office along with Stan Lucas and Chad Bay were also in attendance.

- There was brief discussion with Mark about Mr. Ahn's concerns in East Fultonham
- Mark said he cannot place fill in the floodplain, because you would be changing the volume
 - Mark told Mr. Ahn that there is not a problem in relocating, but there must be plans presented to the Engineer
- Mark will send a letter to Mr. Ahn addressing his concerns

Stan reported that they met with the Falls Township Trustees this morning and they are 100% on board with installing the storm sewer in Licking View with the County installing the sanitary sewer

- Stan would like Mark Zanghi to draw up an agreement between the County and Falls Township
- There are approximately 115 sites
- Questionnaire has been sent
 - Need 60% of respondents to get qualification of funding
 - Currently 44.8%
 - They will be going to door to door for remainder
- Gary presented preliminary design

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- Majority of line will be in alley-ways
- Three separate systems; three lift stations
- Commissioner Porter asked if the new storm sewer system would eliminate water in their basements
 - Will be 100% better
 - Won't eliminate completely
- Highland and Licking will be first phase
- Stan would like to bid all in one shot
- Previous estimate was \$2.1 million with two lift stations
 - Commissioner Porter not a fan of three lift stations
- Stan would like to work with Mark Zanghi on agreement
 - Hold meetings with factories
 - Complete resident's surveys

There was discussion regarding requiring Casting Solutions to tap on the new sewer system.

- Commissioner Porter would struggle with not making them tap on
- Stan said he's heard in the past, if they are made to tap on to the sewer, they would leave, but, unofficially has been told Casting Solutions would tap on
- Commissioner Porter said it would be a good thing for redevelopment if they were on our system. If they move out, someone will take over those buildings
- Commissioner Crooks would like to maintain the businesses that are there, at least have a conversation
- Commissioner Porter said we have reduced tap fees in the past

It was also noted that Falls Township has declared the tenants on the property right beside and infringing upon the Casting Solutions property, a nuisance property.

Mark reported that there may be issues with relocating the new Fletcher Road Bridge

- Not all property titles are clear
- Not certain what will happen

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0445 accept the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council. The Council recommended for the Commissioners to continue all existing agreements per the attached minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0446 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the notice to proceed for the County Line Road Water Main Extension with Hazen Services LLC.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0447 authorize and mandate County Financial Aid to Agricultural Society, together with a request for payment of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00), as mandated, now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio does hereby approve and authorize payment of \$3,300.00 as set forth below:

| <u>O.R.C. SECTION</u> | <u>MINIMUM</u> | <u>MAXIMUM</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1711.01 | \$ 800.00 | \$800.00 | Senior Fair |
| 1711.03 | \$ 100.00 | \$500.00 | Junior Fair |
| 1711.15 | \$-0- | no cap | Capital Improvements |
| 1711.22 | \$1,500.00 | \$2,000.00 | General Encouragement |

Funds to be taken from 001-902-507020.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS SIGNED:

**Columbia Gas of Ohio-Construction Services; Columbus, OH
Falls Twp; Dresden Road
Replace 1" plastic long gas service line
Begin within 90 days; same day completion**

**CenturyLink; Lorain, OH
Jackson Twp; Mt. Zion Road
Road bore at 12805 Mt. Zion Road
Begin upon approval; 90 day completion**

**Columbia Gas of Ohio-Construction Services; Columbus, OH
Falls Twp; Military Road
Install new 1" plastic gas line
Begin within 10 days; same day completion**

**(22) AEP Ohio; New Albany, OH
Cass Twp; N. Dresden, Raiders, Canal, Marne, O'Bannon, Moore and Bottom Roads
ADSS fiber cable underground
Begin ASAP; 12.31.2021 Completion**

Commissioner Porter asked to clarify his statement of May 03, regarding Zencity.

- He has seen several other of these done in the County and they don't work
 - Business Incubator
 - Center for Seniors
- It's money not spent wisely for what they got out of it

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 03, 2021 session, with corrections. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks reported that she has Steve Hambel's address as a Dunfalls Association member.

- All agreed to send him a letter

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Scott Lee came in to discuss with the Commissioners.

- Rick Alexander of the Engineer's office said the Adamsville outpost needs a new roof
 - Who pays for that
 - They seem to think that comes from the Maintenance budget
 - Commissioner Cameron would say that should not come out of Maintenance budget...not that kind of money
 - Commissioner Porter said we fixed their garage doors when they drove through them
 - We gave them \$1 million dollars, couldn't they use some of that for the roof
 - It's Commissioner Cameron's opinion that money was for roads
 - Commissioner Crooks mentioned Juvenile who got a grant for a new roof
 - Who paid the rest of it
 - Commissioner Cameron said we did...In the end they didn't have enough
 - Should there be guidelines for the future
 - Are buildings tracked for future needs
 - Commissioner Cameron is okay with Scott not paying it out right now, and coming back when he needs the money
 - Commissioners agree for Scott to pay for Engineer roof repairs from Maintenance Budget and come back to the Commissioners if he needs additional money since this would have been an unbudgeted expense
 - Scott will get a couple of estimates

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came in with some updates.

- The CORSA appraiser will be here May 18
 - Starting with Fairgrounds
 - She has made contact with John Graham to show him around
 - She will email his schedule to Department Heads and Elected Officials
- Working on this year's Lorena Insurance
 - Current carrier coming in at a 10% increase
 - She has asked for additional quotes
- Pam is working on the Scavenger Hunt Challenge for the new employee portal
- Pam explained the Workers' Comp U69 coverage
 - Scott Sinclair gave Pam his recommendations and the following legislation was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0448 hereby approve and authorize Mollie Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Bureau of Workers' Compensation U 69 form as submitted by Pam Davis, HR Manager, for the Muskingum County Commissioners. This form will provide documentation to include the following to be covered under BWC U-69: Auxiliary Sheriffs, Relief Recipients and Prisoners, Work Release Program Participants, Adult Probationers, and Community Service Juveniles.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Porter asked why the Fairgrounds Insurance adjuster would be going through the buildings at the Fairgrounds.

- Pam said that would be determining replacement cost value

The Commissioners reviewed the draft of the Washington Township letter.

- It was decided to send a personalized letter to each Township Trustee
- A copy of each letter will be sent to the Mayor, City Council President and Township Fiscal Officer

A call was placed to Mark Eicher to ask him if it would be okay to let Mr. Ahn know he would be receiving a letter from Mark...yes.

A call was placed to Mr. Ahn letting him know he would be receiving a letter from the Engineer.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Kellie Brown from Starlight called her on Tuesday.

- They are giving away their old playground equipment
- Commissioner Porter asked if they could give it away, she can do only if non-profit or government
- Commissioner Cameron said Kellie did say it would be given to a non-profit or government entity
- Kellie will be sending a resolution for the Board

Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Porter if there would be a lot of shelving at the Records Center.

- Yes, they'll be starting the middle of May
- Commissioner Cameron asked if we put a price on them, or...
- Commissioner Porter said they will...he's already made arrangements with the guy with RDT to buy some for scrap price

Commissioner Crooks said that she found out that the Commissioners can give 333 Putnam to LandBank or Port Authority, in addition to sealed bids or auction.

There was continued discussion regarding the information from James McDonald regarding an Interim Director for the Center for Seniors.

- Commissioner Cameron mentioned again that in reviewing the salary for the Interim, it is more than Ann currently makes
 - Are they planning to pay the Interim more than Ann
- Commissioner Porter said they told him that Ann makes \$60,000 and six months would be half that
- Commissioner Crooks said Interim won't be getting benefits
- *"The CARES finding will be the source of reimbursement"* will be removed from the contract
- The Clerk will send to Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, for review

Commissioner Cameron asked if Commissioner Porter remembered attending a meeting at the EMA about the excessive number of overdose deaths and suicides in Muskingum County.

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- He did not remember

Commissioner Crooks referenced an email from Pam Davis, Human Resources, regarding the Defensive Driving Courses for County employees.

- Do we want to do that during session
- Commissioner Porter asked if the training through the Fire Department would count
 - Pam said to give her a copy of the certificate and she would put it in his file

The Clerk asked the Board if they wanted to light the Courthouse blue next week for “Light Ohio Blue” honoring law enforcement...yes

- The Clerk will notify Robert

Commissioner Crooks said she saw Judge Vinsel and he asked about creating a County Facilities Plan.

Commissioner Porter asked if there was any type of warranty on the image thermometers purchased during COVID.

- The one at the Hixson Building is broken

Commissioner Cameron asked if the guy from RDT will get back about a price on the shelving....what should she tell the pantry people.

- He told Commissioner Porter that he was welcome to any or all of it because they just scrap it
- Commissioner Porter said it's theirs to sell, not ours, we gave it to them as part of the deal, so they're selling it as a company
- Commissioner Crooks asked if we already made that agreement....that all of it goes to them...
 - Yes....it was in their contract that they remove it

Commissioner Cameron presented an estimate from Lindsay at Juvenile, for the cleaning of the Juvenile carpets.

- One estimate from Carpet Care Plus
- Maintenance does not have the means to deep clean

The Clerk is to send an email to SpyGlass telling them the Commissioners are not interested in their services.

There was further discussion regarding the Juvenile carpet cleaning

- Commissioner Porter noted that Child Support cleans their own restrooms
 - He would question what the dedicated employee for that building does
- Would it benefit to purchase the proper equipment to clean the carpets regularly
- Commissioner Porter also noted that the Center for Seniors flooring is a disaster
 - Full of scratches
- Scott will be asked to come in Monday; 11:45 a.m. to discuss

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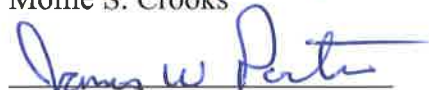
- Juvenile carpet
- Courthouse tile flooring on first floor
- Child Support housekeeping
- Session room restroom area

Commissioner Crooks asked if the Sheriff's is planning an Open House for the new K-9 Adoption Center.

- Commissioner Cameron said she would assume so
 - Macey seems to have a lot of experience in that

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:48 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.