

# Minutes for May 09, 2022

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Commissioners Present Porter, Cameron  
Commissioner Crooks attended virtually  
Staff Present: Susan Reese

**RES 22-0461** 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 Porter moved to approve payroll, pending review.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Robert Moore, IS Director, came to meet with the Commissioners and the following was presented and considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0467** approve the employment of Jonathan Saling as Muskingum County Information Services Systems Administrator, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$32.00 per hour. Johnathan is to be evaluated at the end of his 180 day probationary period.  
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Pam presented the Lorena insurance renewal for hull coverage only; only while docked. This includes \$1 million liability. Current coverage expires June 1, 2022. The cost for hull only coverage is \$5,000 annually to be divided equally between the City, County and CVB. Pam will send the quote to the City and CVB and include a deadline of Wednesday to respond.

Commissioner Porter asked if the Burkhardt's had been informed of the auction of 333 Putnam Avenue.

- Mark Zanghi notified them, as well as another interested party that contacted him

Ron Welch, County Prosecutor, came in and requested the following:

**RESOLUTION 22-0468** declare an Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Safety Matter pertaining to that of a public employee of the Muskingum County Prosecutor. This session ended about 10:28 a.m.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Ron updated the Commissioners on happenings in the Prosecutor's Office.

- The new Matrix Program should be fully operational by September
- They have submitted two separate grants
  - One for Public Safety from a violence stand-point

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- One for Public Safety for treatment prevention stand-point for Heroes Landing
- They are close to operational for Heroes Landing; Looking at an August Grand Opening
  - Employees for Heroes Landing will be working by contract
  - They currently have 49 active child sex cases in Muskingum County
- Ron reported that there is a shortage of helium and that is relevant because helium is used in drug testing. They are currently trying to help Licking County, who does our drug testing, to find a supply of helium
- The Prosecutor has hired a summer legal intern for the first time in three years
  - This intern can also help with purging and shredding of documents

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0462** approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2021 with 2022 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mollie Crooks	Reimburse Mileage	\$199.36

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-0463** appoint James Crannell to the Muskingum County Children Services Board with a term to commence June 01, 2022 and end on May 31, 2024. Requested by Candy Emmert, Executive Director of Muskingum County Adult & Child Protective Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-0464** IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTY LODGING TAX AGAINST THE GARLAND HOTEL LLC, 150 GARLAND WAY, NEW CONCORD, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio [Commissioners] adopted Lodging Tax Regulations [Regulations] for the imposition and collection of a Lodging Tax as authorized by former Ohio Revised Code §5739. 024 (renumbered as Ohio Revised Code §5739.09); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, all hotels operating within Muskingum County are required to collect a 3% (three-percent) lodging tax on all transient guests; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, all hotels operating within Muskingum County are required to file with the Commissioners a Monthly Lodging Excise Tax Return by the 20<sup>th</sup> (twentieth) day of the month for the preceding month and remit the 3% lodging tax to the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Garland Hotel LLC operates a hotel located at 150 Garland Way, New Concord, Muskingum County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Garland Hotel LLC has failed to file a Monthly Lodging Excise Tax Return with the Commissioners for the months of January 2022, February 2022 and March 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the Commissioners may make an assessment against any hotel operator who fails to file a Monthly Lodging Excise Tax Return or fails to remit the proper amount of the Lodging Excise Tax to the Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, pursuant to the Regulations, does hereby approve the assessment of the Lodging Excise Tax for the months of January 2022, February 2022 and March 2022 against Garland Hotel LLC located

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at 150 Garland Way, New Concord, Muskingum County, Ohio (see attached Notice of Assessment of Lodging Excise Tax).

The clerk is hereby instructed to serve a copy of this Resolution and Notice of Assessment of Lodging Excise Tax, via registered and regular U.S. Mail on:

Garland Hotel LLC, 150 Garland Way, New Concord, Ohio 43762

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0465** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 114, for the Muskingum County Juvenile, as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Justice Benefits-Billing Svcs.	114-244-504016	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0466** hereby approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Treasurer, as requested by Todd Hixson, Treasurer.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Services	001-104-504001	\$10,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Candy Emmert, Director Adult and Child Protective Services and Gary King, Director at Avondale Youth Center, came to talk with the Commissioners.

- Gary reported that they have been granted \$10,000 towards the lighting project from the Straker Foundation

Gary explained about the need for a new generator at the Center

- The current generator is a 1993 model and was installed at the Center in 2009 by donation
  - 20,000 watts powered by natural gas
- They are waiting for federal grant funds to purchase; funds will come through JFS

Gary reported that there were some discrepancies with the window measurements from Pat Kelly and Energlity

- Eric reported that they are moving forward with the window and HVAC projects

There was discussion about the lighting project.

- Gary said he feels good about Linden Lighting's quote; they came out and looked at everything before they gave a quote
- He is still waiting to hear back from American Light on the labor costs
- Commissioner Porter would prefer that they have two quotes before making a decision
- Gary will check back with American Light

Eric presented a request from the Center for Seniors for ARPA funds

1. Funds for rising costs of food service and delivery = \$150,000.00

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2. Upgrade reporting systems and process through a new software system = \$25,512.50
3. Support for additional vehicles to replace and/or add to fleet = \$75,000.00

Total Proposed Request: \$250,812.50

They have applied for and received funding from The Straker Foundation towards kitchen equipment and have applied to the Fellers Foundation for programing and to the Community Foundation for media campaign support.

Commissioner Porter said before he leaves he intends to introduce a resolution forgiving the Center for Seniors debt and rent payments. The building is paid for, we didn't take a loan for it. That could help them for a long time.

Commissioner Cameron noted that the Center has not paid rent for two years, have they saved enough that they could purchase a vehicle? Commissioner Porter said that was the intent. Everyone is in the same boat, and the Center has to start sharpening their pencil, as well, and do a better job of what they do down there. They also need to better screen their delivered meal recipients.

Commissioner Crooks said she thought we had bought them one vehicle with CARES dollars. Commissioner Cameron said she thought Rich Hill Township bought them a vehicle, as well as the County.

Commissioner Crooks mentioned that we have not seen the financials for the non-profit 501.c3 part of the Center.

Eric will call Kate to talk with her and ask the following questions:

- Budget for non-profit
- Status of SEAT proposal
- Re-evaluate who is receiving meals
- How has not paying rent helped with expenses

Commissioner Crooks talked about non-profits and ARPA monies. Are the meetings with non-profits valid....do we want to open up ARPA dollars to non-profit or stay with what we had originally said. Commissioner Porter said he doesn't think we want to open it up any more, because we don't have that much to give away. Eric said he's not told anybody no, until the Board tells him to tell them no. He did tell Shannon Bell at Rambo no, but he had presented that to the Commissioners first.

Commissioner Cameron said it sounds like everyone that applies to The Straker Foundation has been asked to apply to the County for ARPA also.

Eric reported on Clean Face Water project.

- Hazen is starting to move equipment in

Eric received a call today from a Trustee of Monroe Township, Brian Adair, concerned with communication/cell phone service...there is no broadband in many areas of their township.

- Eric explained to him the State funding coming, but told him he would look at the maps, do some research and get back to him
  - Commissioner Crooks suggested contacting Ashley Karlen with Charter

It was confirmed that CARES Act money purchased a vehicle for the Center for Seniors in November of 2020; a 2019 Jeep Compass.

There was discussion regarding an email from Jeff Jadwin about a hail damage form on the County Website. Commissioner Porter cautioned about the way we're leading the public to

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believe they will be getting assistance....they are not. It will be for County and Government entities, but leading people to believe they could get money for roofs and siding, it's not going to happen. Individuals never have qualified for FEMA. Commissioner Crooks said she'd been asked if insurance companies would waive deductibles, if there was a declaration of disaster. Commissioner Porter said, it's never happened before.

EMA has asked each County entity to complete a questionnaire regarding the impact of the Masonic Temple fire. Commissioner Crooks suggested the Clerk and HR sit down with the Commissioners to address those questions.

Commissioner Crooks noted that One Ohio changed the next meeting to Thursday, May 12; 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cameron reminded the Board that they need to return a call to Georgeann Joseph on Linden Avenue regarding water in her yard.

At 1:30 p.m. Melissa Best and Ken Oehlers from Habitat for Humanity came to meet with the Commissioners.

- They requested \$450,000 ARPA funds for 21 housing and repair projects.
- Commissioner Porter was prepared to give his opinion today...not interested in giving ARPA funds to Habitat

Commissioner Porter acknowledged a note from the Sebach's on Stacy Lane with concerns over the excessive collection of trucks, trailers and scrap metal on Dillon Falls and US 40.

There was discussion regarding the inquiry from Bo Keck about flooding on Old National Road behind Lang's Pizza. The County Engineer responded by saying it is the landowner's (Polk) responsibility. Commissioner Porter noted that the recent rains have not been normal. It was suggested that perhaps Stan could run the camera in the line, but Stan cannot do that on private property. Commissioner Porter will call Bo Keck.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Pam said that CORSA has called to ask if all storm damage claims were in.

- No, still waiting on pictures, etc.
- They asked if there was any damage to buildings at the Fair Grounds
  - Commissioner Cameron had not heard, but said she could call the Fair Board President, Dave Kreiss.
    - Dave said that Jim Bunting, Grounds Committee Chair, had gone through all the buildings and said there was no damage
  - But, then, someone said there was some damage and Scott went over to meet with Rodney Crooks, who is on the Grounds Committee
    - Pam said they gave her a list of some things

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 02, 2022 session, with changes. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 05, 2022 session.  
Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

The Clerk was asked to call Adrian Adornetto to set up a time for him to meet with the Commissioners regarding the parking lots.

Commissioner Crooks reported that Adam Dickerson from the Health Department called her at lunch time. Teresa Hildebrand from PAWS, has met with the Health Department.

Commissioner Crooks told Adam that Corey is welcome to attend Thursday's Commissioner meeting when Teresa is scheduled and for Corey to let us know if she is able to attend.

Scott Lee, Facilities Superintendent, was called to discuss a letter from Lori Snyder-Lowe at the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center about the roof continuing to leak. Scott was asked if John Estep, Maintenance personnel at the Health Department building, had informed him of the roof leaks. John did inform Scott. Scott said what they are working on now are the roof drains inside the building that have cracked. Commissioner Porter asked him if they had considered re-lining them. Scott said he would call Stan to ask him for contact information since he has used that process for some sewer drains.

Scott will follow up with Ms. Snyder-Lowe to let her know the status.

Because of an email from Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, and upon his advice to do resolutions for these candidates, the following was now considered:

Commissioner Porter said he does not support the names that were submitted as candidates and did not have an opportunity to voice his concerns. Commissioner Crooks said he did, because we had a conversation and a week to get them done. We discussed whether we were going to do a resolution or whether we would just submit the names. She said that Commissioner Cameron suggested we just send an email to submit the names and Commissioner Crooks agreed.

Commissioner Crooks said that Commissioner Porter didn't say any different, so that is what she did. Commissioner Porter said we'd better watch the tape, because Commissioner Crooks saying he didn't say anything, is bullcrap.

Commissioner Cameron said at the time of the last discussion, we didn't have an email from Mark saying we should do things through the journal (by way of resolution). Once Mark sent the email, then Commissioner Porter addressed that.

**RESOLUTION 22-0469** accept Corey Hamilton, Health Commission/Health Department Representative, as a candidate for the One Ohio Region 12 Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-0470** accept Mollie Crooks, Commissioner Representative; Logan Deitrick, Township Trustee Representative and Misty Cromwell, Private Sector/Mental Health Representative, as candidates for the One Ohio Region 12 Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Porter noted that he voted no because doesn't feel these three are capable of representing Muskingum County very well. And in all fairness to Misty Cromwell, he doesn't know her.

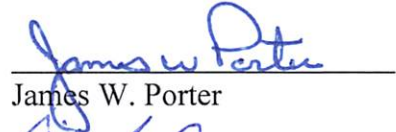
Pam Davis, Human Resources, came in to update the Commissioners on hail damage to County properties. Pam reported that CORSA will be sending an adjuster to view claims at Fairgrounds. There is one deductible with CORSA for all County claims.

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from Todd Sands regarding a composting facility that he will be operating on his farm.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:29 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.*