

Minutes for May 14, 2020

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

RES 20-0422 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0423 accept the application for applying brine to surfaces of access road for dust control where parking lots are heavily traveled and semi trucks create dust, or need ice control located at 3005 Jackson Road and 3636 Adamsville Road, Washington Township, Muskingum County, Ohio, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further ordered by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron, that the Clerk set the date for a public hearing on brine permit request and to advertise that hearing in the Times Recorder Newspaper May 20, 2020, now be it further

RESOLVED, that the hearing date be set to be held on Thursday, date May 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the office of the Muskingum County Commissioners, Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0424 WHEREAS, a request for payment to the county's flexible spending account for the period of April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$150,000.00 has been submitted by the Muskingum County Department of Job and Family Services, Fiscal Supervisor, Tom Smith, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds in said amount, \$150,000.00 is now requested as follows:

FUND TO FUND TRANSFER

<u>From Transfer Out</u>	<u>To Transfer In</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-99602	069-000-414002	\$150,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0425 WHEREAS, a letter of request has been submitted by The City of Zanesville, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.04, for permissive tax funds in the amount of \$59,718.36, and

WHEREAS, the Muskingum County Engineer finds that the maintenance expense is necessary and conducive to the orderly flow of traffic within and through the City of Zanesville and the County and hereby approve said expenses, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the application of funds for payment of permissive tax funds in the amount of \$59,718.36 to The City of Zanesville.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0426 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2019 with 2020 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Sheriff Matthew Lutz.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Village of Dresden	DOS Employee	\$775.97
Monroe County Treasurer	Medical for Housed Inmate	\$261.82

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0427 re-appoint James Crannell to the Muskingum County Children Services Board with a term to commence June 1, 2020 and end on May 31, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

The following resolution was presented to the Board. Commissioner Porter said he assumed that this equipment was offered to every township or was the right person, in the right place at the right time? A call was placed to Mark Eicher and Matt Russell. There was no answer and the office line was busy.

RESOLUTION 20- grant approval to sell the following equipment to Washington Township in Muskingum County:

2006 Sweepster Broom (3 pt hitch/tractor), Model RMFA6, S/N 0639047AHFAMB

This equipment is no longer needed by the Engineer's Office and would assist the Township with their maintenance.

The recommended sale price is \$3,000. The Township has agreed to the purchase price.

No motion or vote at this time.

The following was also presented with Commissioner Crooks making the motion.

Commissioner Porter said he could have the same question as on the previous resolution.

RESOLUTION 20- grant approval to trade-in equipment trailer as follows:

Trade-In: 2009 Etnyre Paver Special Trailer (Est. Value \$34,000) County owned

Purchase: 2007 Etnyre Drop Deck Trailer (Est. Value \$34,000) from Birkhimer Asphalt

Due to the estimated value of both equipment trailers, the net purchase of the drop deck trailer would be at no cost to the County. The drop deck trailer would be greater utilized by the highway crews than the current paver special trailer. The drop deck trailer sits lower to the ground and is much safer for loading and unloading equipment and allows hauling of more types of equipment because of height restrictions.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks...

No second or vote at this time.

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RESOLUTION 20-0428 authorize and approve a motion to rescind Resolution 20-0334 concerning the Leffler Road, Nostine Road, Baughman Run Road, Swackhammer Road, Cannelville Road, Gils Hollow Road Water Main Project. Resolution 20-0334 would have allowed for the reimbursement of Pay Apps Number 3 and 4 for the project. Due to delay in processing of payments through OWDA caused in part by Covid-19, Muskingum County will be requesting reimbursement for Pay Apps Number Three, Four, and Five as one reimbursement from OWDA.

OWDA will require the reimbursement to be submitted as one reimbursement since Pay App 4 and 5 were paid with one check by Muskingum County.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0429 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the reimbursement form for the Leffler Road, Nostine Road, Baughman Run Road, Swackhammer Road, Cannelville Road, Gils Hollow Road and Roseville Water Tank Site payable to Muskingum County Treasurer in the amount of \$333,077.95 for reimbursement to the Muskingum County Water Department. This is reimbursement for Pay App Number Three, Four, and Five.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0430 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 4 and associated paperwork in the amount of \$120,865.69 for the Water Main Extensions to North Moose Eye, Lodge, Maplebrook, Nel-Damar, Tammy, McKinley & Tavenner Roads

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0431 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 7 for the Weber Lift Station Renovation Project in the amount of \$126,269.91.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Matt Russell from the Engineer's Office returned the call. Commissioner Porter's question was addressed and Matt said that Newton Township was originally going to purchase the equipment a year or two ago, by resolution, then they declined. Now Washington Township is wanting it. Does Commissioner Porter want it offered to every Township? No...he was good with that. Are you only dealing with Birkhimer Asphalt on the equipment trade? Yes, they had only talked with them about trading the trailers. There was an appraisal done. It will be a trade at no cost to the County.

RESOLUTION 20-0432 grant approval to sell the following equipment to Washington Township in Muskingum County:
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This equipment is no longer needed by the Engineer's Office and would assist the Township with their maintenance.

The recommended sale price is \$3,000. The Township has agreed to the purchase price.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0433 grant approval to trade-in equipment trailer as follows:

Trade-In: 2009 Etnyre Paver Special Trailer (Est. Value \$34,000) County owned

Purchase: 2007 Etnyre Drop Deck Trailer (Est. Value \$34,000) from Birkhimer Asphalt

Due to the estimated value of both equipment trailers, the net purchase of the drop deck trailer would be at no cost to the County. The drop deck trailer would be greater utilized by the highway crews than the current paver special trailer. The drop deck trailer sits lower to the ground and is much safer for loading and unloading equipment and allows hauling of more types of equipment because of height restrictions.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS SIGNED:

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Columbus

Newton Twp; CR 32

Cut and abandon steel gas service line

Begin May 15 – one day completion

American Electric Power

Falls Twp; Rehl Road

Install new pole and secondary line to new house

Begin June 10 – one day completion

The Clerk explained that she had made a mistake in having the Commissioners approve the brine permit application from Ohio Franklin Realty which was approved Monday, May 7. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0434 approve to rescind RES 20-0399 dated May 07, 2020 to approve Brine Permit for Ohio Franklin Realty, LLC. Brine Permit application was not yet accepted, advertised and hearing held.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0435 accept the application for applying brine to surfaces of roadways and similar surfaces located ON HAUL ROAD THAT RUNS BETWEEN SR83 AND RURAL DALE ROAD, located in Blue Rock and Meigs Townships, Muskingum County, Ohio, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further ordered by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron, that the Clerk set the date for a public hearing on brine permit request and to advertise that hearing in the Times Recorder Newspaper in the May 20, 2020 issue, now be it further

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RESOLVED, that the **hearing date be set to be held on Thursday, May 28,, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. in the office of the Muskingum County Commissioners, Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701.**

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, nay. Motion carried.

In regards to the above resolution, Commissioner Porter said he was going to stay consistent, because we have proper disposal wells for that stuff...he doesn't particularly want it dumped in his back yard. Commissioner Cameron confirmed that this is the same application that was approved last week. The Clerk confirmed, yes, but it didn't go through the proper steps. All approved this same application from Ohio Franklin last week, this resolution is just taking it through the proper steps.

Bryan Catlin, Dog Warden; Alisha Ault, Deputy Dog Warden; and Mason Gates, Deputy Dog Warden, came in at the Commissioners' request. It was explained to them that the Commissioners have considered making the Sheriff the Dog Warden beginning in January. There have been no decisions made at this time, but wanted them to be aware that conversation is taking place. It was made clear that the Commissioners approached the Sheriff about this possibility; he did not come to them with the idea. The Wardens were told that the Commissioners have visited Guernsey County's facility because they operate under the Sheriff being the Dog Warden. The Wardens were told that our Dog Warden's office is one of the biggest complaints the Commissioners get.

Commissioner Crooks wanted to clarify that Mason is the one in charge when Bryan is not there. Also, there is one Deputy at the fairgrounds and one at the Pound. They are alternating by week. The on-call person is at the Pound.

There was continued discussion about pick up procedures with volunteers and postings on FaceBook.

Alisha told Commissioner Crooks she felt attacked by some of her accusations. Commissioner Crooks told her she has a right, as her boss' boss to ask clarifying questions.

There are currently 16 dogs at the Pound; 17 dogs at the fairgrounds; one adopted yesterday and three meet and greets today.

The Pound does have a new "no-contact" adoption policy with an on-line application.

They will call and ask the Shelter if they are now doing spay and neuters. They can also check with Dr. Reed.

Commissioner Cameron asked what the continued quarantine plan was. Bryan said he plans to adopt the dogs directly from the fairgrounds. Meet and greets will take place wherever the dog is. Whoever is on duty at the Pound will make contact and have communication with the potential adopter and complete the paperwork online or by phone.

Commissioner Porter still has liability concerns about the volunteers assisting with road calls. Alisha said it is her understanding that according to the ORC you can call on anyone in the public to help. Volunteers do sign a waiver. Commissioner Crooks told Alisha that part of her job is that she is expected to work independently. Commissioner Cameron said that in her opinion if anyone feels unsafe, she does not mind them calling someone to assist.

It was encouraged to begin the "Pet of the Week" on WHIZ again, now that adoptions have started back up.

There are no signs of sickness with the six dogs that were questionable at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Cameron also explained to the Wardens that they are considering a new location for the new facility.

Alisha asked what it would mean to their jobs if the Sheriff became the Dog Warden. Commissioner Cameron said they are not sure at this point, just exploring the possibility.

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Commissioner Cameron reported that Colleen Hicock from AMG called saying that the first week in June would be when “noisy pilings” would begin during the daytime hours. She will call Jeff Jadwin about doing an “all-call” for folks in that area to make them aware.

The Clerk made the Board aware of the contract with Genesis that Pam Davis presented. Commissioner Cameron acknowledged that this wasn't on the agenda, but the Board had discussed before and all had agreed to have Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor review. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0436 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign Charitable COVID-19 Screening Services Agreement with Genesis HealthCare System and all affiliates. To be effective May 14, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Don Madden, Projects Manger, came to talk with the Commissioners about several items. Don explained that Steve Bradley, Meigs Township Trustee, had called him several weeks ago talking about the tax revenues that would be coming from the new gas line, the Columbia Gas Transmission line. Don asked Debbie Nye for an idea of how much that revenue would be. The revenue for 2019 for the County is \$77,701 and for Meigs Township \$45,175. The amount will change year to year. Mailings have been done to that area before, including Museville. There were 13 positive responses. The estimated project cost is \$400,000. Only \$110,000 would be supported by the 13 homes. Don presented options for debt servicing the project.

Commissioner Crooks asked if the other Meigs Township Trustees are on board with Steve Bradley's proposal of using the tax revenue money. Commissioner Cameron suggested inviting them in to session.

Don also asked about purchasing a new cab and chassis for the Water Department. His best bid was from Dutro's for a Chevy for \$41,761. All agree to proceed.

Don also presented a quote for a new building from Butler Buildings through the Blue Scope (State Purchasing) program. Don has talked with Mark Eicher and he is in the early stages of drawing plans for a more conventional building to be bid out.

Don would like permission to talk with Jeff Lake about extending water to his chicken barns along Norfield Road. Zemba will be extending water to the corner of Lodge Road and Norfield and Jeff's barns are approximately 4,500 feet away. Based on usage of another similar chicken barn his facilities represent about the same as 18 homes. Jeff has mentioned buying a second tap for another barn that would be for cattle water. Don's proposal would be that Jeff buys the pipe and our Water Department crew would install the line. All agreed for Don to talk with Jeff Lake.

Don has a petition from Gary James of McDonald Road, who was planning to extend the waterline to his daughter's new house on his own but to do so the waterline would be off the road on his property. Don would prefer it to be out along the road for ease of maintenance and repair. Gary is willing to pay for a significant portion of the pipe to make the project viable.

There are six or seven people on the road that would like to have water with a 6,000 foot extension. The cost of the pipe would be about \$7,800 and between Gary's contribution and other tap fees would have at least \$5,000 to apply to the project. Don says the remainder could easily be paid from the month bill. This also, would be an in-house project that could start early summer. Commissioner Cameron said that our whole goal is to get people water and if this project would service that many. Commissioner Crooks agreed.

Don reported that his new employee is working out very well and is pleased.

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Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 session, with corrections. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter reported that he called Tom Gill back about his request for a radio antenna on Newark Road. Commissioner Porter told him the Board might be receptive. He will try to get Mr. Gill's address and send him a copy of the agreement we have with the Cambridge radio station, to see if that might work. In his message he told them we had concerns about someone professional doing the work, as well. The copy of the contract should explain our expectations.

There was continued discussion regarding Recycling, with Mark being off for two weeks. Commissioner Porter said he talked with John yesterday who thinks they can handle it. Commissioner Cameron had asked him yesterday morning and he said, "it's chaos, but we can do whatever you need us to." That was before she knew Mark was going to be out for two weeks.

Jeff Jadwin asked about helping with Mark's Recycling budget. Commissioner Porter asked Mark and he said he would welcome Jeff's help. Okay with Commissioner Cameron.

Commissioner Crooks is okay with Jeff helping, but feels Mark should be involved with it. Commissioner Cameron said John and Mike asked if the Board would ask Rob Reiter to consider having a waste disposal day at Recycling later in the year, since it appears all events have been cancelled. They have a lot of paint that needs disposed of. And it appears in the community that old TV's are being dumped, also.

Would it help if Rob would send someone to Recycling right now while Mark is off, maybe even if just one or two days a week? Why not if Rob is offering and paying for a person?

A call was placed to Rob to explain the situation. Rob will contact Mark to work out details.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came in to present some clarification on the Lorena insurance. The premium is cheaper when our employees are checking on the vessels because they are covered under our Workers' Compensation. She will move forward with renewing the policy at \$5,910. Commissioner Cameron will sign that renewal today.

Pam reported that Northside has two types of thermometers available. The handheld touch thermometers are \$19.99 each. The touchless thermometers are \$139.00. The Commissioners agreed to order one touchless thermometer.

Pam asked who will be the point person for the Genesis Screening for the 12 departments under the Commissioners. Pam will be the point person for the County. It was agreed to make the Department Heads the point persons.

There was discussion regarding vacations/traveling for employees during the Stay Safe Order. Number 5 of the Safe at Home Order addresses state to state travel recommending to self-quarantine for 14 days after return. Does the County want to deny vacations? No one wants to deny vacations. Pam talked with the CORSA helpline who said we can ask employees to self-quarantine if we know they are going out of state. However, recommendations could change after midnight May 29. It was agreed to review on each individual basis...if they can telework or isolate at their position when they return from vacation, that would be the ideal. The main objective is protecting others.

Chris Crook from the Times Recorder addressed some questions to the Commissioners regarding the Dog Pound.


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Commissioner Porter left at 12:19 p.m.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:27 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.


Cindy S. Cameron


Mollie S. Crooks


James W. Porter

This is a condensed version of today's session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.