

Minutes for Thursday, May 16, 2024

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell
Commissioner Crooks absent
Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 24-0460 Meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

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

The Mid-East students cancelled their presentation of their K-9 Adoption Center commercial, for today because of illness.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she received a call from Chris Kirby, South Zanesville Fiscal Officer, thanking the Commissioners for the financial assistance to the villages.

RESOLUTION 24-0465 declare an Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the Purchase of Real Estate for Public Purposes ORC 121.22(G)2 of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 10:45 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0461 accept and sign the contract for BUDS, Inc for the Wortman Road Bridge Replacement (MUS-TR90-4.00, PID 117331) in the amount of \$446,479.82, requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0462 accept and sign the contract for Cuyahoga Fence, LLC for the 2024 Guardrail Improvements Project (MUS-CRVAR-GR-FY2024, PID 111299) in the amount of \$223,200.00, requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0463 accept and sign the 2024 Pavement Marking Project (MUS-CRVAR-PM-FY2024, PID 111300) in the amount of \$129,272.42, requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 24-0464 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2023 with 2024 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
USA Bluebook	Supplies for Lab	\$1,396.27

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

Commissioners Cameron and Bell left to attend The Salvation Army Spring Brunch. They returned to session at 12:25 p.m.

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to present his draft letter to customers regarding charges when damages, are caused by user negligence (flushing improper items or running over septic lid), require a service call to repair.

Stan also discussed the Internship Program at Mid-East. Stan would like to use this program. He has talked with Don Madden, Projects Manager, who is also interested in the program. Stan also discussed the Quinn property with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cameron reported that when she recently attended the Hopewell Township Trustee meeting it was indicated that the residents who have attended the township meetings stated they are more in favor of zoning if by township rather than county-wide.

There was discussion regarding the meeting with members of the Muskingum Arts Council next Thursday.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2024 session. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 session. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

Eric Reed, County Administrator, presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 24-0466 authorize the Muskingum County Building Department/aka Mid-East Ohio Building Department to waive building fees for Avondale HVAC Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent. Motion carried.

The Commissioners participated in a meeting of negotiations with Bricker Graydon from 1:30 – 3:35 p.m.

The Commissioners left at 3:45 for the Ashley Furniture ribbon cutting.

The Commissioners returned at 4:30 p.m.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to present the following for consideration:

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RESOLUTION 24-0467 approve the employment of Mark Dunlap as Field Operator in the Muskingum County Water Department, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$16.00 per hour with the opportunity for an increase of \$.50 per hour upon the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent.

Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:46 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.


Cindy S. Cameron


Melissa J. Bell

 ABSENT
Mollie S. Crooks