

Minutes for May 17 , 2021

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 21-0480 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.

There was discussion regarding an email from Dr. Vinsel, Muskingum County Coroner, regarding a letter from the Dr. Lee, Chief Forensic Pathologist for Licking County, who does most of Muskingum County's autopsies.

- Licking County's autopsy rate is 40% higher than this time last year.
- To stay in good standing with the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), each pathologist should perform no more than 300 autopsies per year
- For Licking County to just get back onto a pace of 300 autopsies for the present year, they would need to have 35 consecutive days without an autopsy
- Dr. Lee will be taking more frequent and extended time off where autopsy services will not be available through Licking County
- Commissioner Porter suggested partnering with Genesis for autopsies and do them here; it would be a good money maker for them
 - Commissioner Cameron said they called Genesis during session a while back and they said they do not have the facilities nor anyone to do that
 - Finding someone to do it is very difficult
 - Also, they only have the capability of holding two people at the hospital

Commissioner Crooks reported that over the last week she's had a couple different people talk to her about Fire Districts

- Should there be a meeting of the Fire Chiefs and the Commissioners
 - One person was adamantly opposed and one just wanted information
- Commissioner Porter asked why they didn't respond to putting a meeting together when asked in February
- Commissioner Cameron asked why some were so against it
 - Commissioner Porter said typical mentality of every volunteer fire department, they don't want to give up their authority, mostly chiefs
 - There's going to be a meeting...Perry and New Concord were interested and those are just the ones that responded back
 - It's in process, but it'll be slow

The Clerk is to ask the Auditor's office to get the Board a copy of the Budget to work on for 2022.

Commissioner Crooks asked about the Defensive Driving Course offered by CORSA.

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- It was decided to participate during session; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- The Clerk will schedule

Commissioner Cameron expressed her concern about the number of overdoses and suicides recently.

- Not sure what we should be doing to help, or what the answer is, but is disturbing
- Prosecutor, Sheriff, ZPD and detectives are working hard
- Commissioner Crooks asked if the Sheriff and/or Prosecutor should come in to discuss
 - Why the spike
 - Is there anything we can do

Commissioner Cameron said she had talked with Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner, about the drug testing lab.

- He said they do have theirs up and going
 - They (Licking County) went to different companies and told them the County has a drug problem and the businesses made donations to get the lab up and running
- Our County's current situation is disturbing and disappointing

Commissioner Crooks said she likes the idea of everyone sitting down together to discuss. The Clerk is to set a meeting for Dr. Vensil, Sheriff Lutz and Prosecutor Welch.

Commissioner Cameron reported that in talking with Adam Holmes, he told her that he is meeting with Mark Neal, Matt Sheridan and Matt Abbott about a possible site for the CDL training and licensing.

Commissioner Crooks asked about the Dunfalls letter going to all residents.

- Mark Zanghi said he would ask their attorney why they decided not to allow others to tap in
 - The letter will be sent depending on Mark Zanghi's response

The Clerk reported a phone call from Sean Smith who has concerns with the cost of licensing of the, now legal, sports betting,

The Commissioners will review the request from GoRail for a letter of support.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mike Young of Pinecrest Drive, called her and wants to be added to the list of those wanting water on the Twin Hills project.

Commissioner Cameron also reported that Adam Holmes is getting Don Madden a contact name and number for the Army Corps.

Ron Welch, Assistant Prosecutor, came to see the Commissioners to update.

- They have sent five bodies to Dr. Lee, Licking County Coroner, in the last two weeks
- Dr. Lee sent him a letter saying that he would have to have 25 consecutive days without autopsies to stay under the standards for pathologists

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- Ron has talked with Mark Zanghi about Muskingum County seriously considering whether we need a medical examiner
- Commissioner Porter asked about Genesis
- Commissioner Cameron said they've called the hospital twice
 - They don't have the space
 - And difficulty in finding someone to even do it
- Ron said only 25 medical examiners graduate each year in the Country
 - He believes most medical examiners are not housed in a hospital
- Ron has asked Mark Zanghi to look at the feasibility of assisting Licking County in hiring an assistant
- The reason most autopsies are performed is because if they are going to Court the swab is not usable
 - A full autopsy and toxicology report are required to rule out other causes

Ron reported that his office has developed a "Drug Overdose Check List" which has increased their ability to find and charge suppliers.

- Ron commented that our Sheriff, ZPD and detectives are vastly overworked

A call was placed to Sheriff Lutz to see if he was near the Courthouse and available for this meeting.

- Sheriff was in the middle of something else and could not attend

Commissioner Cameron said Dr. Lee told her that you cannot make a profit off of autopsies; you can only charge what it costs to perform the autopsy.

Commissioner Cameron asked, so what's the solution; therapy, drug treatment centers, task forces...

- Ron says prevention education needs to start earlier in the schools; probably 4th grade
 - Many are smoking marijuana and doing pills in 7th grade
 - Many parents don't want their children to be exposed at that early age; they want to believe they are not being exposed to it at that age
- He would like to see the schools have one program that covers everything
 - The Prosecutor's office would offer to take some of their forfeiture money and pay 75-80% of the program if the schools will pick up the 25%
 - One period a day, one day a week during Health class
- The Prosecutor has applied for some Federal Grants to help with
 - Drug Diversion
 - Juvenile Mental Health Advocacy
 - Their goal is to start with twelve people
 - What are the criteria to make people the most successful
 - Family support
 - They've had a job previously
 - They have a driver's license
- Ron said they could be interested in part of the Putnam Avenue building
 - Roof and HVAC needs redone
 - Possibly for Juvenile Mental Health
 - And Juvenile Drug Diversion
 - Juvenile Court's two biggest issues
 - Mental Health

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▪ Drugs

Ron thanked the Commissioners for the expanded budget for 2021

- That has allowed them to hire extra qualified individuals

Commissioner Crooks would like to see the Commissioners help facilitate the programs in the schools

Theresa Kanavel and Susan Derwacter from Sands Decker came in to meet with the Commissioners.

- Susan is a new member of their engineering team
 - Her specialty is utility and transportation
- Sands Decker also assists with grant writing and funding
- Theresa mentioned about the discussions of the possibility of a new jail
 - Daniel Imlay, formerly with Shremshock is now with Davis Wince

John Graham and David Kreis with the Muskingum County Fairboard came to talk with the Commissioners.

- They reported that they have received grant monies for upgrades to the Fairgrounds and will be using that to replace seating, electric, sandblasting and painting the grandstand
- They presented a proposal to the Board for repairs to two posts in the coliseum and also repairs to the northeast corner that is caving in
- The coliseum will be good for several more years with the repairs

After John and David left there was continued discussion.

- Commissioner Cameron said she thinks it's valid, they have pictures...
- Commissioner Crooks said she knows they've been watching those posts for several years
- Commissioner Porter would question why they're here for funding, but he'd hate to see something happen to that building
 - He should have asked them if they have the money to do it themselves
 - John had talked to him about it several weeks ago and Commissioner Porter told John to call and set up an appointment with the entire Board
 - Commissioner Porter is not opposed to it, but he guarantees that there would have been people that would have volunteered to have come in to do that, but they've burned a lot of bridges
 - He could get it donated today
 - Their image needs polished
- Commissioner Cameron said she just keeps thinking we are talking about the 4-H kids, weddings and different things being held there
- Commissioner Porter said unfortunately those folks don't give a rat's ass about 4-H - and that's the issue; it's slowly turning around, it's getting better, but it has a long way to go
 - He said that they (Fairboard) are going to price their way out of the camper area, which wouldn't bother him if they reinvested in the camper area

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- He's also afraid someone is going to seriously get hurt in that camping area
 - They wouldn't refund the campers' money last year, because they didn't have it, already had spent it
 - They need to function as a board, with all 12 making the decisions
- Commissioner Cameron expressed her support of funding the repairs, because no matter what you go to the Fairgrounds for, you usually go to the Coliseum

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0481 approve to pay the Muskingum County Agricultural Society for repairs to the Fairgrounds Coliseum for repairs to the posts and the northeast retaining wall.

Estimates from Timothy Stottsberry:

Repairing two main structure posts - \$3,500

Repairing northeast retaining wall - \$8,300

Payment will be taken from 001-114-506040 Economic Development; Capital Projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter wanted it noted that he's doing this for the 4-H kids, not the Fairboard.

RESOLUTION 21-0482 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 092 as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of Court as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
092-242-504024	092-242-501002- Salary	\$3,200.00
092-242-504024	092-242-502003-PERS	\$448.00
092-242-504024	092-242-502001-Medicare	\$41.88
092-242-504024	092-242-502004- Insurance	\$1,350.74

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0483 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 013 as requested by Peggy Taylor, Sewer Department, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
013-372-503017 –COVID 19	013-372-507001- Misc. Expenses	\$5,000

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0484 approve and authorize the payment of invoice(s) incurred prior to funds being encumbered in the amount of \$219.00 as requested by Tammy Blake of the Muskingum County Court.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 21-0485

WHEREAS, the real property known as tax parcel #60-10-10-17-000 consisting of 5.12 acres; said property being located 2780 Brewster Grove Road, Chandlersville (Salt Creek Township), Ohio, 43727, was forfeited to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio as the result of a criminal matter (*State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Case No. CR2020-0182); and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 13th, 2021; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$91,00.00 (ninety-one thousand and 00/100 dollars) from Charles W. Hollins, Jr., 2820 Brewster Grove Road, Chandlersville, Ohio 43727; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mollie S. Crooks, President, Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is authorized to sign any and all instruments which are required to convey the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0486

WHEREAS, the real property known as tax parcels nos. 60-70-02-25-000 (0.57 acres) and 60-70-02-02-000 (0.26 acres); said property being located 4050 Big Muskie Drive, Chandlersville (Salt Creek Township), Ohio, 43727, was forfeited to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio as the result of a criminal matter (*State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Case No. CR2020-0182); and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 13th, 2021; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$48,000 (forty-eight thousand and 00/100 dollars) from Burkhart Construction Services, LLC, 2300 North Lawhead Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mollie S. Crooks, President, Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is authorized to sign any and all instruments which are required to convey the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0487

WHEREAS, the real property known as tax parcel #60-50-21-21-000 consisting of 31.29 acres; said property being located 4265 Salt Creek Drive, Chandlersville (Salt Creek Township), Ohio, 43727, was forfeited to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio as the result of a criminal matter (*State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Case No. CR2020-0182); and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 11th, 2021; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$154,885.50 (one hundred fifty-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-five and 50/100 dollars) from Emerald Hills Pasture, Ltd. 1510 Bald Hill Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mollie S. Crooks, President, Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is authorized to sign any and all instruments which are required to convey the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0488 WHEREAS, the real property known as tax parcel #60-40-20-14-000 consisting of 6.18 acres; said property being located 5360 Mast Road, Duncan Falls (Salt Creek Township), Ohio, 43734, was forfeited to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio as the result of a criminal matter (*State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Case No. CR2020-0182); and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 11th, 2021; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$145,000 (one hundred forty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars) from Kyle & Mallory Miller, 6550 Pinecrest Drive, Zanesville, Ohio 43701; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mollie S. Crooks, President, Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is authorized to sign any and all instruments which are required to convey the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0489 WHEREAS, the real property known as tax parcel #53-10-01-01-000 consisting of 2.63 acres; said property being located on Shepherd Road, New Concord (Rich Hill Township), Ohio, 43762, was forfeited to the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio as the result of a criminal matter (*State of Ohio vs. Dwight W. Taylor*, Case No. CR2020-0182); and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 13th, 2021; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$38,320.00 (thirty-eight thousand, three hundred-twenty and 00/100 dollars) from Ronald D. & Diane M. Parks, 1990 Sunflower Road, New Concord, Ohio 43762; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mollie S. Crooks, President, Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is authorized to sign any and all instruments which are required to convey the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0490 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Common Pleas, as requested by Vicki Vallee.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Other Expenses	001-244-507001	\$315.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 21-0491 approve the establishment of new fund, number 169, which does not require approval of the State Auditor's Office, and line items as requested by Jeff Jadwin, Director for the Muskingum County EMA

ESTABLISH NEW FUND

Purpose of New Fund Purchase Equipment and Services for Ohio Homeland Security Region #8
Fund Number 169
Fund Name FY 2020 Regional State Homeland Security Grant
Department 461
Award Amount \$233,330.00
CFDA # N/A
Function Public Safety
Grant # DPSFE260
Grant Period 09/01/2020 thru 03/31/2023
Grant Administrator Jeff Jadwin
Matching N/A

Type

LINE ITEMS TO BE CREATED

Revenue:Description	Fund	Dept.	Account Code
State Grant	169	461	409024
Expenditures: Description	Fund	Dept.	Account Code
Equipment	169	461	506001-\$181,747.00
Contract Services	169	461	504001-\$37,000.00
Cybersecurity done by Ohio EMA for Region #8-\$14,583.00 returned to Ohio EMA			

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0492 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 149, for the Muskingum County EMA, as requested by Jeff Jadwin .

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2018 Regional Grant	149-461-409024	\$205.11

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0495 accept the resignation of Chantell Hall, Housekeeping.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0493 grant permission for the Muskingum County Board of DD to donate unneeded/obsolete playground equipment to another government entity, school or non-profit organization on a first come first serve basis. All equipment not donated or unfit will be disposed of. Requested by Christine Ross, Administrative Assistant, Muskingum County Board of DD.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

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RESOLUTION 21-0494 authorize donation of old shelving, taken out of the Records Center, to the food pantry housed at the Coburn UM Church.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Cameron noted that the pantry told Corrie that if anyone else is ahead of them for the shelves or wants them, that's fine.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 session, with changes. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Commissioner Crooks reported that she emailed Brian Wagner about how to access the Dog and Kennel funds at the Community Foundation.

- Someone from the Sheriff's office should submit an invoice, they (Community Foundation) will process it for payment

Commissioner Cameron reported a call she received yesterday about a dog tied to a older Suburban in the Jimmy John's parking lot.

- The caller had attempted to call the Dog Warden, but couldn't get through
- Commissioner Cameron made the appropriate calls for them

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:19 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.