

Minutes for Thursday, May 23, 2024

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 24-0472 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron made the Board aware of schedule changes:

- Harry Kallipolis from OEPA will be calling at 8:30 a.m.
- Don, Zack and Eric have been moved to 9:00 a.m.
- Sheriff Lutz will coming at 9:30 a.m.
- Kyle Dunn has been moved to 10:30 a.m.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0473 Whereas the existing lease with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services for 540 square feet of space in the Muskingum County Rural Services Building located at 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 expires on December 31, 2024; and Whereas another tenant in the building requires additional space for their operations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that the existing lease with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservations Services shall not be renewed or extended and shall terminate effective December 31, 2024.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0474 WHEREAS, Muskingum County, is applying for PY 2024 Community Development Allocation funding from the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (OCD);

WHEREAS, the County is requesting \$254,000 in CDBG, funds for CD Allocation approved activities; WHEREAS, Muskingum County understands the authority for the entire Grant, as well as, sole responsibility for regulatory compliance and the terms of the grant agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio:

Section 1: The Muskingum County Commissioners authorize the submission of the PY 2024 CD Allocation Application through the State of Ohio's Ohio Community and Energy Assistance Network (OCEAN) website.

Section 2: Muskingum County Commissioners accepts the role, responsibility and authority of being Grantee of the CD Allocation Application.

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Section 3: The Muskingum County Commissioners authorize participation and submission of the PY 2024 Community Development Allocation Application with the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, and to provide all information and documentation required in said Application submission.

Section 4: That Muskingum County Commissioners hereby understand and agree that participation in said Program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

Section 5: That Muskingum County Commissioners hereby commits itself to provide any local share of funding, described in the Application, if necessary

Section 6: This Resolution must accompany said Application, which must be filed with the Ohio Development Services Agency by June 12, 2024.

Section 7: This Resolution also authorizes the president and/or vice president of the board of commissioners to sign any and all documentation related to the execution of said partnership agreement and CD Application.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0475 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Ohio Department of Youth Services Grant Application for FY2025, requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Officer/ Grant Administrator for Juvenile Court.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0476 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Engineering Agreement for the Pidcock and Norwich Valley Roads Water Extension.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0477 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Engineering Agreement for the Route 555 Water Extension Number Two.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0478 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Amendment #1 to exhibit A Natural Gas Purchasing Program, requested by Bob Snavey, Palmer Energy.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0479 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 007 as requested by Tom Smith, MCJFS, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
007-692-504401-TANF OMJ	007-692-503001-PA Supplies	\$10,000.00
007-692-506001-PA Equipment	007-692-503001-PA Supplies	\$ 5,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 24-0480 BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO, that:

Section 1. This board determines and declares that after providing the normal and customary percentage of the total general fund appropriations for the support of the Muskingum Tuberculosis and Respiratory Clinic of the Rambo Memorial Health Center, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the support of the Muskingum Tuberculosis and Respiratory Clinic of the Rambo Memorial Health Center, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Muskingum County, Ohio, for the purpose of the support of the Muskingum Tuberculosis and Respiratory Clinic of the Rambo Memorial Health Center.

Section 2. Said levy is a renewal of an existing 0.40 mill levy, which amounts to \$0.0004 for each dollar of valuation, for five years.

Section 3. The question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of Muskingum County at the election to be held on November 5, 2024, and that said levy be placed on the tax lists commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5705.34 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is directed to certify immediately a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Muskingum County requesting that the County Auditor certify to this Board the total current tax valuation of Muskingum County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the four-tenths (0.4) mill levy.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0481 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 Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, Muskingum County Commissioners.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ohio Department of Commerce	Water Tube Inspection Juv Det	\$68.25

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 session with changes.

Commissioner Bell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion regarding the CCAO Broadband Webinar information held yesterday.

Scott Lee, Facilities Superintendent, brought quotes for the repaving/repairing of the JFS parking lot on Woodlawn Avenue.

The Clerk was asked to place the following on the County Website:

“All visitors to the Muskingum County Courthouse must enter the Main Entrance and pass through security”

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The Commissioners took a call from Harry Kallipolitis of Ohio EPA regarding the implementation of a new Southeastern Ohio project addressing open dumping and open burning issues.

Mr. Kallipolitis will also look further into the Rumpke process for recycling.

Eric Reed, County Administrator; Don Madden, Projects Manager; Zack Forker, Projects Assistant, and Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to discuss water and sewer debt within the County.

The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0482 declare an Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Matter of Union Negotiations the Muskingum County Water Department. This session ended about 9:28 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Sheriff Lutz came to see the Commissioners and requested the following:

RESOLUTION 24-0483 declare an Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter of the Muskingum County K-9 Adoption Center. This session ended about 10:25 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

There was further discussion regarding the repairs of the parking lot at the Woodlawn office of Job and Family Services. The Commissioner agreed to pay for the repairs.

Eric Reed, County Administrator, came to update the Commissioners.

- June 3; Jail Project Budget and Scope Discussion

Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, came to discuss the CDBG Applications with the Commissioners.

- Four applications received
 - Philo – Front Street
 - Frazeyburg – in front of Fire and EMS building
 - Dresden – Dave Longaberger Drive
 - South Zanesville – South Avenue Box Culvert
 - County submissions due June 12

Kyle also gave Lead Safe Ohio updates.

Kate Paul, Director and Chad Tyson, Treasurer for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors came to update the Commissioners on their programming.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:00 p.m.

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Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director and Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to meet with the Commissioners to inform them that Travis Roach, EMA Deputy Director, has resigned to accept a position with the State. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0484 approve the posting of the position of EMA Deputy Director, for full time. This request was submitted by Pam Davis, Human Resources. Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Kelly Ashby, Kristy Szemetylo and Brian Wagner of the Muskingum County Arts Council came at the Commissioners' request to further discuss their financial request.

- The Arts Council has not yet been to the City to ask for support

The Commissioners had much discussion regarding the ask and consideration of many other County obligations.

The Commissioners committed the County IT Department's support to the development of the Arts Council. The following was also considered:

RESOLUTION 24-0485 agree to grant \$50,000 per year for three years to the development of the Muskingum County Art's Council. Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24-0486 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 075, for the Muskingum County Community Development, as requested by Kyle Dunn, Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Repairs	075-375-504007	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

There was continued discussion regarding the notice from AEP regarding kWh Tax Rider. All agreed that we shouldn't be asked to pay for their mistake. Commissioner Bell will send email reply to AEP.

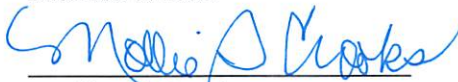
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Cindy S. Cameron



Melissa J. Bell



Mollie S. Crooks