

# Minutes for May 26, 2022

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

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron attended the National Road Business Park Brokers' Event in the morning.

**RES 22-0507** Meeting was called to order at 1:53 p.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.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0508** approve and authorize the ADVANCE of Funds from County General Fund 001 to Fund 064 for the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager, as follows:

**ADVANCE OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-990-510001- County General	064-000-414001- State Grant	\$30,364.00

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reclaim Diversion- Salaries	064-444-501002-DVRSN	\$8,269.00
Reclaim Diversion-PERS	064-444-502003-DVRSN	\$1,007.00
Reclaim Diversion-Insurance	064-444-502004-DVRSN	\$2,803.00
Reclaim Diversion-Medicare	064-444-502001-DVRSN	\$ 95.00
MI-Probation-Salaries	064-444-501002-REENT	\$8,391.00
MI-Probation-PERS	064-444-502003-REENT	\$1,022.00
MI-Probation-Insurance	064-444-502004-REENT	\$ 194.00
MI-Probation-Medicare	064-444-502001-REENT	\$ 106.00
COMM.Svc/Restitution-Salaries	064-444-501002-RETS	\$7,463.00
COMM.Svc/Restitution-PERS	064-444-502003-RETS	\$ 909.00
COMM.Svc/Restitution-Insurance	064-444-502004-RETS	\$ 10.00
COMM.Svc/Restitution-Medicare	064-444-502001-RETS	\$ 95.00

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0509** approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
009-368-510002	176-368-414002	\$97,032.00

These funds will be utilized for the local share of the Thompson Run Road Bridge project funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

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

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**RESOLUTION 22-0510** 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 \$53,996.77, 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

RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the application of funds for payment of permissive tax funds in the amount of \$53,996.77 to The City of Zanesville.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0511** 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 Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Genesis Healthcare	Inmate Abram, Brandon	\$3,160.07

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0512** approve the award of bid to Albatross Management LLC, 10388 Snoddy Rd, Lakeville, Ohio 44638 in the amount of \$95,370.00 for the purchase of Norwich Resurfacing of various streets for the Engineer's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0513** approve and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Subordination Agreement form for the mortgage of Harold Ricker, in the original amount of \$45,500.00 for the Muskingum County Community Development. This request was submitted by Kyle Dunn, Program Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0514** authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Ohio Department of Youth Services Grant Application for FY23 for the Muskingum County Juvenile Court as requested by Rachael Dille, Grant Administrator.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0515** approve the decrease in Appropriations & Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001 & 144, for the Muskingum County Board of Elections, as requested by Marlee Gibson, Director.

## DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	001-112-501002	\$3,282.38

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## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	001-458-501002	\$2,271.61
Salaries	144-458-501002	\$ 507.71
PERS	001-458-502003	\$ 411.16
PERS	144-458-502003	\$ 91.60

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

There was discussion about the above request. The Clerk was asked to contact Marlee and ask her to come in to explain the request to the Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION 22-0516** approve the waiving of all Floodplain permit fees for the Governmental Jurisdictions and Departments for the year 2022. Requested by Ray Mennega, Floodplain Administrator.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0517** approve the employment of Andrew Bennett and Terry Tokie as Clerical Specialist 3 in the Child Support Division of the Muskingum County Job and Family Services, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0518** open bids for Courthouse Fire Alarm System.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Mid-Ohio Valley Integrated Systems, LLC	\$ 93,244.00
James Electric	\$140,000.00
IPS Integrated Protection Systems	\$149,260.82

**RESOLUTION 22-0519** take bids under advisement for Courthouse Fire Alarm System.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

There was discussion about the bids.

Commissioner Porter said the big difference between the bids would throw up a red flag for him. Scott said that Mid-Ohio indicated that their system would be wireless and there was no need to see the entire Courthouse.

Michael James with James Electric was present and explained that they did come in and walked 100% of the Courthouse. Their proposal includes a wired system, providing there are no spaces in the Courthouse that would be deemed historical and would prevent a wired system to be installed. His concern is possible interference with wireless and knowing what is in the building, he wouldn't take the risk of wireless.

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There are also maintenance fees with wireless...each device has a minimum of six batteries; cost of those batteries is in excess of \$5 each and must be replaced every three years. James would also include added protection in areas of records and the clock tower. Also includes a fire alarm panel on the ground floor and a remote enunciator on each floor. Carbon monoxide monitors are also included.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, reported on this morning's auction for 333 Putnam Avenue and the following was considered:

## **RESOLUTION 22-0520**

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-0404, authorized the sale of the real property known as tax parcel #81-19-02-12-000; said property being located at 333 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the real property was sold at a public auction conducted by the Muskingum County Sheriff on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio that this board accepts the bid in the amount of \$170,000.00 (one-hundred seventy-thousand and 00/100 dollars) from Reach Educational Services, LLC, 4015 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017; 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.

Don Madden, Projects Manager; Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager; Morgan Coast, Engineer with Vaughn, Coast and Vaughn and Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss possible Weber Lift Station upgrade.

- Originally, Weber could not get replacement pumps
- Wanted to maintain 500 gallon/minute capacity with ability to increase to 1250 gallon/minute in the future for development of the industrial park
  - 1250 gallons per minute figure came from talking with the City several years ago when Kenny Beisser was still here; however there never was a commitment from the City saying that was okay; just a verbal approval
- When the new design for Weber was created the increase to 1250 was made possible by installing a 16" force main
  - This way the pump station could be two fold
- When Morgan asked Stan for something in writing from the City saying we could pump 1250 gallons per minute into their system...Stan said he didn't know of anything in writing
  - At that point they scheduled a meeting with the City and provided the information they had requested.
  - The City then came back and said maybe they would allow the 1250 gallons per minute but if it impacts their sewer system negatively, they would ask us to back it off
    - Morgan said it's not that easy because the 16" has to maintain a certain velocity of flow

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- So, Morgan would propose making it a 12” force main which would produce 800 gallons per minute and the City should be able to handle that
- If we would need 1250 gallons/minute in the future we could add two more pumps to the Weber Lift Station
- Don explained that the 1250 gallon number came out of a “back alley” meeting between Chip at the City and Kenny from the County
  - Commissioner Porter would disagree
    - He said if we could get Steve Grassbaugh, former legal counsel, out of retirement, he would guarantee we could get 1250 right now
      - The City tried this crap before
        - Steve met with them and straightened them out real quick
      - Commissioner Porter said there is an agreement that we can get 1250
    - Stan said that he is aware that there is an agreement that we can pump up to 4 million gallons a day to them, but is not aware of an agreement that says we can pump X number in different areas
    - Don said if it is in the Interagency Agreement, they can go back and look
  - Commissioner Porter also noted that in the ‘90’s we thought what we have there now would handle everything out there
- Morgan said the City’s response now is that if we were to put 1250 a minute and the City has a problem, the County would be responsible for replacing lines for the City
- The Interagency Agreement had the County putting \$8 million in to the current system
  - Stan says that the current staff at the City is aware of the agreement, because he has had conversation with them about it; and also this agreement is used to calculate the new water rates every year
- Morgan estimates that the capital cost would probably be a wash doing 12” and then adding the two pumps later, if needed
- Morgan has not yet responded to the City’s email

Stan presented to the Commissioners an estimate from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology for manhole re-lining for an additional eight manholes at a cost of \$21,000.00. All agreed.

Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director came in and the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0521** open bids for Warning Sirens for the Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

JD Johnson Sales and Services	\$9,175.00
Commercial Electronics	\$9,722.80

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**RESOLUTION 22-0522** take bids under advisement for Warning Sirens for the Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency.  
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.  
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, abstain. Motion carried.

Jeff reported that he is still gathering storm information for FEMA.

Commissioner Cameron asked about the status of information for the Soldiers and Sailors parking lot.

Commissioner Porter said that Soldiers and Sailors are waiting for an appraisal of the property.

Robert Moore, IT Director, came to talk to the Commissioners about wages for new hires. Several of the responses, from folks that are IT compatible, are asking for nearly \$25 an hour. Robert will not hire over what Chris and Greg are currently making. Commissioner Crooks requested Robert gather Market Standards for this position and provide to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Porter stated that apparently the Prosecutor's Office is not representing him anymore. He had called Mark Zanghi Monday, for an explanation of where he got his advice as far as the Ethics Commissions stuff. Mark hasn't called him back and he knows they read the minutes, so Commissioner Porter will try to communicate with him through the minutes. Commissioner Porter would like to know if Mark's opinion to Commissioner Crooks is in writing about his advice regarding her husband being on the Fair Board. He would also like to know where Mark got his information. Commissioner Porter apologized to the Clerk and the staff because they are going to be put through a heck of a lot of work. Mark has sent an email to Columbus saying he disagrees with their opinion. So, as a result of that, Commissioner Porter has an investigator's name and number that he's been advised to call. He has not called yet, and is giving Mr. Zanghi the benefit of the doubt. He would feel bad asking his receptionist to lie for him, but, he can't prove that. Commissioner Porter's message was, "when you have time, give me a call". So, maybe he's been too busy. He'll wait a few more days. Maybe Mark will read this in the minutes and answer Commissioner Porter's questions. Commissioner Porter does think it's pretty bad that he thought Mark represented the Commissioners' office, but maybe this is a different animal. Commissioner Porter guarantees one thing, he'll get answers somewhere.

Commissioner Porter addressed the message on his desk from Denzil Hill. He put it back in the Commissioners' message slot.

Commissioner Crooks asked if the Board would want to set up work sessions since we are not in session next Monday and the 2023 Budget is due June 1. We also need to address Lucretia Frame's Probationary Period Evaluation. Commissioner Crooks suggested next Wednesday, June 1. Commissioner Cameron would prefer not to, but will if we have to. She would prefer next Thursday or the next Monday. Commissioner Porter also, is not willing to come in on Wednesday.

Don Madden, Projects Manager, stopped in and asked to talk with the Commissioners. Don asked for Commissioners' signatures on a pay app that was missed when resolution was passed.

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Don reported that Thursday and Friday of last week, EPA was here doing Sanitary Survey for the Water Department. They come every three years, ask questions and view various sites. This year they went through every pump station, every tank, along with the questionnaire. Don will give high marks to his staff and crew. The result of the survey will be sent in letter form in a month or two.

Don asked about The Wilds MOU stating the County will contribute \$50,000 to the project. How is he to proceed?

Commissioner Crooks asked about The Wilds grant monies that they have received and how that affects the Commissioners' contribution to the project.

Don has not had any further discussion with Joe Smith of The Wilds, because he wanted to talk with the Board first...Don is just looking for direction. Don is comfortable that the project will generate \$50,000 in revenue, providing the RV park doesn't close.

Don has no opinion one way or the other. There are other residential projects, that he does care and have an opinion.

Commissioner Crooks feels that The Wilds is quite an asset to this community and it would be a nice PR partnership opportunity.

Commissioner Porter values the people on Norfield Road, Arch Hill Road, that have petitioned for water...he values them twice as much as he values The Wilds. His answer is that he won't sign it.

Commissioner Cameron asked Don his opinion of the project. He is comfortable that the project will generate the \$50,000 back in revenue, but the question is, where do you want to choose to spend your money.

Commissioner Cameron's opinion would be that \$50,000 towards a \$1.2 million project does not seem outrageous for a county to help them. She's okay with signing the MOU. Doesn't look at it as "who is more important", we're also paying other projects that we will not realize all the money back.

Don will go back to talk with The Wilds and tell them that it was a hard sell, but this is what he has for them.

Commissioner Cameron mentioned that Jamie Perry had called about water on Arch Hill. Don said he will call Mr. Perry.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, came over yesterday and said that there is a problem with another audit. Sheila was to have held Fair Housing Meetings and there is no record of them. Commissioner Cameron suggested to Kyle, that he come in to discuss with the Board. Kyle was called over.

Kyle had a draft of a response to the auditors regarding the Fair Housing meetings, for the Commissioners' review. The Commissioner agreed on the response.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Pam called over regarding the incident involving an Avondale employee...the employee worked there from February 2019 through May 2019. Pam did not know anything about it until it was in the news.

The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with Marlee at the Board of Elections to explain their supplemental request today.

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Commissioner Crooks asked again about scheduling a budget work session. It was decided to set aside the morning of Thursday, June 9.

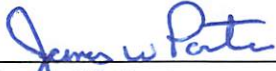
The Clerk reported that she has registered the Commissioners and herself for Part I of the Ethics Webinar for June 13: 1:00 p.m.

The Clerk is to schedule the second part of the Ethics Webinar for September 15; 10:00 a.m.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:38 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.*