

Minutes for May 27, 2021

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron
Staff Present: Beth Iden/Susan Reese

RES 21-0519 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.

Todd Hixson, County Treasurer, came in to discuss the ARPA (American Rescue Protection Act).

- Todd said there is apprehension across the state in the signing up process.
- There is a possibility he may not get selected after he signs up
- He has not requested the funds, yet. He is waiting to get approved and on permission from Commissioners
- SAMS is updated and active, but in Mike Babcocks name...Todd will talk to Stephanie
- Commissioner Crooks said the Auditors office will generate the necessary reports and approve the expenditures
- Commissioner Cameron said there has to be an agreement on the use and intent of the ARPA fund
- Commissioner Crooks said the Comprehensive Plan might help give an idea on what different departments will be asking for
- Commissioner Porter told Todd that he appreciated him stepping up and being on board
- Commissioner Cameron said the Commissioners will help in any way possible
- Commissioner Porter asked if Debra Nye had seen a template for the Resolution. The Resolution would be to authorize Todd to request funds...Todd said yes, she saw one
- Commissioner Crooks said there was discussion to incorporate insurance in to protect who ever does the ID ME
- Commissioner Porter said as an elected official, being bonded does not protect anyone
- Todd said after you apply and get approved, then it just takes a few days to get the money
- Funds are to be used to cover costs incurred by Dec. 31, 2024
- Funds not used must be returned by Dec. 31, 2026

Commissioner Crooks sent an e-mail to Debbie Nye asking if she has a template for the Resolution to appoint Todd Hixson.

Commissioner Crooks read an e-mail from Amy Young, Port Authority, she would like a letter of support for the TID Grant for Loop Rd.

- Commissioner Porter said his first question is do we have plans of taking the road over?
- Mark Eicher has not given a hard No to it
- TID money is not allowed to be used on private roads
- Commissioner Crooks called Matt Abbott...left message

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Commissioner Cameron said the common question at the Center for Seniors is when are they going to open

- Commissioner Porter wanted to say that David Boyer was the best choice they could have made as Interim Director at the Center for Seniors
 - Nothing but positive comments from the employees
 - There is a completely different world at the Center
 - He has hit a homerun already
 - Commissioner Porter asked him when they would open and Mr. Boyer said it seems like they are gearing everything toward what Guernsey County is doing
 - Commissioner Porter said let's be leaders and not followers...Mr. Boyer said we are on it
 - Commissioner Cameron agreed on how upbeat and positive he is
 - Commissioner Porter said he made everyone feel like he was their best friend
 - Mr. Boyer said what's not to love at this place

Matt Abbott returned Commissioner Crooks' call

- Mark Eicher is open to exploring taking over the road
- Contingent upon it being a public road, then TID could fund 25%, State 629 fund 50% and Business Association fund the remaining 25%
- At that point Matt would ask Mark Eicher to take over the road
- Matt said they currently know it is not a public road
- Support letter should say contingent upon becoming a public road
- Commissioner Porter asked if it would be County road or Township road
 - Matt said hopefully County road
- The Business Association already pays into the CAM Fee and could possibly structure a deal for the Engineers to receive an annual maintenance payment for a period of time

Commissioner Crooks said Chris Hamill called her earlier regarding grant dollars for ADA compliance projects

- State did not approve the new BOE door
- The Commissioners all agree that the door is not needed
- If money is not needed they can return it
- Commissioner Cameron asked if there is anything else in BOE office that they could use the grant money for
- Commissioner Crooks said that Chris stated there isn't anything else they need
- All Commissioners agree if it is not needed, then return the money
- Commissioner Porter said we cannot jeopardize the Sheriff's evidence area
- Commissioner Crooks will tell Chris that to do this on their own, would not be a wise choice

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RESOLUTION 21-0520 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County Water Fund 014 from Fund 182 as requested by the Projects Department. The repayment of the ADVANCE will include \$331,983.52 for the repayment of money advanced to fund 182 and \$318,016.48 to be forgiven as an Advance of Funds.

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
182-373-99998	014-900-99998	\$331,983.52

FORGIVENESS OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
181	014	\$318,016.48

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0521 accepts Official Amended Certificate Number Ten (10) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated May 21, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0522 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 021 as requested by Candy Emmert, Executive Director, Muskingum County Adult and Child Protective Services, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
021-695-504378 Non Custody	021-695-504397 Chafee Stimulus	\$20,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0523 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Numbers 063 and 095 as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk, Muskingum County Court. These funds will be used to exhaust the Hope Court Grant before the end of the fiscal year.

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
063-242-504024	063-242-501002 Salary	\$2,000.00
063-242-504024	063-242-502003 PERS	\$ 280.00
063-242-504024	063-242-502001 Medicare	\$ 29.00
063-242-504024	063-242-502004 Insurance	\$ 687.95
063-242-504024	063-242-502009 Workers' Comp	\$ 30.00

095-242-504024	095-242-501002 Salary	\$1,440.00
095-242-504024	095-242-502003 PERS	\$ 201.60
095-242-504024	095-242-502001 Medicare	\$ 20.88
095-242-504024	095-242-502004 Insurance	\$ 680.94
095-242-504024	095-242-502009 Workers' Comp	\$ 30.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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RESOLUTION 21-0524 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2020 with 2021 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official, Muskingum County Building Department.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Village of Philo	Village Rebates	\$523.88

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0525 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, for Muskingum County Commissioners, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-102-504002 Professional Services	001-102-506001 Equip & Maint	\$2,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0526 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign Pay Application Number 1 for the Maysville Avenue Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$112,651.20. Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0527 approve and authorize the ADVANCE of Funds from County General Fund 001 to Fund 099 for the Muskingum County Juvenile Court as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager, as follows:

ADVANCE OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-990-8510001 County General	099-000-414001 State Grant	\$29,360.00

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, to hereby approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 099,

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reclaim Diversion – Salaries	099-444-501002DVRSN	\$ 7,360.00
Reclaim Diversion – PERS	099-444-502003DVRSN	\$ 978.00
Reclaim Diversion – Insurance	099-444-502004DVRSN	\$ 4,031.00
Reclaim Diversion – Medicare	099-444-502001DVRSN	\$ 100.00
Reentry Probation – Salaries	099-444-501002REENT	\$ 7,091.00
Reentry Probation - PERS	099-444-502003REENT	\$ 942.00
Reentry Probation – Insurance	099-444-502004REENT	\$ 194.00
Reentry Probation-Medicare	099-444-502001REENT	\$ 100.00
Work Detail – Salaries	099-444-501002WRKDT	\$6,022.00
Work Detail – PERS	099-444-502003WRKDT	\$ 798.00
Work Detail – Insurance	099-444-502004WRKDT	\$1,660.00
Work Detail – Medicare	099-444-502001WRKDT	\$ 84.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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RESOLUTION 21-0528 approve the decrease and increase in Appropriations within Fund Number 064 for Muskingum County Juvenile Court as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Work Detail – Salaries	064-444-501002WRKDT	\$4,867.50
Work Detail – PERS	064-444-502003WRKDT	\$ 682.00
Work Detail – Medicare	064-444-502001WRKDT	\$ 70.00
Work Detail – W/Comp	064-444-502009WRKDT	\$ 73.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New Life Skills Ctr	064-444-504303	\$10.00
Reentry Probation-Insurance	064-444-8502004REENT	\$10.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director came in to open bids for the Warning Siren contract for 2021. Dana Kelly with Bearcom was also present for the opening. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21- 0529 open bids for Warning Sirens, Muskingum County EMA.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Bid were as follows:

Bearcom	\$9,000.00
Commercial Electronics	\$9,362.80

RESOLUTION 21-0530 take bids for Warning Sirens under advisement, Muskingum County EMA.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Mr. Kelly of Bearcom confirmed that he lives here in Muskingum County and a technician lives in Nashport.

Commissioner Cameron asked Jeff what he found out about “premium pay”.

- In the EMA Association of Ohio meeting he learned that in the Recovery Act, there is a section that deals with premium pay for people who had to work through the pandemic; Fire, EMS, EMA; those bearing greatest risk in taking care of others
- Premium pay could be up to 25%; on top of what they were already paid
- Commissioners would have final say
- Jeff will find out more information tomorrow

There was also a brief discussion regarding autopsies.

- Because Licking County cannot do autopsies for Muskingum County right now, Muskingum County will be going to
 - Franklin County
 - Ohio State

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- Montgomery County

Jeff reported on the fire last week at the hospital in the cath lab.

- A structural engineering problem---no window that opens

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to meet with the Commissioners about SCADA call-outs.

- Now that the Department has implemented the SCADA software, lift stations can be reset by phone
 - On-call employees are currently being paid 3 hours for call-outs
 - Stan would propose one-half hour compensation when resetting a lift station by phone
- After some discussion it was decided that one hour compensation would be fair

Commissioner Crooks mentioned to Stan that Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, has not had a chance to talk with the Dunfalls Attorney, Grant Stubbins, about their decision to not allow additional taps.

Commissioner Crooks also asked Stan about plans if the ARP money would be available for infrastructure.

- Stan said County Engineer is working on plans for Juanita Drive
- East End
- Licking View
- Dillon Hills

Stan reported that he sent Mark Zanghi a message with the names of the folks in Licking View that had raw sewage running from their house.

Stan explained that Oakwood North has installed a new section of line that the County needs to accept in to their system.

- Mark Zanghi will prepare a resolution to accept this section

In regards to Licking View, the survey letters were sent out, but did not receive enough back, so they are going door to door so they can get the information for the surveys

- Stan thought we were setting up a meeting with the Trustees
 - Commissioner Cameron said it was discussed because there was a difference of opinion among the Trustees
 - When Stan went to the meeting with two of the Trustees he thought they were on board, but Steve Dillon called and said they couldn't afford to do that, and they are not on board
 - But Steve was not at the meeting
 - It's Commissioner Porter's understanding that Mr. Zanghi disputes the drain system versus road run off – open ditch
 - Stan thought that Mark said if it's under the road, it's Township
- The Clerk is to set up an appointment with the Falls Township Trustees; the Commissioners; Mark Eicher; Gary Williams, Don Madden, Stan Lucas and Mark Zanghi for June 21 or 24

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- Commissioner Porter asked if we should have a letter from Mark Zanghi with his opinion in writing

Stan reported that he and Don met with Casting Solutions.

- They just invested money in their wastewater system
- They also said, if the County brought sewer through there, they would hook on
- In looking at the JEDD map, no one on Grief Road is part of the JEDD; it stops at Licking Road
 - Commissioner Porter suggested to Stan to be prepared to prove that, Falls Township will argue

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0531 approve the payment of one hour overtime for SCADA resets for the Muskingum County Sewer Department.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 2:00 p.m.

The Commissioners approved a support letter for the Port Authority's TID grant application to ODOT for Loop Road.

The Commissioners placed a call to John Huey, Falls Township Trustee regarding Licking View.

- John feels that we all need to work together; no blame, just work together
- Trustee Huey asked if the Commissioners had heard anything about how to address the trash mess on Licking Road
- Mark Zanghi is to call Gary Hamilton; Commissioner Cameron told him that the certified mail came back but the regular did not
 - Mark said you would not have to personally serve the owner, but then thought maybe we should have it served by a Deputy
 - Mark was going to talk with Gary Hamilton about that
 - Mark said he could just give them a three day notice for eviction
 - Commissioner Porter still questions who files for nuisance; trustees or fire chief
 - Commissioner Cameron's understanding is that Mark Zanghi said either could

Commissioner Cameron reported on the Deputy accused of telling the Licking View resident to sue the County over the sewage problem.

- Capt LeCocq said the Deputy told him that he did tell the resident, after he went on and on about the problem, "you do what you feel you have to do". He did not tell him that he had a good case
 - Sheriff Lutz said he has no reason not to believe this Deputy, he's a good Deputy
- Capt LeCocq reported that the Deputy said a lot of ticked off people in Licking View

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- Commissioner Cameron told him we are going to help them and we going to run sewer, but some will be upset about that
- Commissioner Crooks thought it might be helpful to let the residents know once we have a plan

Commissioner Cameron reported that a Park District Board Member called Tuesday and it sounds like they are looking at a levy.

Commissioner Crooks explained how Board of Revisions handles requests.

Commissioner Cameron said the school board (Tri-Valley) called and asked what happened with the meeting with AMG

- She didn't know what they were talking about

Debbie Nye said the offer from Vorys was \$108,000 over five years; \$21,600 annually as payment in lieu

- Commissioner Cameron said the school board is not going to approve that
 - The school board's feeling is that the Prosecutor and Auditor's offices cannot negotiate on their behalf
- Debbie Nye would think it better for the school district to deal with AMG administration directly

Commissioner Crooks reported on messages left for the Commissioners.

- A lady called about 9065 Chandlersville Road
 - One of the Dwight Taylor properties
- Grass is out of control
- Cats everywhere
 - Called Humane Society; can't do anything

Gary Browning, Newton Township resident, of Rodale Drive

- He says a Township worker destroyed his fence with a snow plow
- Mr. Browning talked with Trustee Jim Smith and gave him estimate, but now Mr. Smith doesn't know if going to fix it
 - Jim Smith and Randy Elson are on board, but Derek Dozer is not

The Commissioners placed a call to Mr. Browning

- Commissioner Crooks advised Mr. Browning to attend a Township Meeting to present his case

A call was placed to Janice Campfield regarding the 9065 Chandlersville Road property

- She was informed that the buyer backed out of the purchase of this property, so it will have to be listed again
- She was told that the County would mow the property
 - The County will also contact Theresa Hildebrand of PAWS, regarding the cat issue

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Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 session with corrections.

Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that the “I Spy” trailer that sits at EMA has no lettering or phone number on it.

- Jeff Jadwin, Director, asked if they could get identification lettering on it
 - They have the money
- All agreed, if they have the money for it

Commissioner Cameron said the Sheriff reported that the volunteers have asked about moving the shed from the old Dog Pound to the new location.

- The Sheriff doesn't think they'll need it
 - It was agreed, if he doesn't want it, he doesn't have to take it

Commissioner Crooks reported that she called Chris Hamill and she was off today.

Commissioner Crooks then called Marlee Gibson and told her the Board's position regarding the funds had not changed.

- She seemed fine with that
- She also told Marlee that if there would be any thought given to doing it any way, that would not be a wise decision

Lance Deal, Van Slack, Mark Weisser and Keith Dilley from Soil and Water came in to present their 2022 preliminary budget.

- Van reported that Lisa Crock is with her daughter today at a regional track meet, the reason for her not attending this meeting

In addition to presenting their 2022 Budget, the Soil and Water Board also gave highlights and updates for this year.

Soil and Water would like to thank the Commissioners and the IT Department for supporting their computer system.

Van presented an opportunity for the Commissioners to support their annual meeting in November, by perhaps contributing to the speaker, Neil Kenzie

- Mr. Kenzie is a world renown speaker and expert in the area of soil balancing
 - The cost would be \$3,000 plus expenses

Van also reported that this year's ATV tour will be September 25.

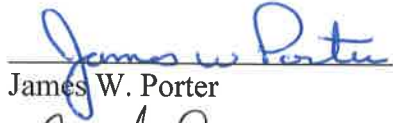
Commissioner Cameron commended their Board for working together and working hard to bring vital issues to our Community.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:34 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.