

Minutes for June 08, 2020

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

The Commissioners participated in Unified Command call at 10:00 a.m.

RES 20-0489 Meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

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

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

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Porter move to approve payroll, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Cameron reported that Debra Nye, Auditor, said she would like to come in to discuss May financials. That will probably be at 1:30 this afternoon.

The Commissioners stepped outside to hold a bid opening for the Ferncliff culvert replacement project.

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0495 open bids for Ferncliff Culvert Replacement Project for the Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0496 approve to take bids under advisement for Ferncliff Culvert Replacement for the Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Mark Eicher and Matt Russell stayed after the bid opening to discuss some items with the Board.

- Doug Vousden's concerns with Licking View sewer
 - Could all parties meet to discuss – Stan, Don, Township Trustees?
 - The Engineer has surveyed the site, has not yet started design and realistically it will be the first of the year before he gets started on it
 - Mr. Vousden called Falls Township Trustees and was told to call the County Commissioners
 - Mark said it could be five to ten years before funding can be acquired
 - EPA; Rural Development; OPWC; RCAP is a free service and good at finding funding
 - Too early for income surveys

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- There was brief discussion regarding a gas spill at the East Pike Zemba store.
 - Mark said he talked with Jeff Jadwin and Curt Luburgh to try to resolve the matter
- The Engineer has started encrypting plans for projects. A password is now needed to access those plans on the Engineer's website. This helps them keep track of who has accessed plans.
- Matt reported that Ohio Public Works is having trouble releasing grants
- Gas and licenses tax revenues are down
- Remodeling is on hold until he sees what is going to pan out

Don Madden, Projects Manager, came to meet with the Commissioners with information regarding Licking View sewer.

- Don gave everyone a map of Licking View, specifically Mr. Vousden's property

Pam Davis also joined the conversation to discuss a Water Department CDL employee.

- Because of health history Department of Transportation is requiring this employee to have a stress test
 - Who pays for that?
 - Jeff Stancunus said that it depends on County Policy...Muskingum County does not have a policy that addresses that
 - It was agreed that the County will cover the additional testing related to the CDL requirements, but if further treatment is required that will be covered under the employee's healthcare policy.
 - Don will advise the employee and Pam will create County policy
- Don gave updates on Meigs and Blue Rock Township Meeting visits
 - Meigs had some apprehension because water only going to Museville
 - Would be more receptive if including Twin Bridges/Drake Martin Road which would be an additional nine customers
 - Don thinks Meigs may be willing to help with the project
 - Only two Trustees at Blue Rock meeting; Jerry Frame and Dana Johnson. Shane Tysinger was not present.
 - Don is not convinced Blue Rock will help with the project
 - Don would estimate \$175,000 to tie in to Imlay and service nine customers; and may be installing rentals
 - Creative construction to make it work
 - Don will talk with CORSA Attorney Dan Downey and work on "interest" letters

Bryan Catlin, Dog Warden, came to meet with the Commissioners at their request.

- All dogs have been moved from the fairgrounds back to the Pound
- All dogs are doing well and healthy
- Cleaning is almost done at the fairgrounds
 - May need some top soil for holes dogs dug
 - Commissioner Porter talked with Ron 3-4 weeks ago about holes...Ron said could take care of
 - Bryan will touch base with Ron

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- Adoptions are going well
- April from the Shelter stopped up to say she heard through the grapevine that they weren't working well together. Bryan said the only issue was with timeline for spays and neuters. Animal Shelter is trying to get caught up with what they are doing. They have no date set for opening. Bryan did tell her the Kennel is planning on a mobile unit for spay and neuters.
- Bryan has talked with Becki Kelso about mobile unit (Columbus Dog Connection). They are booked until July.
 - They can do 20-30 dogs per visit and welcome the public, as well
 - Other local veterinarians are backed up with their own clients right now
- Current population is 36; 12 in foster and 24 in-house
- Out of County fostering is on a case by case basis
- Current adoptions
 - Keeping gate locked to prevent gathering in front office
 - Clients enter through back door
 - Meet and greets by appointment
- Commissioner Cameron asked what phone is best to reach Bryan – 740-319-4566
- Still stressing social distancing with volunteers; some wear masks
- Bryan was informed that the Commissioners are pursuing the East Pike location for the new facility
- Bryan said that in regards to housing the dogs at the fairgrounds, no cost was mentioned

Commissioner Porter took a call from Captain Page of the Lorena.

- Captain is asking for \$500 for repairs to spruce up the vessel
- Has no information on who is to move the logs blocking the vessel
- Commissioner Crooks asked who is paying for what expenses for the Lorena
- All agreed to the \$500 request

The Commissioners took a call from Doug Vousden of Licking View.

- Mr. Vousden fixed problem the first time himself eight to ten years ago; Ever Dry removed and filled in drain
- Zemba fixed second time and township trustees paid approximately \$12,000
- After 20 years, black sewage blew out basement drain
- In March sewage came up a shower drain in an unused building on his property
- Mr. Vousden believes someone dumping concrete over the riverbank has clogged the drainage pipe
- Township is responsible for drainage and water run-off
- Mr. Vousden has invested nearly \$1,500
- Champion will be coming to his house tomorrow to assess situation. The Commissioners asked him to report back

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Porter did not return to session after lunch. Commissioner Cameron and Crooks were not aware.

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Debra Nye, Auditor, came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the May fund report.

- Debra explained that they are creating a log-in for the Commissioners to view the County Budget on BS&A
- Debra explained that the Hinkle System has granted an extension to July 31. The extension requires the Board President's signature. Commissioner Cameron signed.
- Debra will send the Commissioners the Recap of Debt Schedule
- Debra distributed and explained the May fund report
- Debra feels confident that the CARES Act will reimburse for Jeff Jadwin and Travis Roach's time with EMA spent on COVID-19 matters; for laptops; and for Plexiglas
 - State Representative Adam Holmes said the Senate should be voting on that this week

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to see the Commissioners.

- Stan was asked if he thought it would be beneficial to meet with Mark Eicher and the Falls Township Trustees to discuss Licking View sewer
- Commissioner Cameron said she feels five years is way too long to ask those people to wait...Stan would agree
- Don Madden has said he does not think that system will last five years
- Stan said "at the end of the day, it needs to be sewerred" and if it goes well they could break even on the project
- It is Stan's understanding that the houses were built for a sand mine in the area. Houses are small and compact and not room for a true sewer system. Whoever built all that put storm sewer in. Because lots are so small and a true leach field could not be installed, a lot of people tied their septic tanks in to the storm sewer.
- Falls Township is using that as a crutch and says it's the County's problem
- Stan's opinion is that the only way to sewer the area is with an agreement in place with Falls Township that says they are responsible to reconstruct and maintain the storm sewer, then the County will sewer...must be two separate systems.
- Preliminary figures for the project a few years ago was \$2.2 million. Morgan Coast estimates \$250 - \$275,000 to design.
- All sewer lines are in the road which would require tear up and resurfacing of roads
- Two small lift stations, one large lift station and boring under railroad tracks would be required
- Approximately 200 houses involved
- Why is the Health Department not involved in these illegal hook-ups?
- Stan thinks the project should pay for itself
- Can Licking View even last another five years?
- Residents within 300' of line legally must tap
- Stan will talk with Mark Eicher and get estimates from Morgan Coast and Poggemeyer for engineering

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, joined the conversation.

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There was discussion regarding Bass Environmental.

- There have been two messages for the Commissioners from Fergus at Bass. Commissioner Cameron called back on Friday and recorded the conversation for the rest of the Board to watch. It's about the tap fee and what they need from us
- Tap fee negotiations
- \$700 - \$800,000 possible annual revenue
- Fergus said that the flood plain classification would not affect them. They have to be more that 300' from the creek
- Bass cannot move forward with EPA and engineering until they know the County will allow the hook-up. And even that does not mean they will be coming here, that is just the next step. They don't want to jump through all the hoops and then find out the County is either going to require \$6,000,000 for a tap fee or not allow a hook-up.
- Commissioner Cameron asked if it would be beneficial to visit the Shreveport plant to see and smell the operation first hand. Stan would be willing to visit. Commissioner Crooks would not be opposed to him visiting Shreveport.
- A local contractor who Bass had contacted about building, called Stan with concerns.
 - An investor in this proposed facility is tied very heavily in the frack water business
 - Stan has talked with Fergus about that. He said that Fergus and Perry are actually going to be owner/operators; their name will be on the permit and they won't let any of this stuff happen
 - Stan suggests adopting an agreement with them that says no oil and gas water...absolutely nothing but leachate.

Mark Zanghi reported on the opioid litigation and feels that Ohio is in good shape.

- Eventually, we may have a nice revenue stream for 20-30 years.

Mark's remarks on the Bass Environmental proposal...

- He likes the idea to reduce the tap fee
- To consider in the future; when you have other manufacturers or people coming in and they start looking at tap fees and say, "well you negotiated this..."
- Revenue could be higher with this facility and still making money on tap fee if \$500,000

The conversation with Commissioner Cameron and Fergus from Friday was played.

- They are waiting on a decision from the Commissioners on the tap fee and permission to tap into the County sewer
- \$500,000 tap fee; \$100,000 paid upon EPA approval. The remaining \$400,000 amortized with interest over a period of four years. They are not asking for the tap fee to be waived.
- Commissioners' approval is the last piece of the puzzle then they will start submitting applications
- They have not done hearings/public meetings before. Not a requirement of EPA.

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The video quit before everyone could watch the entire phone call.

- They are also waiting on Commissioners' approval before purchasing property
- Commissioner Cameron said she would feel better if Stan went to visit Shreveport. For whatever it costs, in the grand scheme of things, she'd like to be able to say "somebody went". Commissioner Crooks agreed. The Commissioners would pay the cost. Stan agrees that it's a good idea to visit, because there may be bad press.

A call was placed to Fergus.

- Explained that Commissioner Porter not available this afternoon.
- Also, asked if Fergus would schedule tour of the Shreveport facility for Stan.
- Board will make a decision, one way or the other, on Thursday
- Fergus will contact Perry to make arrangements
- Shreveport is not totally identical to the proposed for Muskingum County
 - Muskingum County would be a slightly bigger system
 - Technology for processes are the same

Stan said again that he is leery of one of the investors, Andy Blocksom, who deals with frack water. He has talked with Fergus about this numerous times. Fergus' name is on the permit. He and Perry will not allow Andy to run their name through the mud.

More discussion on Licking View sewer.

- Stan will go back to Morgan Coast for an engineering estimate
- Stan will also check with Poggemeyer regarding engineering
- Stan thinks a meeting between Falls Township, Mark Eicher, Mark Zanghi and himself would be beneficial

Matt Abbott was seen coming in to the Courthouse and was asked to join session.

- He was asked about Halliburton's tap fee
 - They bought a lot of equipment that they didn't feel they should have had to buy
 - Comparing apples to oranges – Halliburton employs 750 and Bass might employ 15-25 and probably 5 times the flow
- Our County is in a position where we don't have to take every little thing, we can be more selective. Bass seems to be a good company. But it doesn't hurt to do the up-front research
 - Not necessary for Matt to go to Shreveport
 - Suggested Stan take an odor-meter to Shreveport
- Washington JEDD numbers for January, February and March are correct
 - Due to Income tax returns
 - Some companies just found out they didn't have to pay municipal taxes and were allowed to claim those three years back

Stan was told he could start moving in to the Newark Road building.

The following legislation was now considered:

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RESOLUTION 20-0490 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Request Number 3 and 4 for the Water Main Extensions to North Moose Eye, Lodge, Maplebrook, Nel-Damar, Tammy, McKinley & Tavenner Roads payable to Muskingum County Treasurer in the amount of \$202,474.29 for reimbursement to the Muskingum County Water Department.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0491 approve and authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Pay Request Numbers Three and Four in the amounts of \$458,944.37 and \$643,170.90 respectfully, to Paul Construction for the Muskingum County Health Department Renovations.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0492 hereby approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Starlight Fund 018 from Fund 096 as requested by Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager, Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities, as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
096-694-510001 IDEA FY19-20 Request forgiveness of \$900.11	018-000-414001 Starlight	\$30,967.91
097-694-510001 IDEA FY19-20 Request forgiveness of \$4.26	018-000-414001	\$ 4,518.38

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0493 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Auditor as requested by Michael Babcock, Chief Administrator, as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
013-372-510003 Sewer Fund	131-000-414002 Sewer OWDA Debt	\$327,181.52
014-373-510003 Water Fund	141-000-414002 Water OWDA Debt	\$274,070.07
001-999-510003 General Fund	133-000-414002 Rose Hill Loan	\$ 4,932.79
013-372-510003 Sewer Fund	167-000-414002 OPWC-Avondale Sewer	\$ 15,112.35

These fund to fund transfers are requested to meet debt service obligations due 7-1-20.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0494 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the CIVICA Supply, Implementation and Support Contract for the Muskingum County Sheriff.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

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RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT SIGNED:

**CenturyLink, Lorain, OH
Salem Township, Norfield Road
Road Bore
Begin upon permit approval; 90 day completion**

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the June 04, 2020 session, with corrections. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

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

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion regarding the recording equipment in the session room.

Commissioner Cameron reported Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, texted her about the gas spill at Zemba's gas station on SR40 East. He asked her to please contact the other Commissioners. Jeff said he contacted her because she was the President of the Board and would appreciate her contacting the others for him. She wasn't sure if Commissioner Porter received her text because she received no response from him.

Commissioner Cameron gave a brief overview of the phone conference last Friday on the CARES Act money. No figures or timeline given.

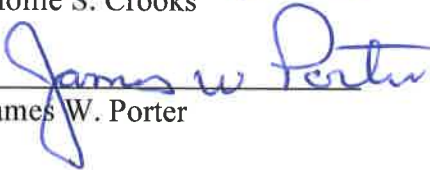
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Cindy S. Cameron



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter

This is a condensed version of today's session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.