

# Minutes for June 27, 2022

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

**RES 22-0616** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0617** authorize the signing of Pay Application No. 3 for the Muskingum County Well Number 7 project. This Pay Application is for \$110,529.72  
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-0618** approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities as requested by Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
018-694-510002-Transfer out	041-694-414002-Transfer In	\$150,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0619** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Larry Daniels, County Veterans Services Officer, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-691-507001-Misc. Expenses	001-691-504121-Advertising	\$1,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0620** acknowledge the resignation of Carrie Robertson, Office Clerk for the Muskingum County Water Department.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-0621** acknowledge the resignation of Clayton Carpenter, Field Operator for the Muskingum County Sewer Department.

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

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**RESOLUTION 22-0622** 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-Transfer Out	142-000-415999-Transfer In	\$16,315.60

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

The Commissioners addressed a letter from David Han of the USDA stating that we have not submitted a location for USDA's consideration. A call was placed to David. He was not available and a message was left for him to return our call.

Chris Crook, Times Recorder Reporter, joined session.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Captain LeCocq, of the Sheriff's Office, called Friday and said that he had dropped off a listing of the MARCS Radios that they need.

- Jeff also asked about the Police Chiefs
  - Commissioner Cameron explained that the Commissioners just did the Fire Departments
  - Jeff said the Village Police Departments are not included in the Sheriff's listing
- Commissioner Porter asked if these will be State Purchase
  - It was decided to check on that before passing a resolution

Commissioner Porter reported that Jamie Parry, of Arch Hill Road, called and asked why The Wilds was getting water and why Arch Hill wasn't. Commissioner Porter invited him to a meeting. Commissioner Porter said he had talked to another resident/homeowner on Arch Hill Road who said he was afraid to pursue the water any further for fear of retaliation.

The following came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss Licking View sewer.

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager  
Chuck Archer, Falls Township Trustee  
Steve Dillon, Falls Township Trustee  
John Huey, Falls Township Trustee  
Zack Forker, County Projects Department  
Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer  
Don Madden, County Projects Manager  
Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor  
Mark Eicher, County Engineer  
Heidi Johnson, Engineer's Office

The Times Recorder and WHIZ News were also represented.

Don explained that they have been looking at a more economical way of handling the storm water for Licking View sanitary sewer.

Mark Eicher presented four options for installing storm sewer. Three of the options would avoid crossing the railroad.

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- Don said that typically anything that would be an existing pipe used for storm water, that would be taken out in the installation of the sewer would be replaced as part of the bid project.
  - Mark said that his numbers do not include any of those
- Commissioner Porter explained to Falls Township, that we are going to repair that if we tear it up. But, obviously, it's currently not working very well. So, we are just trying to do it right when we put the sewer system in, hoping the storm water system is put in as well. If not, when we get heavy rains, we'll still get blamed for the crap laying in the alleys. We're just asking for a plan to do it right and work together to make this happen.
- Mark Eicher explained the path for the sewer installation
- Mark Zanghi asked Mark Eicher if there is a problem in discharging storm water into the river - no
- Don explained that bidding both projects (sewer and storm water) together saves money
- Commissioner Crooks reiterated that our hope is that we can agree to do this and do it right
- John Huey said that he thought it a great idea to ditch it down Licking Road
- Don explained that the PTI was sent in 2-3 weeks ago
  - Hoping to find funding through WPCLF; those applications are due the end of August, with scoring around the end of November; may be end of December before any word. \$500,000 towards construction and \$100,000 towards tap fees. Earliest bidding would be first quarter of 2023
- Mark Eicher is estimating \$300 - \$320,000 max for Township cost
  - John Huey said that the Township passed a resolution to use \$150,000 ARPA funds for this project and has presented a Memorandum of Agreement for \$150,000 that has not yet been signed
  - The Trustees say there are 86 homes in Licking View, but over 3000 homes within the Township. They are just trying to be fair, they cannot spend all of their money on 86 homes.
  - Steve Dillon asked of all the 25 townships, has any of them ever paid
    - Mark Eicher explained that the storm water pipes that are encountered will be repaired and are included in the project. It's the additional new storm sewer being proposed to fix the situation that is above and beyond what is typically done as part of the sewer project.
    - John said that any sewer project, when you encounter a storm sewer that's going to be altered or eliminated, that's always part of the project.
    - Mark Eicher said, it still is
    - John said, including Brown Alley
    - Mark Eicher said not the new storm sewer going down the middle of Brown Alley. We can do this project without doing any of the storm sewer, but it's not going to take care of the problem. So the Township can decide if they want to take care of the problem.

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- Steve said the pipes with sewage in them that were found are not Falls Township's, they are the County's
  - Commissioner Crooks said the developer of the housing subdivision put them in
  - John Huey said to ask the Attorney General who they belong to
  - Stan said he has a letter from the EPA stating that just because they have sewer in them does not make them the County's, because they are illegal taps. We have no intention of tearing up or destroying the current lines, we can leave them in place or repair them if we go through them.
  - Commissioner Porter stated that we believe the opportunity is here to improve the system, but it's the Township's call. The County is going to put the sewer line in
- John asked if the County can help at all. The County received a lot more ARPA funds than the Township
  - Don said this meeting is to determine if the Township is willing to negotiate moving forward
  - Commissioner Porter noted that we have invested quite a bit in engineering costs for this project
  - Also, there could be funding available to help with out of pocket costs. Eric noted that they have already had multiple meetings to begin advocating for the funding
- Mark Zanghi asked the total cost of the project
  - Mark Eicher said we currently are at \$3 million, but with rising prices it go as high at \$5 million
- Commissioner Crooks noted that we are trying to be pro-active in a high-need area
- Commissioner Porter noted that EPA will eventually issue Findings and Orders if we don't take action soon

Stan later explained that the plan will be to install four grinder pumps in Brown Alley. The Sewer Department will buy and install and hand over to the landowner. The landowner will still have a monthly sewer bill, just like everyone else and will be responsible.

Don, Eric and Zack stayed to report WSRLA grant funding.

Eric reported ARPA updates:

- Still working on SR555 CDBG monitoring. If monitored before August will allow the County to apply for Licking View
- Mid-East CDL Program
  - Spoke with Matt Abbott Friday
    - Suggests before moving forward, talk with Washington Township Trustees regarding access to road
  - Also spoke with Julie Metzger with Ohio Mean Jobs and is excited to continue working with Mid-East. Eric will meet with Julie

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- Pam will be talking to legal regarding job postings and requiring CDL licensure as a commitment to employment
- Habitat
  - Eric asked Ken if he's heard back from the City regarding a commitment
- Fairground Waterline Project
  - Commissioner Cameron expressed concern regarding Hazen payment for additional work
    - Would it be an option to pay the invoice and then reduce the \$200,000 commitment to Clean Face by that amount
    - Commissioner Porter would think since we were paying the bill, the Fair Board should have called to ask if okay....even if the additions made sense.
    - Eric said when he sent the invoice to the Fair Board they were shocked

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

Debra Nye, Auditor and Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to meet with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0623** declare an Executive Session at 1:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to that of a public employee of Muskingum County Auditor. This session ended about 2:43 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

Pam reported on interviews with Lucretia Frame for Records Clerk at the Muskingum County Records Center. Upon her recommendation, the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0624** approve the employment of Penny Lynch as Records Clerk for the Muskingum County Records Center, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$11.50 per hour with the opportunity for a \$.50 per hour increase after the successful completion of the 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Pam reported that she will forward the CORSA hail claim checks, as she receives them, to the individual departments. At that point, the individual departments will have to request supplemental appropriations to get the funds to their appropriate line items.

Commissioner Cameron asked about the Fair Board's estimates and Pam said they have not turned anything in to her yet.

Pam told the Board that she spoke to Jeff Stankunas, CORSA legal counsel, about the County's CDL requirements.

- Can we have a new hire sign an agreement to reimburse the County if they leave after we send them through CDL training

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- Jeff said we could try. The agreement could state that the cost would be deducted from the final paycheck. We still have to make sure that they are still getting paid State minimum wage on that final paycheck. Pam reminded Don that he is dealing with a Union
- Regarding Probationary Period, according to ORC we can do up to one year. Jeff would recommend one year across the board.
- Commissioner Crooks would question a one year probationary period for other departments throughout the County, other than Water and Sewer
- Commissioner Porter wouldn't have a problem with one year
- Pam has not yet discussed with Don or Stan

Lucretia Frame, Records Center Director, came to meet with the Commissioners at their request, for her 180 day Probationary Period Evaluation. The following is now considered:

**RESOLUTION 22-0625** declare an Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Probationary Period Evaluation pertaining to that of a public employee of Muskingum County Records Center. This session ended about 3:15 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that when she and Commissioner Crooks attended an Ohio Commission on Fatherhood meeting, they asked for a Commissioner representative to serve on the County Mobilization Committee which will serve to apply for and administer \$10,000 grant. This Committee will only meet 2-3 times. She wasn't comfortable making that decision out of session. She would be glad to serve on the committee. The following was then considered.

**RESOLUTION 22-0626** appoint Commissioner Cindy S. Cameron to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood County Mobilization Committee to be effective immediately.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried.

The Clerk is to set up a virtual meeting with Christy Campoll of Mobility Ohio.

There was brief discussion regarding the Fair Week schedule for sessions. Commissioner Porter said he won't be available any day during that week.

They will look at the fair schedule and make a decision later.

There was brief discussion regarding a letter from Russell Edgington of the Park District asking for funding from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Porter's opinion is "no, a deal is a deal".

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, sent back the Contract with James Electric with his approval. The following was considered:

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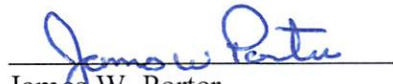
**RESOLUTION 22-0627** accept and sign the contract between the Muskingum County Commissioners and James Electric and Security for the Muskingum County Courthouse Fire Alarm System in the amount of \$140,000. Invoices shall be paid from Economic Development; Capital Projects (001-114-506040).

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:53 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.*