

Minutes for June 30, 2022

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

RES 22-0628 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.

Zach Forker, Projects Assistant, came to discuss the Big B Water Extension project. They would like permission to extend the line 2500' for additional taps that have just been requested. The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0629 approve 2500' extension to Big B Water Extension plans to include additional requested taps, as requested by Zack Forker, Projects Assistant.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came to update the Commissioners.

- Eric commented that the article in the Times Recorder regarding the Licking View Sewer project was inaccurate in recording the amount of ARPA money Falls Township received (\$872,681.07) and that they received the money from the Commissioners
- Avondale Lighting
 - Eric reported that he has talked with the Auditor and she has requested that the resolution approving the Avondale lighting should include the funding source. The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0630 approve to amend Resolution 22-0490 dated 05.19.2022 to include "to be funded by the Straker Foundation".
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Eric also presented the contract for the Avondale lighting and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0631 accept and sign the Agreement between Linden Lighting and Supply Co., 200 Monroe Street, Zanesville, OH and the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners for the Avondale Lighting Improvements Project. Funding for the \$10,128.54 project will provided by the Straker Foundation.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Eric continued by reporting on Community Development monitoring.

- Eric will be meeting with Wesley Watkins next Wednesday, July 6 in Eric's office to give him documentation for the monitoring of the SR555 project

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- Mid-East CDL Program
 - Mid-East has answered the questions the Commissioners asked
 - Commissioner Porter asked if Mid-East would be willing to negotiate the price for County employees who are required to take the CDL training
 - Matt Sheridan will initiate the access road construction process with the Washington Township Trustees
- Fairgrounds Waterline Project
 - Casey Hazen called Eric Tuesday to ask about the invoice for the “additional” work
 - Commissioner Cameron said Don Madden asked to be removed from the project, Mark Eicher has asked to be removed from the project, Eric has spent more than enough time on this project, why couldn't we propose to the Fair Board that out of the \$200,000 that we have committed to giving them for the Clean Face project, tell the Fair Board that they are responsible for paying the Hazen invoice? How would we guarantee what they would do with it...but wouldn't that help simplify or ease the questions, concerns and turmoil that goes on every meeting around the discussion of what's going to be done.
 - Commissioner Porter will not give them a \$200,000 blank check
 - Eric suggested another option could be similar to the MARCS radios in which we have them submit a project cost and keep an account of how much they are spending
 - Commissioner Porter said the Fair Board talks out of both sides of their mouth....Jim Bunting told him if they need to pay Hazen, they would pay it, so what happened there?
 - Commissioner Cameron said, in a way they would be, because instead of having \$200,000 for Clean Face, they are now only going to have \$192,000 for a bathroom
 - Commissioner Porter said they could do that bathroom for a lot less than that
 - Commissioner Cameron said or if they need money for the grandstand....it will still reduce the amount of money they have for the bathroom. If they build a \$200,000 - \$300,000 bathroom, they are going to have to put the extra money in.
 - Commissioner Porter said you know they are not going to do that...they are not going to put any more money in it
 - Commissioner Cameron said, so instead of having a \$200,000 bathroom, they'll have one for \$192,000
 - Commissioner Porter asked Eric how many frost-free spigots and how many this and that's. They are giving up what the intent was....
 - Commissioner Porter said if he was Casey Hazen, there are means to get paid, he might have to get an attorney... but, he would get paid
 - Commissioner Porter said if you want to deduct from the \$200,000, that's fine
 - Commissioner Cameron said at least it would get Casey Hazen paid...Casey has learned a lesson from this, as well, if you have a job that has an add-on you might have to ask more than one

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person...we all acknowledge that he did the work, it wasn't him that missed a step

- Commissioner Porter said he learned at our expense...
Commissioner Porter said he doesn't care....
- Commissioner Cameron asked if it could be set up to be paid like the MARCS radios
- Commissioner Porter asked what's the intent if the Clean Face restroom is not functional and does not have hot water by fair week?
- Commissioner Cameron asked Eric what they said about the hot water tanks...Eric said they didn't say anything
- Commissioner Porter said he is sure that we will change our minds again if they don't have hot water...oh, well, that's okay
 - Eric said he doesn't know how to enforce that
 - Commissioner Porter told Eric, whatever you figure out, just let me know
- Eric is wondering about the wording on the original resolution...is it specific to Clean Face Rehab
 - Commissioner Cameron asked if what Hazen did would apply to the rehab of the restroom
 - Eric said it was for the waterline extension
 - Commissioner Porter said it had nothing to do with getting water to Clean Face, it was add-on stuff
- Commissioner Porter suggested letting Commissioner Crooks' husband pay for it. He's the one who said to do it because he knew he had a blank check before all the ethics shit happened
- Commissioner Cameron said she knows that it appears that Clean Face is getting shorted \$8,000, but at least Casey gets paid and sounds like everyone agrees that it was done and the Fair Board is still getting \$200,000, just not \$200,000 in the bathroom
 - Commissioner Porter said this whole project was for Clean Face, to get it going
- Commissioner Porter said you are worried about Hazen starving to death, just keep in mind that originally we could have done this for 37,000 bucks
 - Commissioner Cameron said that also is not Hazen's fault, we put it out to bid, he bid on it and we hired him
 - Commissioner Porter said, and he got paid well
 - Commissioner Cameron said she never said it's because he's starving, it's because he did a project, he's owed the money and as far as she's concerned, as a County, we pay our bills
 - Commissioner Porter said we did pay our bills, but we didn't tell them to do this, that's his point. He doesn't care what you do, he's tired of dealing with those clowns
 - That's Commissioner Cameron's point, not calling them clowns, we can say, here is \$200,000 and out of the \$200,000 we are going to pay Hazen and she never thought

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of doing it like the payments for MARCS radios...here is what you have, after you do this, you submit it to Eric and then that stuff will get paid. She understands Commissioner Porter's point of not handing them \$200,000, but her point, after listening to Eric, Don Madden, Zach, Mark Eicher, there is a lot of stuff going on, a lot to get done, a lot of important things, so if we could somehow put this to bed, or figure this out, as Mark Eicher and Don Madden previously said, make a decision, do this, end it and move on to the next project. She thought maybe this would be a means of doing that.

- It was agreed to have the Fair Board submit their bills/invoices to Eric, for work under the \$192,000 to be paid
- Commissioner Porter asked what if they don't follow the rules, are we going to take our money back?
- Eric said we haven't given it to them yet, and we would just tell them they didn't adhere to the resolution
 - Commissioner Porter said then they'll just call someone else and cry on their shoulders, same old crap
 - The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0632 authorize the amendment to Resolution 22-0380 dated 04.11.2022 to reduce the amount from \$200,000 to \$192,000 towards the Clean Face restoration at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. The reduction is so the Commissioners can pay Hazen Services for additional work done to the Fairgrounds Waterline Project as requested by the Fair Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, not voting; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0633 approve payment to Hazen Services for additional work done on the Fairgrounds Waterline Projects in the amount of \$7,846.37, as requested by the Fair Board. Payment will be made from ARPA funds

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, not voting; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter noted he voted aye, reluctantly because he doesn't want to deal with them for the next six months. They won.

He's sure when Melissa gets in here, they'll get millions of dollars.

Eric continued by discussing Habitat for Humanity.

- Commissioner Crooks said that she talked with Mayor Mason and Matt Schley from the City and they are planning to give Habitat \$250,000
- The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0634 approve \$200,000 to Habitat for Humanity from ARPA funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion failed.

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Commissioner Cameron voted nay, saying not at this time. With everything that needs done and with all that's coming up, if they are getting more than half of what they asked for from the City, and there is no possible way to build 21 total projects.

Commissioner Porter noted that it is a money maker for Habitat, as well, they profit off of this.

Commissioner Cameron recognizes that housing is on the Comprehensive Plan, but there are eleven things on the Comprehensive Plan that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Crooks agrees that there are different things on the Comprehensive Plan, but housing seems to be in every conversation that's out there.

Commissioner Cameron noted that there are different kinds of housing, also.

Commissioner Porter added that there are people that work their tails off that build houses, too, and struggle to do it. They seem to focus on those that can't do it. With all the jobs out there, he would encourage them to go get a job.

Commissioner Crooks believes that is part of Habitat's process, that they have to have a job and support paying, they don't get those for free, they have to pay.

Commissioner Cameron said again, to make it clear, "not at this time is she prepared to second a motion to give them \$200,000".

There was some further discussion regarding the Fairgrounds projects and Commissioner Cameron said she remembered that the Convention Board had given the Fair Board some money to build a house for the hog scales.

Commissioner Porter said they have plans to enclose it in a portion of the hog barn. That's what the resolution requesting building fees to be waived is for on today's agenda.

Eric said he hopes the hogs will go in it.

The following resolutions were now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0635 approve the use of the Courthouse esplanade for the Women's Rights Protest on July 06, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Requested by Darra Durst.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0636 approve the appointment of Mark J. Eicher as the annual District 18 Ohio Public Works County Subcommittee appointment for the County Engineer to attend and vote on project priority for projects submitted for funding during 2022 and 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0637 approve the use of the Courthouse esplanade for the Community Day of Prayer, September 17th, 2022 beginning at around 10 a.m. Requested by Janet Batteiger.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0638 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 088, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ARPA Funding –Mid East CDL Training Center	088-103-503022	\$300,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-0639 authorize the Muskingum County Building Department/aka Mid-East Ohio Building Department to waive building fees in the amount of \$356.90 for Muskingum County Agriculture storage building inside hog barn.
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, not voting; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks said to clarify, Mike Boysel, (*who brought in the above request*) just asked her what the process was.
Commissioner Porter said just to clarify, they (Fair Board) were not going to do it and they were advised strongly to do it, that’s how you do it there.
Commissioner Crooks (*to Commissioner Porter*) “you need to stop”.
Commissioner Porter (*to Commissioner Crooks*), “I have an opinion...”
Commissioner Crooks (*to Commissioner Porter*), “Shut up, just shut up”.
Commissioner Porter left session saying, “have a good day”.
Commissioner Crooks said, “I will now “.

RESOLUTION 22-0640 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 099 as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
099-444-503001-RESTS-Supplies	099-444-506001-RESTS-Equipment/Maint	\$19,873.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting: Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0641 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Youth Services Grant Amendment for FY2022, Requested by Rachael Dille, Grant Administrator, Juvenile Court.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting: Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0642 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 130, for the Muskingum County EMA, as requested by Tiffany Beardsley, Administrative Assistant.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicle Maintenance	130-461-502013	\$14,948.66

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting: Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0643 accept the alley traveling between Millers Lane and Mound Road, as shown on the plat of the Henry Wentz First Addition to the Village of Duncan Falls , be officially accepted for maintenance by the Wayne Township Trustees, requested by Mark Eicher, Muskingum County Engineer.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0644 accept and sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Muskingum County Commissioners, Muskingum County Engineer's Office and the East Central Ohio Business park Association for the reconstruction of Loop Road as requested by Mark Eicher, Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-0645 accept the specification and authorize the advertisement for bids for cleaning services at the County Agencies Building, 205 N. 7th Street, Zanesville, OH. Advertisement will be in The Zanesville Times Recorder July 8 and July 15, 2022 with bids to be opened July 25, 2022; 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron made the following motion:

RESOLUTION 22-0646 authorize the Prosecutors Office to prepare the necessary bid documents for purchasing of MARCS radios.

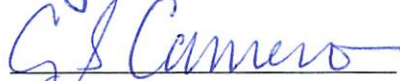
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, absent at the time of voting; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.


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.