

Minutes for July 01, 2021

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

RES 21-0622 Meeting was called to order at 10:26 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.

Melissa Best, Ken Oehlers and Tammy Davis with Habitat Humanity came to meet with the Commissioners.

- Asking the Commissioners to consider allocating ARPA monies for affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity
 - Preventing payday lending and rent-to-own
 - Permanent solutions; generational success
- Commissioner Crooks told them there are no definitive decisions at this time for the ARPA money
- Ken said they will put together a proposal for the Commissioners to consider
- Melissa explained their Fall Fundraiser
 - Project Playhouse; September 24 at the Fairgrounds
 - \$3,000 to sponsor on playhouse
 - 8-10 volunteers; seven hours a day

The following from the Board of Elections came to meet with the Commissioners:

Pat Hennessey
Jack Boyd
Karen Vincent
Grant Hutcheson
Erin Couch
Michelina Friss; WHIZ
Quay DeVoll; WHIZ
Chris Hamill
Jennifer Norman
Marlee Gibson

Marlee distributed a spreadsheet explaining the grants the BOE received last year, to help answer questions when negotiating their budget.

- They felt as though their budget was cut, in respect to their request, for 2020
- Commissioner Crooks said it's frustrating to her to hear them say their budget was "cut" when it was just a request
 - No justification given for the amounts requested
 - Compared to last Presidential – this year is not a Presidential year
 - Travel includes training and delivery

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- Commissioner Porter asked them if it's fair to say, that towards the end of the year, when the BOE asked for money, we gave it to you; never been told no
 - Yes, but when they get in to election mode, they tend not to look at the line items as closely, that's why they've come to ask now
 - Will return what is not used
- Previously, security was not included in salaries

Total of additional request, barring any unforeseen circumstances is \$29,700

Marlee also wanted to remind the Board that the lease on equipment is up in 2022

Marlee confirmed that August 4 is the deadline for the November election ballot

Melinda Russell and Stephanie Neuhart from the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities came to present bids for the Cooling Tower for the Administration Building. Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, was also present.

- Enervise \$ 74,346.00
- Federal Elite \$109,700.00

Commissioner Porter asked if someone had reviewed the bids.

- Mark said that the bid specs had been based on the existing unit

The following was then considered based on MCBDD's recommendation:

RESOLUTION 21-0623 approve the award of bid to Enervise, LLC in the amount of \$74,346.00 for the purchase of a Cooling Tower for the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Mark reported a Trust distribution for the MCBDD in the amount of \$45,000.

- They will be using this towards playground equipment

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0624 declare an Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 11:59 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0625 WHEREAS, the National Prescription Opioids Litigation Consortium has recommended that all eligible governmental entities vote to approve the Purdue Pharma L.P. Bankruptcy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Muskingum County Prosecuting Attorney, as statutory legal counsel for the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio, recommends that Muskingum County approve the Purdue Pharma, L.P. Bankruptcy Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio, that the Purdue Pharma, L.P. Bankruptcy Plan is hereby approved; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Muskingum County Prosecuting Attorney is hereby requested to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the National Prescription Opioid Litigation Consortium.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

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Pam Davis, Human Resources and Robert Moore, IT Director, came to meet with the Commissioners.

Robert presented a proposed salary increase chart for his employees for the Commissioners to consider.

- Robert plans to meet with all of his employees to discuss expectations

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0626 approve wage increases for Greg Hutchinson and Robert Moore of the Muskingum County Information Services Department, as follows:

Greg Hutchinson; \$1.00 per hour increase = \$21.60 per hour

Robert Moore; \$.89 per hour increase = \$45.70 per hour

Increases to be effective July 4, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

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

Commissioner Porter had not yet returned to session.

2:10 p.m. The following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0627 authorize Mollie Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Application for financial assistance, Cannelville Road slip repair.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0628 give permission to the Board of Elections to dispose of GEMS Lexmark E234 Printer purchased with Federal Grant monies in 2015. It was used through 2019 until it was no longer functioning.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0629 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 196, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk .

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lorena-Parts & Supplies	196-102-503015	\$476.05
Lorena-Contract Services	196-102-504001	\$476.05
Lorena-Marine Insurance	196-102-504145	\$132.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0630 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 140, for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, office Manager.

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Services	140-372-504001	\$198,831.61

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Porter returned to session...

At 2:15 the Commissioners took a call from Adam at the Health Department.

- They received a complaint regarding sewage in a ditch on Galeena Drive in Licking View
- Adam says it a tough spot to tell the landowner to repair now, when they may be able to connect to a public system in a year
- Commissioner Crooks said the County is not responsible for anything in Licking View, but we do have a plan in place
 - Responsibility falls to homeowner
- Commissioner Porter noted that it is the Health Department's responsibility to see that sewage is going to the right spot
- Commissioner Cameron asked if the Health Department actually went out to see the site of complaint
 - He believes so, he will follow up
 - Commissioner Porter asked what they did...
 - Adam will follow up
- Commissioner Porter asked if they could condemn that property for that period
 - Imagine being their neighbor
 - Not right for the ones doing legally and turning back on ones doing whatever they want
 - Adam said they've never done anything like that before
 - Just trying to figure out how to handle
- Adam asked for the Commissioners to report when they have a definitive date for project

The Commissioners continued with resolutions:

RESOLUTION 21-0631 accept the resignation of John M. Burwell, Maintenance supervisor at Muskingum County Center for Seniors, Effective 07/02/2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Cameron reported that John will be taking a position at SEAT.

- Kurt Ufholz is President of that Board
- She doesn't think John gave a two week notice at the Center for Seniors

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RESOLUTION 21-0632 accepts Official Amended Certificate Number fifteen (15) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated June 23, 2021.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0633 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Sheila Samson, Director as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-990-510001	177-000-414001	\$5,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 21-0634 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Board of Elections,

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	001-112-501002	\$15,000.00
Election Workers >600	001-112-501005	\$ 3,700.00
Travel	001-112-502013	\$ 9,000.00
Election Workers	001-112-504160	\$ 2,000.00

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

Commissioner Porter asked Commissioner Cameron if it would have been too much to wait until he got back to start resolutions.

- Commissioner Cameron said to ask Commissioner Crooks, she's the President
- Commissioner Crooks said she didn't know if he was coming back; it was ten after two; and you guys have started things without me
- Commissioner Porter said the agenda said 2:30
 - Commissioner Crooks said Commissioner Cameron had said before we left for lunch, we would start at 2:00 and we waited until ten after
 - We have an appointment at 2:30

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Robbie Frame, Housekeeping Supervisor came to meet with the Commissioners and the following legislation was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0635 declare an Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Matter pertaining to hiring of public employees for Muskingum County Housekeeping. This session ended about 2:45 p.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 21-0636 approve the employment of Bridget Labaki and Kristen Cramer as Housekeepers, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$11.00 per hour with the potential for an increase of \$.50 per hour upon successful completion of 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came in to discuss the Juneteenth holiday with the Board.

- He would propose his entire department taking July 6 in observance of Juneteenth
 - Employees will receive holiday pay if called out
 - He is to ask Peggy to post on their website

Stan reported that he will dye test at the Adoption Center next week.

Commissioner Cameron would like to discuss an administrator for the ARPA money, next week.

- Will need guidance
- Administrator can be paid for from the ARPA money

Commissioner Cameron asked the Clerk if she was supposed to have invited the Captain to the meeting with Kelly Ashby next week.

- She understood Commissioner Porter asked about the Captain; she thought because of the previous conversation, he was to come to the meeting
- The Clerk wasn't sure, she had a note to ask
- Commissioner Crooks thought the meeting was for Kelly to discuss financial for the Lorena
- Commissioner Porter said he doesn't need the Captain to be here
 - Commissioner Cameron thought the Captain had something to say to the Board

The Clerk asked if she was to proceed with organizing a jail meeting since the Mayor organized a meeting early this week.

- Commissioner Cameron wanted to update Commissioner Porter on the meeting with the Mayor
 - The Sheriff opened the meeting by saying "I'm not trying to take over"
 - There was discussion at the meeting about a feasibility study
 - Commissioner Porter said you know how I feel about feasibility studies
 - Commissioner Porter doesn't think anything is going to change with the City's outlook in working with the County
 - Commissioner Cameron thought the Mayor was trying to get them to see the Sheriff's point of view
 - The Sheriff was quite clear about why he needs more space

Commissioner Cameron asked Cheryl at CCAO if she would ask other counties if they have hired an administrator for the ARPA money and how much they were paying them.

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Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Crooks about her question to other counties, through CCAO, about their Senior Centers, levies and providing buildings.

- Did she ask the number of meals served, because that's what is hurting our Center
 - She did not
- Commissioner Crooks reported that Hocking County contracts their meals through a grant with Area Agency on Aging
 - Their director reports directly to the Commissioners
 - She has written a million dollars in grants
 - They have fundraising events
- Commissioner Porter said he has talked with several board members and to David Boyer today and proposed giving them the building, charging no rent and only asking taxpayers for the renewal levy
 - They are on board
 - Everyone wins
 - No new taxes for the taxpayers
 - The Center gains \$100,000 annually
 - That's how Commissioner Porter would like to see it go
 - Commissioner Crooks asked why the County didn't give them (CFS) the building in the first place
 - Only paying half the renovation cost now
 - Commissioner Porter says no different than giving the Engineer a million dollars and supporting the Park District
 - The building is paid for
 - Commissioner Cameron understood Mr. Boyer and Mr. McDonald to say that if they didn't have to pay rent and didn't put on the additional .25 levy, it would just about be a wash
 - Commissioner Crooks said she supports the Center for Seniors, it has real value, but where's the responsibility of their Board and Director to manage within the scope of their resources
 - What if other non-profits come to us and want their buildings handed to them...or if the Health Department decides they don't want to pay the \$3 million
 - Commissioner Porter says the senior citizens have paid their dues, and if we can't take care of them, we have issues
- Hocking County says that you can ask for a minimum donation of \$2 per meal
 - Each Muskingum County driver does have a can for donations
- Commissioner Cameron asked if they do ask for donations and don't get them, then do we stop serving meals, or tell the folks they have to donate
 - Commissioner Porter said they have to do their job in screening folks to meet the criteria
 - They have a \$200,000 deficit, forgiving rent will only be \$100,000
 - Commissioner Porter is not for additional taxes and thinks this is a way to avoid additional taxes
 - Why charge the taxpayers an additional .25 and then have the Center give it back to us for rent

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Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the June 28, 2021 minutes with changes.

Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

The Clerk asked again how to proceed with a jail meeting.

- **Tony Coury reported at the meeting at the City** that the City jail will hold 56, but they have fixed breakfast for 90 before
 - They don't think that space will work for a female jail, too small

There was continued discussion regarding the meeting with the Mayor Tuesday.

There was discussion regarding the size of a potential jail; 300, 350, 384 beds

- Commissioner Porter would reference the Dog Pound and what happened when started cutting costs...he would caution cutting costs with a jail, to just get a jail
 - Commissioner Cameron thought cutting costs with the jail would be a result of the number of beds
 - In regards to the Dog Pound, we did ask to cut costs, but we didn't know that meant nothing would work or we wouldn't have agreed to that

Commissioner Porter asked about the invoice for the repairs at the Fairgrounds.

- Tim Stottsberry was the contractor
- \$11,800 is the correct amount...there was a mistake on the invoice
- We will need a new invoice...Commissioner Crooks will call to get a new invoice

The Clerk reported an email from Clifton Martin, OSU Extension asking to pay their rent on a quarterly basis.

- Recommend checking contract
- Okay with the Commissioners if okay with OSU legal

There was continued discussion regarding an Administrator for the ARPA monies.

- Should we send a letter to Elected Officials and Department Heads asking them their needs and wants
- There will need to be a job description for an Administrator


Bryn Stepp from the Lt. Governor's office will be here during session Monday, July 19.

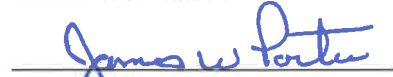
Commissioner Porter asked why his statement asking for a copy of the email sent to Sharon Parker, Dr. Vinsel, and Ron Welch, regarding Genesis and autopsies was not in last week's minutes.

- Commissioner Cameron said it was in the June 28 minutes
 - But, it was not reported in the minutes that Commissioner Porter asked for a copy of the email and suggested we proceed without Prosecutor Welch

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:21 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.