

# Minutes for July 08, 2021

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

**RES 21-0637** 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 considered:

**RESOLUTION 21-0638** authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign Pay Application Number 2 for the Maysville Avenue ,Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$7,693.80  
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crook aye; Porter aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-0639** WHEREAS, the County, obtained title to the real property located at 725 Bates Street, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio (Tax I.D. No. 83-19-01-38-000) as a result of a criminal forfeiture in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court Case No. CR2021-0134 (*State of Ohio vs. Gary A. Workman*); and  
WHEREAS, a Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Section 307.10(B) of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio, may by resolution, transfer title to real property belonging to the County and not needed for public use, to a county land reutilization corporation; and  
WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners has determined that the real property located at 725 Bates Street, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio (Tax I.D. No. 83-19-01-38-000) is no longer needed for public use;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio, does hereby authorize the transfer in fee simple the real property located at 725 Bates Street, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio (Tax I.D. No. 83-19-01-38-000) to the Muskingum County Land Reutilization Corporation.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Muskingum County Prosecuting Attorney shall prepare the deed of conveyance and other documents as might be necessary for the transfer of title for the real property, and that Mollie S. Crooks, in her capacity as president of this Board shall be authorized to execute said documents on behalf of the Board.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron , aye; Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 21-0640** approve the Supplemental Appropriation increase of Funds within Fund Number 175 for unclaimed funds, for the Muskingum County Auditor, as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Distributions	175-001-511011	\$2,000.00

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

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**RESOLUTION 21-0641** approve the Supplemental Appropriation increase of Funds within Fund Number 122, for the Muskingum County Auditor, as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BWC 2011 Distributions	122-103-504904	\$366,166.35

These supplemental appropriations are necessary to return funds back to the appropriate funds that were charged BWC when the County was self-insured.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye; Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 21-0642** accepts Official Amended Certificate Number sixteen (16) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated June 25, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll call: Crook aye; Porter aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-0643** approve the establishment of new fund, number 197, which does *not* require approval of the State Auditor’s Office, and line items as requested by Judge Mark C. Fleegle for the Muskingum County Common Pleas Court

**ESTABLISH NEW FUND**

<u>Purpose of New Fund</u>	To Divert offenders from prison
<u>Fund Number</u>	197
<u>Fund Name</u>	Community correction 21-23
<u>Department</u>	440
<u>Award Amount</u>	\$501,656.00
<u>Function</u>	Public Safety
<u>Grant Period</u>	July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2023
<u>Grant Administrator</u>	Melanie Richert, Chief Probation Officer
<u>Type</u>	Special Revenue- State

The following revenue and expenditure line items need to be reactivated to reflect the activity of the fund:

**LINE ITEMS TO BE CREATED**

<u>Revenue:Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Account Code</u>
Ohio Dept. of Rehab & Correction	197	000	409058
<u>Expenditures: Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Account Code</u>
Employee Salaries	197	440	501002
PERS	197	440	502003
Medicare	197	440	502001
Supplies	197	440	503001
Equipment	197	440	506001
Contract Services	197	440	504001
Staff Training	197	440	504117

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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**RESOLUTION 21-0644** approve the advance of funds from County General fund 001 to Community Correction Fund 197 for the Muskingum County court of Common Pleas as requested by Judge Mark C. Fleegle, as follows:

**FUND ADVANCE OF MONIES**

<b><u>From Fund</u></b>	<b><u>To Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
001-990-510001	197-000-414001	\$16,020.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Sheriff Lutz stopped in to touch base with the Commissioners while he was waiting for WHIZ.

David Boyer, Center for Seniors, Interim Director, called in to discuss the levy that they are proposing to put on the ballot.

- Commissioner Cameron said the Commissioners would discuss it and get back with him
- Commissioner Cameron told Mr. Boyer the Executive and Committee Board are more than welcome to come in and talk
- Commissioner Porter said they haven't convinced him of their need for levy

Commissioner Crooks said Mayor Mason sent her a text to see about stopping in during session.

Susan Reese, Clerk joined session...

Allen Bennett and Micki Hubbard from Juvenile Detention came to session and the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 21-0646** open bids for Juvenile Detention Center Security Cameras.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RESOLUTION 21-0647** take bids under advisement for Juvenile Detention Center Security Cameras.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Porter suggested to Allen that it would be wise to work with Robert Moore, IT Director to determine the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Crooks noted that the Board received a letter from the Fairboard requesting waiving of building permit fees in the construction of a scale building on the fairgrounds property.

Commissioner Porter asked if we do waive the fees would we still have to pay the City their portion of the permit fees because the fairgrounds are within the City.

A call was placed to Jason Baughman, Chief Building inspector at the Building Department. He was not available. Michael was asked the question and he didn't know the answer.

11:00 a.m. Dyo Ellingsworth with the National Association of Atomic Veterans came to address the Commissioners with concerns over the lack of recognition for Atomic Veterans Day in Ohio.

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- Governor Kasich signed the bill to declare July 16 as “AtomicVeterans Day” in December 2018
- However, Mr. Ellingsworth said there is no formal recognition of the holiday
- Mr. Ellingsworth had the opportunity to talk with the media while he was visiting the Commissioners

11:30 a.m. Judge Cottrill came to meet with the Commissioners regarding continuing legal education hours for the Common Pleas Judges. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 21-0648** approve costs incurred to accommodate training hours for both Common Pleas Court General Division Judges for 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Commissioner Porter questioned Erin from the Times Recorder about the Board of Elections article that she wrote.

- What does he have to do get quoted correctly
- There have been several misquotes and he no longer returns her calls
- Erin said there was only one other time that he brought this up to her and she thought they were all squared away

Commissioner Cameron would like to suggest calling Mr. Boyer before lunch to let him know if he will be coming today or Monday.

- Commissioner Porter would like to meet with him and whoever is making all the decisions and explain the need for it (levy)
- Commissioner Crooks said at the meeting they said the 44% increase in meals has created the need
- Commissioner Porter had a Board Member tell him, they we’re backed into a corner
  - There was not enough for a quorum at the last CFS meeting
  - But they had already decided to ask for the renewal and the increase
    - They were going to call the members that were not there and reiterate and tell them they were going to call the Prosecutor and ask him to do this unless they voiced something different
  - It’s Commissioner Porter’s opinion that you are jeopardizing the whole future of that Center for Seniors because the whole thing could fail, then what
  - Commissioner Crooks would disagree
    - Her opinion is that unless they do an addition, they are still going to be in the hole every year
      - The levy should be separate than their request about the rent
  - Commissioner Porter didn’t appreciate Commissioner Crooks’ comment about our Center for Seniors being a Taj Mahal at the last CFS meeting
    - Commissioner Porter said he served on the first committee at the Center when they were talking about building a new facility

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- When they started talking about an \$18 million facility, that's when he left the committee, and the levy failed
- Commissioner Crooks said people on the committee felt like they were sandbagged because they worked hard to get the levy passed, then...
- Commissioner Porter said he feels we got them a very nice facility even though the levy failed
- Commissioner Crooks said to tell Anthony that her comment about the Taj Mahal was in comparing our facility to the Morgan County Center for Seniors
- Her point is they were already planning on what to ask for
  - If you're already in the hole, why not take it to the taxpayers and let the voters decide, that's where they need the support
  - For their survival, if they go for levy funds, they're going to have to figure out a way to increase revenue
    - Mr. Boyer is also working on other ways for them to increase revenue through 501.c3
  - Commissioner Porter's opinion is that they should be smart enough to make it work with they've got
    - They don't need an assistant to an assistant to an assistant
    - Live within your means
    - They also need to check to make sure people receiving meals meet the criteria
- Commissioner Cameron said she thought James McDonald referenced being short \$100,000 when he came in
  - Commissioner Porter said it's \$200,000
- Commissioner Cameron thought if we forgave the rent, that would be the solution, and that's what she was willing to do
  - But if they are still going to need \$100,000...
- Commissioner Porter would welcome discussion with David Boyer and whoever is on that Board
- Commissioner Cameron would agree that there needs to be more discussion
- Commissioner Crooks called and left a message for David to meet with the Commissioners; 11:15 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

In reviewing an email from Liam from Flecto, the following legislation was considered:

**RESOLUTION 21-0649** approve and authorize the issuing of Change Orders from Flecto Construction for the Muskingum County Adoption Center as follows:

Capping Designated Dangerous Dog Kennels (6)-	\$4,276.00
Installing Half Glass Steel Doors (10) -	\$4,397.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Cameron reported that Valarie Norman with Parr Airport called to ask her to be a speaker and to invite all the Commissioners to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 14.

- She will send a flyer with more information

Commissioner Cameron reported that Lisa Crock from Soil and Water made contact and would like to make the green space to the side of the Rural Services building, into a Pollinator Plant Garden.

- They have received a grant to accomplish

Commissioner Cameron said that Rick Alexander called to ask if the County would be interested in the building he owns on Sixth Street.

It was reported that Shaun Glaub would like to convert Hoppy's Bar in to a hair salon or office spaces.

- Also discussion about it being a laundromat
- They have asked the Commissioners to talk to the Prosecutor's office and tell them they think something can be made out of the property
- Prosecutor Welch told the Mayor that the building is coming down
  - The building is in the Commissioners' name now, does he have to get permission from the Commissioners before demolishing?

Commissioner Cameron said that she received a phone call about the vehicle at the Dog Pound that has two flat tires.

- It is the former EMA vehicle
- Could they be using that to transport dogs

Commissioner Cameron distributed two job descriptions for an ARP Administrator.

- She would like to discuss soon

Commissioner Cameron suggested sending Pastor Justin Williams and his two sons a certificate for reading all the books from A-Z in the children's section of our public library.

Commissioner Cameron reported that David from Congressman Balderson's office called to remind that they would be at the Gaysport Bridge Friday; 10:30 a.m.

There was brief discussion regarding the Lear property

- Could qualify for brownfield money

Kelly Ashby, Convention Visitor's Bureau, came at the Commissioners' request to discuss the Lorena financials.

- Commissioner Porter asked that the minutes reflect that the Captain didn't know we were having this meeting

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- He (Captain) called Commissioner Porter Tuesday about the Coast Guard inspection and Commissioner Porter gave him a heads up that we were meeting with Kelly
  - Commissioner Cameron had asked during the last session, because she thought Captain was supposed to come, and Commissioner Porter said no
- Commissioner Crooks asked Kelly if Captain Page had ever been told that the Commissioners would appreciate a heads up when making expenditures
  - Also, that the County cannot reimburse him sales tax
- Commissioner Porter would suggest the Captain be given a line item for operating expenditures
- Commissioner Porter had suggested to the Captain that the County take back the operations of the vessel; bookings, selling tickets, etc
  - The Captain said that Kelly does a good job of promoting the Lorena
- Kelly said handling the Lorena can be an overwhelming job – May through October
  - 46 messages Tuesday morning
  - 30 calls yesterday
  - 24 call so far today
- Currently the CVB handles
  - Communications with Maritime
  - Scheduling
  - Media
  - Advertisement
  - Paying crew members
  - Themed events
  - Civil war reenactment
  - Answers internet questions 24/7
- Kelly presented current stats for the Lorena, including cruises and financials
- The County started paying Captain Page May 10, 2018
- Kelly said they would be able to help with costs for the next five year inspection
- 75% of Jane's (CVB employee) time is spent for Lorena and CVB does not charge that to the Lorena
- 75% of riders are from out of town
- Who pays the bills?
- Commissioner Porter feels it's our boat, our responsibility
- The CVB has no "Lorena" account per se
- Lorena funded through bed tax as drawn in because of the Lorena
- Commissioner Crooks asked who the Captain should go to for expense accountability
  - Commissioner Porter says the Captain knows what he needs
- Commissioner Porter reported that the vessel passed Coast Guard inspection
  - Coast Guard was impressed with security cameras
  - Captain needs to purchase ten children's life jackets
    - Where is he to take the bills
- Kelly said the maintenance bills for the Lorena typically are paid by the Commissioners

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It was agreed that if expenses are \$1,000 or less just submit the bills to Kelly, CVB. If more than \$1,000 should be presented to the Commissioners.

Kelly will pay bills and come to the Commissioners when she needs more money.

Commissioner Cameron asked Kelly if she would communicate this to the Captain.

- Yes
- Commissioner Porter said he'll tell the Captain, the Captain is expecting a call back from him

As a side note, Commissioner Cameron said that's why she thought it might be helpful to have the Captain at this meeting

- It is not her goal to make anything harder for the Captain

After some discussion, the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 21-0645** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 197, for the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas, as requested by Judge Mark C. Fleegle.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Employee Salaries	197-440-501002	\$52,296.88
PERS	197-440-502003	\$7,321.56
Medicare	197-440-502001	\$758.30

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Don Madden, Projects Director and Pam Davis, Human Resources came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss their interview for the open positions of part-time Plant Operator and part-time Assistant Project Director.

- One applicant
  - Zach Forker
- Would the Board like to be involved in a second interview
- Currently the Plant Operator position is under Union Contract at \$16.00 per hour
  - Because Zach will have two additional certifications/licensures it may be possible to get him and additional \$.50 per hour
- Zach is currently the Wastewater Treatment Operator in Mt. Vernon at \$22.17 per hour and due for a \$2.00 an hour increase soon
  - Willing to accept \$22.00 per hour average salary
- Don said that Zach if very qualified, well spoken, thoughtful and good to deal with the public
  - Very well suited, with good working knowledge of projects going in the ground
- Commissioner Cameron would like to meet Zach, but not as a requirement to hire

There was discussion regarding wages for these positions

- Are they too low for today's market

There are new employees to the Water Department that have not signed up for the Union

Don said there is a shortage of people with the licensure to run the plant

Commissioner Cameron would be okay in paying Zach what he's asked for

Don said that Zach has a good relationship with the current employees at the Water Department



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- Pam will reach out to Ben Albriecht regarding Union wage

Mayor Mason came in to meet with the Commissioners

- Had a zoom meeting with Hall Engineering for Linden Avenue
  - Done with bid specifications; EPA has signed off on them
  - \$3 Million to clean up Lear
  - USEPA has agreed if we put RACM on tarp to control run, they will haul it out at their (USEPA) expense
  - There will be two certified asbestos people on site
    - Looking for funding sources
      - Think they can use State brownfield and blight funding

The City had initially been approved through FEMA for \$4 million dollars for Dug Road repairs.

- Did not receive
  - Must now apply for 2021

There was discussion regarding the City and County jails.

Commissioner Porter reported to the Mayor that the Fair Board has asked the Commissioners to waive building fees for their scale house.

- If we waive those fees, do we (County) still have to pay the City portion
- The Mayor said he would be happy to waive the fees

The Mayor also reported that he will be sending a City street sweeper to the fairgrounds before and during the fair

The Mayor said that they are placing cameras on the port-o-lets at the Landing to help prevent vandalism.

Commissioner Crooks asked if the Board had any interest in sponsorship of the downtown concerts this summer.

- Commissioner Porter is not interested in spending taxpayer money for that

Commissioner Cameron suggested that we talk to the Prosecutor's Office about Hoppy's Bar on Putnam Avenue, before they demolish it.

Commissioner Cameron also mentioned that the CHASE building on Main Street is for sale.

- \$550,000

What about the 333 Putnam Avenue Building?...are we still considering selling it?

- Is it still being considered for the Child Advocacy Program?

Commissioner Porter reported that Pat Keck texted him last night to say that Washington Township Trustees have done nothing and suggested that someone call Doug Culbertson.

There was brief discussion about Ron Welch's Golf Outing and the Bike Give-away at the fair.

**RESOLUTION 21-0650** authorize the Muskingum County Building Department/aka Mid-East Ohio Building Department to waive building fees in the amount of \$226.60 for the Muskingum County Fair Board for a remodeling project at the fairgrounds.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, NO, rules are rules, Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter expressed his vote by explaining what they did to one of his 4-H members who made a mistake on entry form and they wouldn't fix it. But they did fix it for Brian Hill....must be personal.

Commissioner Cameron asked why Jamie McConnell, 4-H Extension Agent, doesn't attend the Fair Board meetings.

- Commissioner Porter suggested asking Trevor Tom why he left

There was discussion regarding sponsorships for Ron Welch's Golf Outing and the racing blanket for the fair.

- Commissioner Crooks asked if the Board could sponsor such things
- Commissioner Porter said he is not interested in spending taxpayer dollars for that

Commissioner Porter asked that someone call Washington Township about the property next to Pat Keck.

- Commissioner Crooks suggested that he call

Commissioner Crooks reported that she called Stephanie Spencer, Deputy Auditor, regarding the fencing at the Adoption Center.

- The Park National donation will come in and be recorded as revenue; what is considered is the amount of the expense; the fact that Park National is paying part of it has no effect
- Commissioner Porter said according to Mark Zanghi's email, it's considered one project
- Commissioner Cameron said she wasn't asking to try to get around bidding the project
  - Her question is if Park National is donating the money for a fence that was not part of the project, is that different than not bidding something or the prevailing wage; she just wants clarification
- Flecto wants to know who is responsible for the cost of the fence
  - Commissioner Porter thinks Flecto is responsible
  - Flecto said they could lower the cost if they didn't have to pay prevailing wage; but they could not get it as low as Strauss Fence quote
    - Strauss is not prevailing wage and the project will require prevailing wage
- Commissioner Porter said Flecto's decision; their responsibility to get it done

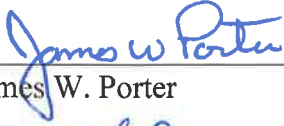
The Commissioners discussed Jeff Jadwin's email regarding funeral reimbursements from the State Auditor; COVID 19 Funeral Assistance Policy

- Needs addressed

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:12 p.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.*