

Minutes for July 11, 2022

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

RES 22-0659 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.

Commissioners discussed an email from Brian Summers regarding a problem with a creek off Creamery Road near Vista View.

- Mike Maniaci, Township Trustee, talked with one land owner that is willing to help with clean up, the township will look at the project as a way to take care of the road
- Will the Commissioners be willing to help with the \$10,000.00 expense?
- Commissioner Crooks will advise him to talk to the County Engineer

Commissioner Crooks said that Theresa Hildebrand from PAWS and Carolyn Hughes, Humane Officer, said they are overwhelmed with call about cats.

- Theresa and Carolyn are receiving calls from Hospice, Home Health Agencies, and Sheriff's department to deal with cats. One call from Hospice was requesting they pick up 60 cats from a home in Dresden
- Over the years, we (the Commissioners) have received multiple calls from residents about feral cats in neighborhoods, businesses and individual homes.
- The law may not give responsibility to any entity to deal with this...but when is it just the right thing to do?
- Asked if the Commissioners would be willing to let them use the old dog pound to euthanize cats
- Dr. Reid is willing to help
- Commissioner Porter has concerns about insurance liability, cleanup, utilities. Not willing to use tax payer dollars for that
- Commissioner Cameron asked why doesn't the Animal Shelter take care of the cats? According to the ORC, the County is responsible for the dogs

Robbie Frame came in to discuss the meeting at the Adoption Center.

- Tom from Flecto and a representative from the epoxy company were also at the Adoption Center meeting
- Damage to flooring and some water damage were discussed
- Epoxy company has not been fully paid yet, because the job has not been correct from the beginning
- Flecto said he thought it should have been taken care of before, but he will take care of it

Commissioner Cameron said Jeff Jadwin is having problems with groundhogs again and Don Hunter, the Trapper, said he would be there the 11th or 12th.

- Agreed for Jeff to contact Don Hunter as needed

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Robbie reported on the Rural Services Building.

- New security light installed, trash outside of building picked up, alley has been weeded
- Commissioner Porter said the carpet needs replaced throughout the building
- Commissioner Cameron said they are County buildings and we should take care of them
- Commissioner Porter will report to Rural Services that the problems are being addressed
- Commissioner Porter said FSA and Soil & Water work in conjunction with each other and he would like to keep both of them as tenants

Commissioner Crooks asked Robbie if the elevator could get updated.

Commissioner Crooks reported that the jail feasibility study timeline is still in process.

Commissioner Crooks said the volunteers at the Adoption Center have asked about the stainless steel doors and glass panels

- Cost would be \$255,000 if done at the same time

Commissioner Porter asked the clerk to confirm the meeting with Matt Sheridan on July 28, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. at the Mid-East CDL training site.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0660 declare an Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. for the purpose of discussing an employee performance evaluation Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioner. This session ended about 10:56 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came in to give his updates.

- Confirmed the meeting on July 28, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. at the Mid-East CDL training site

Eric handed out ARPA update list

Weber Project

- Morgan Coast sent an updated preliminary engineering report and the estimated cost was reduced by \$50,000.00

Avondale

- Eric has not heard back from Pat Kelly, Architect, on the status of the window project
- Environmental review will cost around \$5,000.00 and is needed for the \$400,000 Federal grant for Avondale
- Eric will make contact with companies that do environmental reviews to get quotes and to get the process started

Center for Seniors

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- Eric passed out report from their first meeting on April 22,2022
- They are asking for support for software, vehicles and cost of meals
- Eric said they had a quote for 3 vehicles

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0661 approve ARPA funding to Center for Seniors in the amount of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) for the fleet vehicles purchases.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Porter would suggest they purchase 4 vehicles for the \$100,000.

Commissioner Cameron said she received an email from Melissa Best from Habitat and she understood that Commissioner Cameron had some questions about money they received.

Commissioner Cameron said that it would be best to talk to all 3 Commissioners during session.

- Melissa said the money for Habitat from the City has not been confirmed and is hoping to know by the end of July
- Eric will let the Commissioners know if he hears from them

Commissioner Cameron said that normally the department manager comes in for Exit interviews with Pam. The Clerk is asked to schedule with Stan, Robert and Pam after July 21, 2022

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0662 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number Three for the Big B Road, Mutton Ridge Road, and Sheck Road Water Main Extension. Pay Application Number Three is for \$79,619.26 (see attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0663 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign Pay Application Number Two on behalf of Muskingum County Commissioners for the Zane Trace Road, Zane Grey Road, South Cove Lane, Southern Road, West Union Road, Sundale Road, East Wheeling Road, Flat Lane, and Peach Lane, Water Main Extension. Pay Application Number Two is for \$152,261.10 (see attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0664 approve the award of bid to Shelly Company in the amount of \$822,799.76 for project 22-2, various roads for the Engineer Department, requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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RESOLUTION 22-0665 approve the award of bid to NLS Paving Inc. in the amount of \$805,408.25 for project 22-3 for the Engineer's Department, requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0666 approve the award of bid to Shelly & Sands Inc. in the amount of \$21,962.50 for project 22-4A for the Engineers Department, requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0667 WHEREAS, a petition has been submitted by the Newton Township Trustees with the object and prayer being to vacate a portion of Washington Street in Avondale (Plat Book 4, Page 72), Newton Township, Muskingum County, State of Ohio. The description is as follows:

The proposed vacation of Washington Street in Avondale (Plat Book 4, page 72) in Newton Township.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Monday, August 1st, 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. be fixed as the time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet at the above points to view the location and to go over the proposed vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Monday, August 8th, 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. be fixed as the date and time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet in their office, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio for the final hearing on the matter of vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give notice of the time and place for both such viewing and hearing on the matter of vacation to be given by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Times Recorder, to be published in issues dated July 18th, 2022 and July 25th, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give written notice of the

dates of the viewing and hearing to the following individuals: Clerk of the Newton Township Trustees, Muskingum County Engineer; Director of Natural Resources and the following property owners: Jerry Stump, his executor Keith Burley.

Cameron seconded the resolution and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 22-0668 approve the 2023 Tax Budget to present at a public hearing to be held Thursday July 14, 2022; 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Session Room. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Cameron said Wendy Shields, Domestic Court, had asked if the Commissioner's office would forward the News Release regarding the grant the courts received to the T.R.

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Commissioner Cameron said there was a request to move the dumpster between the jail and the Courthouse. The request was given to Scott Lee, Maintenance Supervisor.

Commissioner Crooks asked if we have heard from Adrian Adornetto regarding the parking lot contract. Nothing has been received.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the July 07, 2022 session with changes, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Motion carried

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

Russ Edgington, Park District, came in to session to give updates. WHIZ was also present.

- Putting together information for a Master Plan to develop current facilities
- Overall survey shows people are interested in more recreational trails
- Cleaning up downed trees from recent storms
- Developing action plans for each facility
- Equipment needs to be replaced – Burt took all his personal equipment
- Current office building has had HVAC repaired
- Commissioner Porter asked why he didn't anticipate shortages when asking for the levy amount
- Russ said they asked for a smaller amount because it was their first levy
- Will try to partner with the City on trail connectivity, signage
- Finding qualified staff is challenging to find, so they have signed up with Ameri-Corps
- Commissioner Cameron wondered why people would want you to acquire more, when it's hard to take care of what you have now
- Attendance for monthly Conservation Kids Club and day camps are doing well
- Commissioner Crooks asked how Intel will affect the area
- Russ said people are looking at rural area for quality of life

Kyle Dunn, CDBG Director, was asked to come in to session.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0669 declare an Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an employee performance evaluation Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioner. This session ended about 2:16 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron mentioned the CCAO article about the Opioid Settlement in the paper.

Discussion about Russ Edgington's request for continued support.

The following legislation was now considered:

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RESOLUTION 22-0670 approve to continue grant support for the Muskingum Valley Park District through December 31, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Crooks asked the clerk to get dates confirmed from Pam Davis, H.R., for the exit interviews with 2 department heads.

Commissioner Crooks talked to Stephane Spencer, Financial Officer, inquiring about BSA budget not showing county cash balance total.

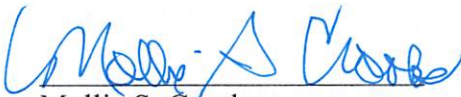
- Budget only shows appropriations and revenues, the cash balance in not figured in
- County cash balance as of 07.07.2022 is \$13.8 million

Commissioner Crooks mentioned that Teresa Hildebrand, PAWS, wanted to know if the County could give support in order to get match from 2 grants.

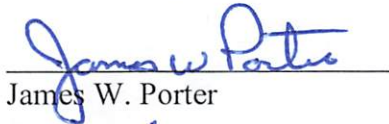
- Teresa had asked for \$2,500 from the City and \$2,500 from the County in order to get match of \$5,000 from grants

Commissioner Crooks made motion to provide \$2,500 to PAWS for Spay and Neuter program, no Second. Motion failed.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:34 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner 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.