

Minutes for Monday, July 14, 2025

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 25-0701 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payroll, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 25-0702 approve and authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Notice of Commencement for the Norwich Valley and Pidcock waterline extension.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0703 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 037, for the Muskingum County EMA, as requested by Tiffany Beardsley.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hazmat Training	037-461-511168	\$4,800.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0704 rescind Resolution 25-0595 dated 06.05.2025, requested by Muskingum County Commissioners.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0705 WHEREAS, on June 2, 2025, this Board adopted a resolution determining to submit to the electors of Muskingum County, Ohio, the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, as described below, a copy of which resolution was certified to the County Auditor of Muskingum County; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board that an estimated annual levy of 2.0 mills for each \$1.00 of taxable value, which is \$36 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, which will be required to produce the annual amount required set forth in the Resolution of Necessity; and

WHEREAS, the total current tax valuation of Muskingum County is \$3,173,347,040 and the dollar amount of revenue that will be produced annually by the levy millage would be \$4,076,693 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board desires and determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Muskingum County, Ohio, for

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the purpose of the support of Muskingum County Children Services and Avondale Youth Center and the care, support, protection, and placement of physically abused, sexually abused, neglected, and abandoned children.

Section 2. Said levy is a renewal of an existing 2.0 mill levy, which amounts to \$0.002 for each dollar of valuation, for ten years.

Section 3. The question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of Muskingum County, Ohio at the election to be held on November 4, 2025, and that said levy be placed on the tax lists commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Muskingum County, Ohio, not less than ninety days before the election, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0706 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Kacey Stackhouse, Deputy Clerk, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-510002-Transfer Out	130-000-414001-Transfer In	\$34,255.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0707 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 130, for the Muskingum County EMA, as requested by Tiffany Beardsley, Administrative Assistance.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicle	130-461-506010	\$34,255.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty reported on the Probation Community Corrections meeting he attended last Friday.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 session.

Commissioner Bell seconded. Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell reported that Koby Bradley, 4-H member who visited the Commissioners last week, has been chosen to represent Muskingum County at the State Fair with his Government Project.

John Graham, Fair Board President, reported that they have been gifted asphalt to pave in and around the new south entrance restrooms.

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RESOLUTION 25-0708 the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 8:26 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 10:03 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, came to update the Commissioners on progress of replacement of the Courthouse windows.

Kade reported that he had a conversation with Monte Bainter, Eastin Lewellen and Mark Neal from Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. MVESC will also be meeting with other *local foundations, as well.* They also inquired about opioid settlement funding to support education and prevention awareness programming in schools across the County.

Kade also had a conversation with the Commissioners regarding the Courtroom renovation progress.

Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist, came to update the Commissioners on the Polk properties. Chris has talked with Fred Polk and he will be moving trailers from the West SR40 site.

Jodi Niceswanger and Monica Batteiger, Collective Impact Coalition, came to update the Commissioners on this year's activities for Overdose Awareness Month in August.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:00 p.m.

There was discussion regarding Mark Eicher's email containing the Bridge Concept Study for the Straker Foundation and Park District proposed walking bridge.

The following gathered for the 2026 Tax Budget Hearing:

Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator
Tina Huebner, Auditor
Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor
Kade Haddox, County Administrator
WHIZ
The Times Recorder

RESOLUTION 25-0709 open Public Hearing for 2026 Tax Budget.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 25-0710 accept the proposed July 2025 submissions for the 2026 Tax Budget, as presented at an open Public Hearing, July 14, 2025; 1:30 p.m. in the office of the Muskingum County Commissioners.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty reported that all cats are out of the old dog pound.

The Commissioners placed a call to Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, regarding an email from Kate Paul, Director Center for Seniors. She is asking for the Commissioners approval of the Center's Code of Regulations. Mark says a resolution from the Commissioners is in order. Kate also asked about a Letter of Intent regarding appointing authority between the Center for Seniors Board and the Commissioners. It appears that there is not a current "signed" Letter of Intent.

Nick Ulan, Liasian with Senator Husted's office came to meet the Commissioners and introduce himself.

Rodney Crooks, who has been hauling trailers for Recycling, called the Commissioners to let them know that he will not be able to work Recycling July 21 to August 19 due to his work with the Fairboard.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to meet with the Commissioners and presented the following:

RESOLUTION 25-0711 acknowledge the resignation of Bradley Gard, Systems Administrator, to be effective July 25, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0712 the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 4:49 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

After review and discussion regarding an email from CCAO the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 25-0713 this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio does hereby agree to add their names to the CCAO State Coalition to protect the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

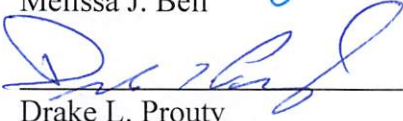
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:59 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron