

# Minutes for Monday, July 21, 2025

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

**RES 25-0725** 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.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 25-0726** sign and enter Cooperation Agreement through the Ohio Public Works Commission, with the Village of South Zanesville, for the Village of South Zanesville-County Village Resurfacing, as requested by Mark Eicher, Muskingum County Engineer.  
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell reported that the data from the zoning surveys and been entered. A total of 1,049 responses were received. The Commissioners reviewed the initial results. Kade is working to put the information in a spreadsheet and summarize by township.

Commissioner Bell also gave an update on the latest Board of Revision meetings.

There was discussion regarding parking for County employees.

The Commissioners discussed student interns at the Fleet Garage.  
The Commissioners talked with Danny Brenneman, MCJFS Director, regarding the Foxfire Discovery Program (TANF Summer Youth) for grades K-6. This year's enrollment is 25 at \$22,000.

Letters were presented for affected businesses regarding the "No Thru Trucks" enforcement on Sonora and Norfield Roads:

- Dollar General
- Avon/LGH&H
- Bilco
- AMG Vanadium
- Bimbo Bakery QSR
- Halliburton

The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 25-0727** give permission to the County Engineer to post "No Thru Truck" signs on Sonora and Norfield Roads. Letters will be sent to affected businesses.  
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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Andy Roberts, Planning Commission Director and Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist, held a Public Comprehensive Plan Hearing. Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, was also in attendance.

Chris and Andy gave an update on blighted properties. Mark informed the Board that the townships don't usually have the funds, nor the will, to clean up properties. He noted ORC 9.482 allowing an agreement between County and Townships. In such agreement, the County would clean/abate nuisance property and charge back cost to property owners' taxes.

Mark requested the following:

**RESOLUTION 25-0728** the Board of County Commissioners declare an Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Confidential Business Information of an Applicant for Economic Development (ORC 121.22 (G)(8)(a) of Muskingum County. This session ended about 9:57 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 25-0729** the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County Maintenance. This session ended approximately 11:02 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion with Pam Davis, Human Resources, regarding the water damage claim for Mrs. Paynter. All agreed to move forward.

Pam reminded the Commissioners of the CORSA Live Training next Thursday, July 31. Pam will get Donald's donuts for refreshments.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator updated the Commissioners on the fairgrounds south entrance restroom. Will be completed before the fair begins.

There was discussion regarding potential members of the review team for the Common Pleas Courtroom remodel.

Danny Wiseman, came, at the Commissioners' request, to be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to the Village of South Zanesville.

The Commissioners adjourned for a brief lunch before heading to the Road Vacation Viewing of Fletcher Road.

**RESOLUTION 25-0730** open viewing for Fletcher Road vacation. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.  
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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Those in attendance included:

Martin H. Smith

Martin E. Smith

Mitch A. Smith

Denis Swierz, Engineer's Office

The Commissioners returned to the office at approximately 1:45 p.m.

There was discussion regarding an email from the Muskingum County Fairboard and the following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 25-0731** approve the payment of the 4-H Junior Fair, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Grange and Scouts premiums for the year 2025 to the Muskingum County Agricultural Society up to \$13,450. As a condition of payment, the Muskingum County Agricultural Society will be required to submit names and totals of payment to the County Commissioners' Office.

Also, if there are funds not used, the County is to get the reimbursement not the Fair Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

A call was placed to Eric Reed, Port Authority Director, to discuss the County's award of \$20.7 million from the Ohio Department of Development-All Ohio Future Fund for a project in the Frazeyburg area. Eric will contact Don Madden, Projects Manager and Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, to inform them of the award.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025 session.

Commissioner Bell seconded.

Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025 session.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Don Madden, Projects Manager, sent an email to the Commissioners regarding Weber Force Main Extension. The contractor, Stonegate Construction, is requesting an extension due to weather related delays. The Commissioners agreed. Don will ask Morgan Coast to prepare the documents.

**RESOLUTION 25-0732** the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 3:01 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County Maintenance. This session ended approximately 4:28 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 25-0733** approve the employment of Eric Watkins as Facilities Superintendent for the Muskingum County Maintenance Department, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$35 per hour with a performance evaluation to be performed after a 180 day Probationary Period.

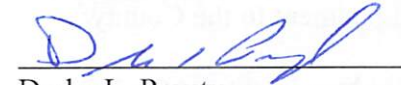
Motion made by Commissioners Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:39 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty

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Cindy S. Cameron