

Minutes for July 26, 2021

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

RESOLUTION 21-0698 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 Commissioners addressed a letter of request from Corrie Marple, Records Center, asking for approval to dispose of items no longer needed.

The following legislation was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0699 approve disposal of items that have little or no value and no potential for re-use, as allowed through Ohio Revised Code 307.12(I). Requested by Corrie Marple, Records Center Director.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that Carolyn Hughes, Humane Officer, called her back regarding the financial grant towards the cat issue.

- Theresa Hildebrand never called back, so Carolyn asked that the check be made out to her
 - The Commissioners are not comfortable with that and would rather that the payment be made to the Humane Society for audit purposes
 - The Clerk will call and explain to Carolyn

Commissioner Cameron reported that she did call Cole Graham from Shelly and Sands about today's meeting with ODOT, since they are contractor for the project.

- He said thanks for calling, they might be here, but if not, don't take personally and they could come another time

Commissioner Cameron reported that Captain LeCocq stopped in today to drop off Mid-East contract today and reported that the situation at Licking View with the trash and trailer is nearly all cleaned up and gone except for a few tires.

- Captain is going to call Steve Dillon about the tires
- Captain also said that the owner was previously in the City jail for violations against zoning on houses he owns in the City

Commissioner Crooks reported that Bear Davis from Pae Ohana called her Thursday saying he had some questions about the contract.

- She's not sure how he got the contract
 - She hasn't even read it yet

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- The Commissioners have not discussed to any degree
- He had concerns that there was no price in the contract
- She explained that it would be Commissioners' decision
- A meeting is scheduled for 3:00 this Thursday afternoon

The Clerk reminded the Board about the letter from Andrew Johnson from CCAO regarding pictures from County fairs for their online magazine.

The Clerk reported that Jeff Jadwin told her it was his understanding from Mark Zanghi, that the August 3 meeting regarding I70 hazardous spills and future handling of accidents on I70 during construction should be advertised.

- Commissioner Cameron is wondering if he thinks it needs to be public since the media was told about it
- Jeff said he received a call from Ron Strong at WYBZ about the meeting...he didn't know how they found out about it
- Commissioner Porter said, for the record, he didn't talk to the media
- Commissioner Porter reported that there will be a representative from Perry Township Fire Department at the meeting
- It was decided to invite all Fire Departments
- In comparison, the Washington Township JEDD meeting was not advertised
- Commissioner Crooks says this is not our meeting; It's an EMA meeting

A call was placed to Mark Zanghi regarding the advertisement of this as a public meeting

- EMA is not a public body
 - Commissioners are not making decisions, just attending
- Do we owe the media anything to have them be involved
 - Under no obligation to let them know; EMA is having a meeting
 - Should be no concern whether the media is there or not

Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to talk with the Commissioners regarding tap fees.

- Currently, on the top end for industrial users, it can be very high
- He would propose this amendment:
 - For an Industrial User with flow larger than 20 Benefitted Units the connection fee will be \$97,000 plus \$485 for each additional Benefitted Unit
- Commissioner Porter asked if that would allow us to cover our costs
 - Stan said we will do okay
 - He feels better off lowering tap fees to bring in businesses
 - It will also generate \$24,000 per month revenue for the Sewer Department and jobs and taxes for the County
 - Commissioner Porter asked if Stan had researched how many businesses have already had tap fees forgiven to get the business here, you'd be surprised
 - Stan does not know
 - Stan hopes this will provide a better opportunity for potential businesses

Commissioner Crooks mentioned Chad Bay's exit interview

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- Every Commissioner has a copy and Stan was given a copy

Stan asked if anyone had heard anything from or about Dunfalls

- Mark Zanghi is still wanting to talk with their attorney, Grant Stubbins

Commissioner Porter asked Stan if he is getting engineering above and beyond what currently thinking

- Stan said meeting with Don Madden, Projects Department, to talk about creating list of potentials
- Stan is hoping that he and Don can come in Monday to present list

Commissioner Porter said he had asked Pam Davis, Human Resources, if a single Commissioner can discipline an employee

- No it takes a majority of Commissioners
- He would have disciplined Jeff Jadwin for the way he talked to him at last Thursday's meeting

A call was placed to Don Madden regarding Tom and Jeff Roberts' request for water on County Line Road

- Commissioner Cameron understood that an application was the first step
- Normally, Don would say a petition would be the first step
 - But, if the Roberts want to file an application as part of the process, that is fine
 - Application must be filed by landowner
 - Neither Jeff nor Tom Roberts are landowners; it's the dad and uncle
 - Currently, Don has a map with responses for water for a much larger area; all of Flint Ridge and coming around Mt. Sterling

Back to EMA meeting, August 3

- Commissioner Cameron said it doesn't matter to her about advertising
- Commissioner Crooks' understanding from Mark is that Jeff is calling the meeting; it's his meeting
- Commissioner Cameron thinks the whole question came up because the media called Jeff and started asking him questions about the meeting
- A call was placed to Jeff to tell him that Mark said he is under no obligation to make the meeting public
 - EMA is not a public entity
 - The Board does think that other township fire departments should be invited
 - Jeff will contact other fire departments

Commissioner Porter pointed out that in the July 22 minutes Jeff Jadwin accused Mr. Mahon of providing pictures to Jerry Sode of A1 Towing of the I70 Hazardous Waste spill.

- It was not Mr. Mahon, it was B & H Towing

The following legislation was now considered:

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RESOLUTION 21-0700 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign the American Electric Power easement to supply underground electrical service to the Muskingum County Water Department Facility.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0701 approve the advance of funds for the Muskingum County Community Development as requested by Sheila Samson, Director, as follows:

FUND ADVANE OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-000-101000	155-000-414001	\$30,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0702 accept and sign 2021 road resurfacing project 2021-A2 for Shelly & Sands Inc. Requested by Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0703 accept and sign 2021 Road Resurfacing Project 2021-A3 contract for Shelly & Sands Inc. Requested by Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0704 approve to rescind Resolution 21-0261 dated 03.11.2021 for the Muskingum County Court. ORC does not allow a transfer between special revenue funds, requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0705 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 099as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
099-444-501002- WRKDT payroll	099-444-501002 -RETS payroll	\$4,312.00
099-444-502003 -WRKDT PERS	099-444-502003- RETS PERS	\$ 558.60
099-444-502001 -WRKDT Medicare	099-444-502001 -RETS Medicare	\$ 60.53
099-444-502004- WRKDT Insurance	099-444-502004- RETS Insurance	\$ 690.47

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

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RESOLUTION 21-0706 approve the award of bid to and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign contract with Commercial Electronics, Inc. of Zanesville for the Disaster Siren Service Contract in the amount of \$9,362.80 for Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency, as submitted by Jeff Jadwin, Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0707 approve and authorize the amendment of the Muskingum County Sewer Use Rules, Sewer Connection Manual and various Appendices. These rules shall become effective upon passage of the resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0708 accept and sign the Contract Proposal between the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers' Career and Academic Readiness Education Program. FY – 2021 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Angie Peters, Customer Service Representative and Holly Reitano, Energy Efficiency Advisor with AEP Ohio came to meet with the Commissioners to introduce themselves.

Mark Eicher, Engineer and Matt Russell came to open bids for Pavement Marking and Guardrail Improvements.

Mark said they are still waiting on guidance from ODOT regarding the township stimulus package.

- Every one of the township applications has to have a letter of support from the County Engineer to get the maximum points
- As much as \$250,000 to qualifying townships
- Chip and seal is on the list
- Chip and seal is \$15,000 per mile if contracted
 - \$9,000 - \$10,000 for materials
 - Engineer does not have time at this point

11:30 a.m.

RESOLUTION 21-0709 open bids for Pavement Marking for the Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0710 reject and authorize re-advertisement of Pavement Marking for the Muskingum County Engineer, due to the three bids received being over the 10% allowance from the estimate.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Mark updated the Commissioners on some of their projects.

- Okey Road funds are still encumbered by ODOT
- Denis is working with Don Madden, Projects, on Imlay Road Water Extension

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- Still working on engineering for Licking View
- Working on surveying on Juanita Drive
- Do not have criteria from Ohio Department of Development on how to prioritize projects; working with ODOT
 - Gary has reached out to all the villages and City to let them know they are working on it; get their list of projects together
 - Don and Stan are also aware

11:45 a.m.

RESOLUTION 21-0711 open bids for Guardrail Improvements for the Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion

RESOLUTION 21-0712 reject and authorize re-advertisement of Guardrail Improvements for the Muskingum County Engineer, due to the bid received being over the 10% allowance from the estimate.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion

Mark reported that the City called them to say they are installing a water line extension on Dresden Road right where the Engineer was going to pave.

- So, the Engineer is not going to pave that one mile of road
 - They will do Bellview instead

Commissioner Porter asked Mark when they do Sonora Road if they are going to encourage the railroad to do their crossings at the same time.

- Mark said they have talked to them and they said they have gone out and repaired it
 - He will send them another message and ask them to fix it right
 - The paving contractor has a certain distance of the railroad that he has to stay off of
 - Commissioner Porter said they have 3-4 loads of railroad ties sitting there

Commissioner Crooks asked about a couple of places on Dresden Road regarding permission for access in the right-of-ways.

- Mark said they should obtain permits

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

1:30 p.m.

Candy Emmert, Director, Adult and Child Protective Services and Gary King, Avondale Youth Center came to talk with the Commissioners regarding potential ARPA monies.

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- First request: Downtown Office
 - Houses most social services
 - Update six bathrooms
 - Carpet flooring on 50% of area
 - Unit space employee dividers on 50% of workspace
 - Chairs
 - Approximate cost: \$200,000
- Second request: Avondale Youth Center
 - Heating and air conditioning renovation, possibly windows
 - Preliminary Energy Audit and estimate 2019 completed – new estimate needed
 - Approximate cost: \$600,000 - \$800,000

Reserve in 2012: \$7.4 million

Reserve in 2020: \$2.0 million

Opioid crisis hit in 2015 causing a rise in cases

Currently in a staffing crisis for caseworkers and child care workers

Candy noted that they are careful about spending, never sure when next crisis might hit

Avondale is now a Nationally accredited Child Residential Center; first one in Ohio

- Avondale's maximum population is 22
 - 28 staff members
- Very appreciative of levy; 45% of 2020 revenue
- The Sidwell Foundation and the Shelly Company have contributed to great improvements in the facility
- Comfort and well-being of kids is top priority

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 session, with changes. Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

2:30 p.m.

The following met in the Commissioners' session room to discuss ODOT updates.

Matt Russell, Engineer's Office

Mark Eicher, County Engineer

Jason Sturgeon, ODOT

Julie Gwinn, ODOT

Thomas Bradford, ODOT

Clint Cameron, Washington Township Trustee

Phil Valentine, ODOT

Morgan Overbey, ODOT

Justin Shotwell, ODOT

Michelle Sidwell, ODOT

Mayor Mason, City of Zanesville

Chris Crook, Times Recorder

Quay Devoll, WHIZ

Natalie Comer, WHIZ

Jason distributed a spreadsheet explaining the upcoming projects for Muskingum County.

The I70 project kicked off last week and will run from SR40 to SR93

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- This project will include 16 bridges and take approximately seven years to complete
- Work will take place mostly at night
 - Sunday night through Thursday night
 - Will work days when possible
- Updates on this project are available on the ODOT Project Page
- Commissioner Porter asked why three lanes were not considered for this project
 - Right of Way is tight
 - Part of why this is such a long project

The Mayor asked about the narrow curve bridge on SR666

- He questioned purchasing property to eliminate the one lane and the difficult, blind curve
- Mark Eicher said he has looked at the façade, which is still in tact
- Jason will look into the situation

The Mayor also brought to attention the Putnam underpass

- Large trucks should be using Wayne Avenue to SR719
- Google/GPS doesn't always take them Wayne Avenue
- Very difficult to transition grade separated to grade crossing
 - Working with railroad can be challenging

Clint Cameron asked the Mayor about the lights on Underwood

- Always backed up
- Can the right lane arrow be made longer
- The Mayor wouldn't be surprised if people start using Old Adamsville Road instead of SR40 when the I70 ramps are closed

The Mayor reported that he is hopeful to begin Dug Road construction by March

It was agreed for ODOT to provide routine updates to the Commissioners

- Before major traffic changes
- Morgan suggested adding links to our County and City websites to update public

The Mayor had texted Commissioner Crooks during lunch and said that Matt and Kade, on his staff, would be willing to help the County with the ARPA money.

Pam Davis, Human Resources; Scott Lee, Facilities Superintendent and Robbie Frame, Housekeeping Supervisor came to meet with the Commissioners.

Scott was asked to contact Corrie Marple in Records regarding the flooring.

Pam reported that they have been trying to hire a Maintenance I position.

- The position is currently posted at \$14.00 per hour
 - Pam feels this is a struggling point
- Interviewed two candidates last week
- Pam presented her suggestion of Pay Level Classification for the Commissioners to consider
- They are currently saving on overtime with Robbie since Housekeeping has transitioned to dayshift

Robbie presented quotes for Housekeeping t-shirts.

- Print Masters \$343.00
- Four Season Graphics \$450.00

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Robbie was given permission to move forward with Print Masters

Pam reported that she has received five applications to date, for the ARPA Compliance Officer.

Pam also reported that she received notice from the Ohio Civil Rights Commission that the case Bart Nelson brought against the County has been dismissed as not probable.

- Mr. Nelson has the opportunity to appeal it; request reconsideration within ten days of the notice
 - Within 30 days if he chooses to file suit in Common Pleas Court
- Commissioner Porter asked who wrote the response to the OCRC
 - Not Jeff Stankunas; another attorney in his practice who was working on the case
 - Commissioner Porter asked where he got his information
 - Pam and Stan were interviewed by the attorneys and they had to produce an affidavit
 - Commissioner Porter stated there were a lot of lies in the response
 - Pam said there were no lies in her statement
 - Commissioner Porter said it's lucky he didn't get to testify
 - Commissioner Cameron asked if we can see those affidavits
 - Pam said she would bring them in
 - Commissioner Porter said all he saw was what they sent Mr. Nelson
 - Pam said that the attorneys for both sides had access to all affidavits
 - But she has not seen what Mr. Nelson submitted
 - Commissioner Cameron asked if it possible to see what Mr. Nelson submitted
 - Pam will find out
 - It wasn't based only on affidavits, Pam had to submit Mr. Nelson's Discipline files, Personnel files, Insurance files...everything
 - Commissioner Porter said it worked out, because Mr. Nelson had no intention of coming back

Commissioner Porter asked Mayor Mason's intention of offering his staff to help with County's ARPA money.

- Kade Haddox and Matt Schley
- Commissioner Cameron would not be in favor of that only
 - Still would proceed with Compliance Officer

Commissioner Porter left session at 4:04 p.m.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, came to session and the following was considered:

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RESOLUTION 21-0713 declare an Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Litigation Matter of Muskingum County. This session ended about 4:13 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Crooks said that Bear Davis from Pae Ohana called her about the contract with the County.

- Mark Zanghi said he did not send the contract to Pae Ohana

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 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.