

Minutes for Monday, July 28, 2025

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

RES 25-0742 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 25-0743 accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners and Townships regarding Blighted Properties within Muskingum County, as requested by Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0744 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Eric D. Martin, Judge for Probate Court, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-238-502004 (Insurance)	001-238-506001 (Equip & Maintenance)	\$4,500.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-0745 accept and sign the TruData Rx Change Order Form to add Mounjaro to be effective August 1, 2025. Requested by Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0746 acknowledge the resignation of Lauren M. Green from the Muskingum County Center for Seniors effective August 29, 2025.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0747 approve the employment of Kiyomi Stump for the full time LPN position at Rambo/TB Clinic for \$19.00 per hour with the opportunity for an increase after completion of 180 day probationary period., contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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The Commissioners continued discussion regarding the short-term rental process with consideration of the administrative fees.

The next CVB Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 16; 8:00 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the Foxfire Work Program and the Summer Study Program at the Fleet Garage. All agreed to discontinue the program at the Fleet Garage, at least until the new Facilities Superintendent is hired and is made aware of the program.

Commissioner Prouty reported that he met with John Estep, Health Department Maintenance regarding parking lot drains, sidewalks and repaving of the parking lot.

There was also discussion regarding the MVESC parking lots (2) on Seventh Street.

Eric Watkins, newly hired Facilities Superintendent, will begin August 20.

Sheriff's auction will be Saturday, August 2. There was question about who from Maintenance would be working the auction...Dominic and Ethan.

Maintenance has cleaned up the landscaping at the Rural Services Building.

Issues that still need addressed:

- Tree in sidewalk area
- Parking lot issues
- Pollinator garden

Commissioner Prouty also reported that the jail site has been weed-eated and sprayed.

Commissioner Prouty reported that the third floor air conditioning has developed a leak and the JDC air conditioning unit is down...parts are ordered.

He also reported that the Adoption Center freezer was down. It is now fixed, but one dog carcass had to be taken to Licking County. The dog was a bite dog that had been put down, but was waiting to be tested for rabies.

Commissioner Bell reported that the Virginia-Irish Ridge Road/Congressman Balderson event has been rescheduled for Monday, August 16; 10am.

Don Madden, Projects Manager and Zack Forker, Assistant Project Manager, updated the Commissioners on the following projects:

- Licking View
 - Moving slowly
 - Issues with Brown Alley storm drain
- Maysville
 - EPA concerns with completion; there are many difficult elements in the project
- Norwich Valley
 - Fifty percent completed – good progress

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- Weber
 - Filling line, then testing
 - Reclamation
- Claysville
 - Reclaiming soon
- Sunflower
 - ARC Grant
- Boggs
 - Working on easements
 - Reforested wetlands

Have received 20+ petitions

- None will debt service
- Need grant funding to make these work

EPA may request feeding ortho-phosphates at Maysville

- If that's the case, will need operator

Don requested the following:

RESOLUTION 25-0748 declare an Executive Session at 9:38 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 9:51 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Auditor, Tina Huebner, requested the following:

RESOLUTION 25-0749 sign official certification of the local government monies to be received in calendar year 2026 as submitted by the Muskingum County Auditor.

Local Government Revenues for 2026	\$987,956.26
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Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners left to visit parking lots at MVESC lots and Health Department. Also, the concerns with the retaining wall at the Center for Seniors. They also went to the fairgrounds to view the new south entrance restroom.

They returned at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Prouty presented updates on the roofing leaks at 44 N. Fourth Street.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator updated the Commissioners on the required Energy Audit on the Courthouse, Health Department and JDC. The grant amount has increased to \$17,100.

There was discussion regarding the MVESC offer to the County in exchange for the \$200,000 grant request. Kade informs the Board that the offer in the letter addressed to the Commissioners does not match the offer he discussed with Monte Bainter, Eastin Lewellen and Mark Neal.

Kade will follow up. Kade requested the following:

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RESOLUTION 25-0750 the Board of County Commissioners declare an Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Negotiations of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 11:53 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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

The Commissioners placed a call to Kate Paul, Center for Seniors Director, to explain the situation with the retaining wall in their parking lot. Maintenance will be blocking the parking spaces closest to the wall to avoid problems while determining the solution.

RESOLUTION 25-0751 open a hearing for the proposed vacation of Fletcher Road (TR 802) in Newton Township, Muskingum County, Ohio, which begins approximately 70' north of the Muskingum County/Perry County line, then runs north along Fletcher Road for approximately 2580'.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 25-0752 WHEREAS, a request has been submitted by the Muskingum County Engineer with the object and prayer being to vacate a portion of Fletcher Road (Township Road 802) (Plat Book 3255, Pages 799-802, Newton Township, Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 15, Township, Muskingum County, Ohio as listed below:

The propose vacation of a portion of Fletcher Road (TR802) in Newton Township begins approximately 70" north of the Muskingum County/Perry County line, then runs north along Fletcher Road for approximately 2580'

WHEREAS, a viewing was held on Money, July 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. , 2025 and a hearing was held today, July 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the Muskingum County Commissioners, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio, both advertised according to law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction in said matters, and

WHEREAS, in attendance at the hearing were Commissioners Bell, Prouty and Cameron; Susan Reese, Clerk to the Board; Martin H. Smith, Landowner; Kade Haddox, County Administrator, with Mr. Smith being concerned with keeping his current address of 7600 Fletcher Road, Roseville, OH ,in regard to the proposed alley vacation, and

RESOLVED, that the vacation of said portion of property of Fletcher Road, Newton Township, Muskingum County, Ohio, as described above, be GRANTED, according to Section 5553.042 of the Ohio Revised Code and the property vacated reverted to the land owner, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the County Engineer for entry by him forthwith in the proper road records of the County. The Clerk is further directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor for inclusion of said vacated road to be vacated, and further to deliver a copy of this resolution to the office of the County Recorder.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners to request the following:

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RESOLUTION 25-0753 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Muskingum (the "Board") desires to enter into a LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (the "Department") concerning the Muskingum County Jail Facility in the County (the "Project") in accordance with the terms hereof and the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Any two members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the County, the Agreement, in substantially the form submitted to and now on file with the County, which is hereby approved, with such changes therein not inconsistent with this Resolution as may be approved by such members of the Board. The approval of such changes by this Board shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Agreement by such County Commissioners.

Section 2. Each member of the Board and other county officials are each separately authorized to take any and all actions and to execute such certificates and other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate in order to affect the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken 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 all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and, to the extent inconsistent therewith, supersedes any prior resolution of this Board. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty. Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-0754 agree to postpone RFQ Evaluations for the Common Pleas Court Room Renovations to a later date to be determined.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the engineering of the 34 N. Fourth Street lot for parking.

A call was placed to Danny Brenneman, MCJFS Director, to discuss the Summer Youth Training Program. The Commissioners wish to discontinue this program after this summer program ends at the end of July. They would like to give the new Facilities Superintendent a chance to review the program before continuing. Current students can finish this summer's program.

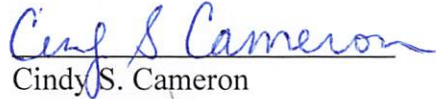
The Sheriff made the Commissioners aware of a PR event held by the Sheriff's Department and the Zanesville Police Department to be held August 5; 6-8pm at Secrest.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:24 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Prouty and the second of Commissioner Bell.


Melissa J. Bell


Drake L. Prouty


Cindy S. Cameron