

Minutes for July 31, 2023

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 23-0777 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Bell.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payroll, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Bell.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-0778 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Fund 197 as requested by Mark Fleegle, Judge of Common Pleas Court, as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
197-440-510001	001-000-414001	\$16,020.20

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 23-0779 WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio is supportive of the development and submission of a Rural Industrial Park Loan Program application, in accordance with Section 122.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, to promote economic development in eligiblerural areas and promote the economic welfare of Muskingum County and the state of Ohio, and;

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

Section 1: The Board acknowledges the project site, located at Prosperity Parkway, Zanesville, OH is located within Muskingum County, which has been identified as an eligible county in accordance with Program guidelines.

Section 2: The Board acknowledges that no existing industrial park in the county would compete against an industrial park that would be developed and improved in the county through the use of financial assistance provided to the applicant under the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program.

Section 3: The Board recognizes the applicant for Rural Industrial Park Loan Program assistance a s Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority is an eligible applicant in accordance with Program guidelines.

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Section 4: The Board recognizes the applicant has the capacity to undertake and successfully oversee the project, as evidenced by documentation of the applicant's past performance in economic development projects and financial ability to complete the project.

Section 5. The Board finds and determines 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 that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Cameron: aye Bell: aye Crooks: aye

Motion carries

RESOLUTION 23-0780 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Certification of Exempt Project for Community Development, requested by Kyle Dunn, Director. (see attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-0781 open hearing for proposed Road Vacation for M.E. Dunn Addition.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

Roll call: Cameron, absent; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-0782 approve funding an award of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to The Mid-East Career & Technology Center's Muskingum County Fire School. This award will be sourced from the FY2022 & FY 2023 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

There was discussion with Eric Reed, County Administrator, regarding the DLZ contract.

The Commissioners, along with Eric Reed, met with Eric Ratts of DLZ virtually to discuss the contract between the County and DLZ.

- An updated draft will be sent to DLZ this morning for review

The Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding Mary Jane Shackelford/Barnes Advertising's proposal to the County regarding relocation of a billboard that is being displaced due to the Gateway project.

Eric Reed updated the Commissioners on the following:

- Avondale
 - Since the pre-bid meeting, Eric has had conversation with Pat Kelly regarding the roof situation

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- Working to determine the procurement method of the roof
- Scott Lee, Facilities Superintendent, will be meeting with Troy from Saup Hartley today. Pat asked if they could take a core sample of the roof

The Commissioners met virtually with Kevin DeWine and Jen Lynch of CBD Consultants discussing some issues of concern.

- New County jail
- Appalachian Community Grant
- Drug Taskforce
- Water Projects
 - Wellfields
 - Regionalization
 - Intel traction

CBD will schedule weekly calls with the Commissioners.

Judge Kalis was asked to meet with the Commissioners regarding some questions about cameras being installed in the Hixson Building. Lucretia Frame, Records Department Supervisor, was also present for the meeting.

- It is Judge Kalis' goal to have cameras on every ingress and egress
 - She feels safety and security are her responsibility
 - She indicates that she asked everyone in the building two times if they had issues and has had three walk-throughs with the installer and understood that everyone was fine with the installation and locations...apparently that is not the case
 - The camera in question was installed facing the freight elevator on the basement level, over the weekend
 - Lucretia said that she had voiced her opposition more than once to placing cameras in her department
 - Her chief concern today is that someone entered her department over the weekend to install the camera, without her knowledge
- There is also concern that the Hixson Building has several critical safety concerns as noted by the recent CORSA inspection
- Judge Kalis also expressed her concerns with the elevator breaking down often
 - A call was placed to Scott and he said it had been fixed the same day last time it quit working
- It was recommended and agreed to by all, there needs to be a meeting with all entities involved regarding the CORSA evaluation

A call was placed to Mary Jane Shackelford of Barnes Advertising, advising her that the Commissioners have agreed to leasing her a small portion of their Fifth Street parking lot, to relocate a Barnes Advertising billboard that will be displaced during the Gateway Project. She asked for the confirmation in writing. The Commissioners will send her an email today.

Commissioners Bell and Crooks traveled to the M.E. Dunn Addition Vacation viewing.

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RESOLUTION 23-0881 open hearing for proposed Road Vacation for M.E. Dunn Addition.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Those in attendance:

Denis Swierz, Engineer's Office
Don Alexander, Wayne Township Trustee
Josh Swingle, Wayne Township Trustee
Floyd McFarland, renter of adjoining landowner
Craig Fusner, landowner
Susan Reese, Clerk

Floyd McFarland presented opposition on behalf of the landowner, Desirae Thomas.

The Commissioners returned to session and Matt Abbott, Port Authority Director, had left the following for the Commissioners' consideration:

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Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, came to meet with the Commissioners and presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 23-0780 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Certification of Exempt Project for Community Development, requested by Kyle Dunn, Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell,

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

Motion carried.

A call was placed to Kelly Ashby in response to her email regarding the lighting of the Courthouse for Christmas.

- Would the Commissioners want to have a “Flip the Switch” event on November 17 or wait until November 29 during the Christmas Parade?
 - The Commissioners agreed to wait until November 29 to light during the parade

A call was placed to Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, regarding his request for this year’s Fire School funding.

- Jeff reported that they usually have Fire School every year, have not had it for a couple of years
- Each fire department is allotted \$2,000 annually to the Association from the County through EMA
- This year they are \$3,600 short for training
- The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 23-0782 approve funding an award of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to The Mid-East Career & Technology Center’s Muskingum County Fire School. This award will be sourced from the FY2022 & FY 2023 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a call from Craig Fusner, landowner in the M.E. Dunn Addition road vacation.

- He wanted to make sure that the Commissioners are aware that he owns the property on the both sides of the alley


There was continued discussion regarding the concerns at the Hixson Building. It was decided to hold a meeting with Wendy Sowers, Jason Baughman, Scott Lee and Pam Davis.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:56 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.


Cindy S. Cameron


Melissa J. Bell


Mollie S. Crooks

This is a condensed version of today's session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.