

Minutes for August 09, 2021

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Cameron
Commissioner Porter was absent
Staff Present: Susan Reese

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners Crooks and Cameron joined Pam Davis, Human Resources, to hold two interviews for Compliance Officer before session began. Commissioner Porter had previously told the Board that he would not be attending these two interviews, but would be available for the 11:30a.m. interview.

RES 21-0745 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, absent; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

There was discussion regarding a report on Friday regarding Captain Page of the Lorena who may be off for an extended period due to a medical issue.
Commissioner Crooks talked to Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, about who Captain reports to. There currently is no Job Description for the Captain of the Lorena.

It was reported that David Boyer, Interim Director, will keep working at the Center for Seniors, but will be sitting, working quietly, not on the front line.

- The 501.c3 Board voted to pay his wage from their funds

Commissioner Cameron told them that she would be willing to have the Commissioners pay his PERS if it would help, "just my thought".

Commissioner Cameron asked if we should schedule a meeting with Washington Township and the City regarding the JEDD. It was agreed at the last meeting to re-visit in six months. End of September will be six months.

The Clerk explained an incident that happened last Friday at the Front Office door. Security handled the situation, but Mr. Moore called the Clerk later in the day and said he would be at session this morning.

A call was placed to Scott Lee, Facilities Supervisor, to ask about an update for the Children Services' renovation request.

- Scott just returned from vacation and has not had a chance to follow up
- Will get back to the Commissioners ASAP
- It was agreed to tell Candy to go ahead and get estimates

The following legislation was now considered:

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RESOLUTION 21-0746 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Planning Commission, as requested by Andy Roberts, Executive Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land Bank Salaries	001-366-501006	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0747 approve the use of the Courthouse esplanade for the “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” event on Monday, October 04, 2021; 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. In addition, the Domestic Violence Coalition is asking for:

- The use of a podium and eight (8) chairs and three (3) tables
- The use of the Courthouse restrooms
- The Courthouse to be lit in purple lights for the month of October in support and awareness of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- One Commissioner to do the Proclamation for the County

All proceeds from this event will benefit Transitions, Inc. Shelter and Advocacy Services.

Requested by Dorothy Thomas, Domestic Violence Coalition Chairperson.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0748 authorize the signing of the HB 168 grant applications for various water and sewer projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0749 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Prosecutor, as requested by Ronald Welch, Prosecuting Attorney.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment & Maintenance	001-105-506001	\$19,295.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Brian Young, Director Government Affairs and Ashley Karlen, Manager Government Affairs of Charter Communications/Spectrum came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund regarding broadband.

- Service available to folks who have a child in their household receiving free and reduced lunch or a senior on SSI, eligible for \$17.99 a month
- Emergency Broadband Benefit Program; \$50 credit available from the government
 - Applications available at Spectrum
- During pandemic provided 60 days free internet for education “Stay Connected K-12”

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Brian distributed maps showing where there is current Spectrum service and also where Spectrum has won “census blocks”, which determines the un-served.

- \$5 billion project
 - Will be receiving \$1 billion Federal government funds
 - Remaining will be Spectrum’s own private capital
 - Fiber to the home project
 - Current infrastructure – 76,100 miles
 - This project will add 13,000+ miles
 - Project is already started
 - Team is in place
 - Permits have been applied for
 - Working with other utilities
 - Project could take up to six years
 - Spectrum hoping to complete in 3-4 years internally
 - 75% aerial
 - 25% underground
 - Spectrum will maintain
 - Working with County Engineer and Law Enforcement
 - Building should start next year
 - Permits will determine start date
- HB2 money
 - \$20 million – 2021
 - \$250 million – 2022
- ARPA funding possibility

Commissioner Cameron gave Brian a list of known needs for broadband in the County

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron adjourned for lunch to hold a third interview for Compliance Officer, at 11:30 a.m., resume session at 2:00 p.m.

Don Madden, Projects Manager, came to meet with the Commissioners about County Line Road. Commissioner Cameron explained that Commissioner Porter has not been here today and she’s not sure why.

- Don said Commissioner Porter texted him yesterday afternoon and said he wouldn’t be here for his meeting today and asked him to leave pertinent information for him

Don wanted to clarify a statement made from a previous meeting when they were talking about hiring a part-time plant operator.

- Some of his employees read the minutes and thought that position would eventually be assuming all of Don’s duties
 - It was not Don’s intent to give the impression this position would become Water Department Manager
 - Commissioner Cameron is sad to say that she believes the minutes have become a source of entertainment for some, when it’s intended to be a source of information
 - She understood what Don’s intention was, but understands how it could have been misunderstood in the interpretation of the minutes

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Don presented a map of Flint Ridge and County Line Roads, along with information concerning County Line Road and Flint Ridge Road Waterline Extension possibilities.

- To keep the project financially feasible, need 18 taps per mile if no other means of supplemental funding
 - Projects may be even higher now with higher pipe prices
- On this project, line would run 1.7 miles before it hits the first group of customers

Commissioner Cameron asked if the person asking for water on County Line, is actually the homeowner?...is the property in their name?

• The current project in the area is complete; currently reclaiming and seeding Clay Pike will be the next “in-house” project.

Don is not here looking for permission for this project today, just providing information at the Board’s request.

- The Water Department has plenty of projects going on right now
- Commissioner Cameron noted that the Roberts’ continue to call and it’s brought up every week, so we need to make a decision
 - Commissioner Crooks would say that the project is completed and the only chance he would have is if there is another project in that area
 - Don said that the other projects that are in process right now are much further along and should score well with HB168 monies or ARPA funds
 - Petitions for these projects were received many years ago
 - Commissioner Cameron noted that Zane Grey Road has been waiting 25+ years
 - Commissioner Crooks not willing to jump ahead of other projects
 - Commissioner Cameron noted more no’s than yes’s on the interest cards in this area
 - Who actually signed the interest card for the Roberts’ addresses
- Don’s opinion is that this should not be a project
 - If the Commissioners’ would declare this a project, it should be done “in-house” with fire suppression

Commissioner Cameron asked Don about the use of the extra office in his upstairs office, now that Julie has moved to the Utilities Office.

- Would that be available for the Compliance Officer
- Don would be willing to accommodate that
- Don said that Debra Nye, Auditor, had asked to use that space to meet with people regarding appraisals

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the August 08, 2021 session, with changes. Commissioner Crooks seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Mollie S. Crooks

ABSENT

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.