

Minutes for Thursday, August 13, 2026

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Kacey Stackhouse

RES 26-0730-A 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.

RES 26-0730-B Commissioners declare an Executive Session at 8:00 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 8:23 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners are willing to accept the transfer of Andy Roberts vacation hours to Land Bank.

The following legislation was now considered:

RES 26-0731 approve the fund to fund advance of monies for the Muskingum County Water Department as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, as follows:

ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
014-373-510001	251-000-414001	\$50,000.00
Advance Out	Advance In	
	Powelson Area Waterline	

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

RES 26-0732 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners Pay Application Number 1 for the Route 555 Phase 2 Water Main Extension. Pay Application Number 1 is for \$255,721.34
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0733 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 014, for the Muskingum County Water Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor .

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Capital Projects	014-373-504200	\$50,000.00

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

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RES 26-0734 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Wendy S. Roush, Court Administrator, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-247-501002	001-247-504001	\$3,199.00
Salary	Contract Services	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0735 authorize Todd Hixson to attend the County Treasurer's Association of Ohio Fall Conference at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus, Ohio November 17, 18, and 19, 2026.

Estimated cost: \$825.00

This includes registration fee, room & board, travel, and parking. (Registration receipt, room rate, and mileage calculation attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0736 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Manager, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-244-504042	001-244-504039	\$2,000.00
Contract Serv- Contracts	Contract Serv- Subscriptions	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0737 approve the appropriation line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 059 as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
059-102-510002	059-102-504001	\$4,055.42
Transfers Out	Contract Services	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0738 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 252, for the Muskingum County Water Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineering (Fund #252-Old Nashport Area Waterline)	252-373-504013	\$144,400.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0739 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 154, for the Muskingum County Water Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Contract Service 154-373-504001 \$200,00.00
(Fund #154-Dozer Ridge Project)

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RES 26-0740 approve the Increase & Decrease in Appropriations within Fund Number 001 for Muskingum County Juvenile Court as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Travel & Training	001-245-502013	\$2,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Travel & Training	001-244-502013	\$2,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Mike Reiter called the Commissioners and informed them that was his responsibility to get dumpsters to flood victims, however there was no funding available through the Solid Waste District.

Mark Eicher, Gary Williams, Matt Russell came in to discuss Salt bids & wage adjustments. Mark reported that the price of salt will be \$331,000.00 for 3,500 ton (no delivery). Last year they were able to get 4,600 ton for \$331,000.00 with delivery.

RES 26-0741 declare an Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, Executive session ended at 10:03 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

County Engineers Employees Mark Eicher, Denis Swierz, Matt Russell, also in attendance were Wentz Way residents Dennis Simmons, Dave Artman, Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor & Andy Roberts, Planning Commission Executive Director came to session to meet with the Commissioners regarding Wentz Way. Mark Eicher stated every homeowner would need to sign a 25ft easement in order to make it a public road. Boring would also need to be done and Mark would like to have someone from his office be present when it's done. Dave Artman asked Mark if the cul-de-sac could stay and he said yes, however it would not be maintained.

Aspire Energy came in to speak to the commissioners regarding their company.

- They have 1,250+ employees
- 2,300 miles of gathering, intrastate, transmission and distribution pipelines for natural gas
- 40 out of 88 Ohio counties have operations
- 20k residential and industrial end-users supplied

RES 26-0742 appoint Kyle Dunn to Planning Commission Director. Effective August 9, 2026. (Personnel action is attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

RES 26-0743 authorize Wage Adjustment for the following Commissioners employee:
Chris Crook, Blight Prevention (Personnel action is attached)

This adjustment is to be effective August 23, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of August 06, 2026, session.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

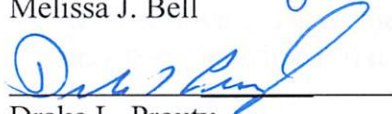
Motion carried.

Commissioners took a call from Jeff Jadwin regarding updates on the flooding.

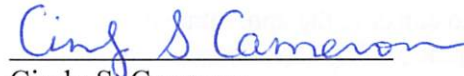
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:52p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Cameron.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron