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

RES 22-0845 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.

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

Robert Moore, IT Director, came to talk with the Commissioners regarding the Board of Elections request to move their website from Brian Diamond to Triad. The Board of Elections Board has recommended this change for security reasons. Commissioner Crooks noted that they are currently in the website package with Brian Diamond.
Commissioner Porter is okay with it; Commissioner Cameron said whatever Robert thinks; Commissioner Crooks said if that's what their Board has suggested, we're just like a "check-off". They just keep coming to us for more and more money that's what's frustrating, but understands that there is more and more security oversight that they have to adhere to.

The Clerk distributed and the Commissioners reviewed the July Funds report from the Auditor's Office.

Mike Gainer with Go Rail called for an appointment with the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed for the Clerk to schedule.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she received calls from two Muskingum Township residents regarding Saddlebrook Drive. They have asked that the Commissioners call the Trustees because they say nothing has been done to their road in 20-22 years. Commissioner Cameron suggested that the Commissioners call one of the Trustees during session today.

Commissioners Cameron and Porter discussed the display case for the Junior Fair building. Jamie had said it was on their list, but hadn't got it done. They agreed to use the money returned from 4-H premiums that was not used, to purchase a new display case. Commissioner Porter suggested having it so it could be taken down when not in use so it doesn't get destroyed.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0846 approve and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Notice of Commencement for the Twin Hills Dr.
Motion made by Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 22-0847 approve the decrease in Appropriations within Fund Number 033 for Muskingum County Juvenile, as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	033-244-501002	\$ 33.03
PERS	033-244-502003	\$ 6.54
Insurance	033-244-504004	\$744.36
Medicare	033-244-502001	\$ 24.37
W/Comp	033-244-502009	\$ 20.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0848 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 063, for the Muskingum County Court, as requested by Crystal Brokaw, Clerk of Court.

We are requesting the following Appropriations to Fund 063 (SD (Mental Health Court)Sub Gr 22-23)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	063-242-501002	\$21,500.00
PERS	063-242-502003	\$ 3,010.00
Medicare	063-242-502001	\$ 490.00
Program Expenses	063-242-504024	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0849 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 128 as requested by Marlee Gibson, Director of Muskingum County Board Of Elections, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
128-112-503001-Supplies	128-112-504003-Contract Services	\$8,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0850 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2021 with 2022 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Stephanie Neuhart, Business Manager.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lettie Hannan	Memo of Understanding	\$2,383.49

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0851 accept and sign Contract for Shelly & Sands, Inc for project 22-4A, Stephens Lane, South Zanesville, in the amount of \$21,962.50. Requested by Matt Russell, Engineers Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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RESOLUTION 22-0852 approve and authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Revised Pay Request Number Ten (10) in the amount of \$25,620.04 to Flecto, LLC for the Muskingum County K-9 Adoption Center project.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0853 authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Nomination Form for the 2023 HSTS Grant as requested by Kyle Dunn, Director, Muskingum County Community Development.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0854 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk .

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S& L Commercial Glass	001-115-504007	\$472.00

EMA Bldg Window & Screen-Hail damage

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0855 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Funds 192 and 193 and Partial Forgiveness for CHIP 2018 funding, as requested by Kyle Dunn, Director, Muskingum County Community Development, as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
192-375-51001	001-000-414001	\$42,872.27
193-375-51001	001-000-414001	\$75,000.00

PARTIAL FORGIVENESS

Administrative costs for CHIP 2018 - \$58,127.73

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0856 approve the posting of the position of Seasonal Registered Nurse for Rambo Memorial Health Center. Employment to be up to forty hours per week and consist of up to a ten week period (September 12 through November 19., at \$21.00 per hour.

This request was submitted by Shannon Bell, Executive Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 22-0857 authorize the Mid-East Ohio Building Department to refund building permit fees to Edward Helwagen in the amount of \$339.00 for project PA #17370 for the Epic Center located at 200025 Brick Church Road, Cambridge, OH 43725. The building is located on the campus of Zane State and therefore does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Mid-East Ohio Building Department. The request was received from Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official, Mid-East Ohio Building Department.

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Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Don Madden, Projects Director, came to talk with the Commissioners regarding the property that Golden Corral currently sits on.

- Don received a call last week about the demolition of the current building and had not had any prior contact with them in terms of a new customer
- After some inquiry, Don found that property has been a County Water customer, even an East Muskingum Water customer years ago
- Don's understanding is that the City plans on taking the new business moving in there
 - His view is that this is not fair, the City has never served this parcel
 - Commissioner Cameron's opinion is that we need to call the City

Don also presented three small water projects that he would like the Board to consider as in-house projects.

- Blackwood Lane (7 homes have petitioned)
- Two off of current "Southern-Sundale" project
 - Southern Road (4 homes)
 - The bottom going off of Southern Road (6 homes)
- Owners are willing to give additional easements; desperately want water
- Commissioners agreed, but Commissioner Porter asked what's the difference between doing these and not doing County Line Road
 - Don said the smallest of these projects will have four versus three
 - And, we'll be running smaller line...County Line was originally thought to run larger line for fire suppression which would be more cost involved
 - Commissioner Cameron didn't think the folks on County Line Road ever turned in a petition because of whose name it was in; she thought we sent them the information for petition at least once
 - Don said that they also sent to a wider area trying to make it a bigger project and didn't get enough positive responses to make it a project

Back to the car wash issue, Commissioner Porter asked if we are going to stand our ground on being the water provider? He hopes we do.

- Apparently there have been conversation between the new owner and the City and no conversation between the new owner and the County
- Would there still be a fee even if they didn't use County water?
 - Vacant lot tap?
- Maybe we should approach the new owners, maybe they don't understand the difference in City and County water. Maybe they don't realize there is already an existing County tap
- Don will work up estimated fees

Eric Reed came to give the Board ARPA updates.

- Avondale
 - Smart Services was on site August 19
 - Listened to HUD Grant webinar last Thursday

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- Gary told Eric on August 4 that lights should be installed within next three weeks
- Licking View
 - WPCLF Application submitted August 26
- Mid-Ohio Food Bank
 - Requesting \$91,400 ARPA funds
 - Eric said he made contact with Tim White of Mid-Ohio in response to the request
 - Would be used directly for purchases and distribution in Muskingum County
 - Commissioner Crooks had reached out to Keely Warden at Christ Table, to ask if there is an issue, why we didn't know it
 - Keely said that Christ Table does use Mid-Ohio; they can buy food at a reduced rate, but they can also get food locally at similar pricing
 - Commissioner Crooks reached out to Matt Habash, CEO of Mid-Ohio, to let him know she was a little taken back by his request because it didn't come from our local people. She told him she was also taken back by the fact they reached out to one of our local foundations
 - Her personal feeling is that she is not convinced that there is a local issue or problem with our supply. She is not inclined to entertain the request
 - Commissioner Cameron has no comment
 - Commissioner Porter has already put his letter of request in the trash can
 - Eric will respond to Mid-Ohio by telling them Commissioners have chosen not to entertain their request at this time
- Gateway District
 - Includes old Ohio Power Building
 - Estimated cost \$3.5 million
 - There have been funding pledges from the Capital Bill
 - Dedicated to landscape/streetscape
 - Also have funding pledges from other sources
 - Commissioner Porter noted that they do have a revenue stream from the lodging tax they receive
 - They have not indicated a dollar amount from ARPA, just that any amount would be appreciated
- Ohio Builds Funds
 - Eric met with Matt Abbott, Andy Roberts and Matt Schley last Friday to discuss this money
 - No guidelines yet
 - Hopefully, will have some sort of in-service by the first week in September and guidelines will be released
 - \$500,000,000 over 32 counties
 - \$50,000,000 of that to technical assistance
- Fairgrounds
 - Commissioner Porter reported that Hazen needs to come back to fix a drain they severed during previous work from the Adamsville Barn to the Open Class Barn

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- Commissioner Porter also noted that cattle won't walk on the 57 gravel, need size 8
- The Commissioners received a check from the Fair Board for \$2, 210.00 for money left over after paying 4-H premiums this year
 - Commissioner Cameron and Porter discussed using this money towards a new display case on the Junior Fair Office under the "Vicki Reed Memorial" plaque
 - Eric will let the Fair Board know how the Commissioners will be using the returned funds
- There was continued discussion about the Steve Kelso Plumbing invoice and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0858 authorize payment of Steve Kelso Plumbing invoice in the amount of \$2,207.52 for repairs at Clean Face. ARPA funds will reimburse the Muskingum County Agricultural Society for the payment of the invoice.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Roll Call: Crooks, not voting; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the condition of the restrooms at the fairgrounds during the fair.

- The port-o-lets were not being sufficiently stocked during the week
- It was reported that there was only hot water in Clean Face on Sunday night and none the rest of the week
- Commissioner Cameron said to do this \$2,000 but after that, there has got to be discussion and a decision made about these restrooms
- Commissioner Porter asked if the Construction Manager at Risk can be an employee of the fairgrounds or even the Fair Board
 - Commissioner Porter said he thinks if you put someone like Fred Wilson in charge and ask for a receipt for everything that's done...tell them what we want done, a bullet-proof restroom that functions for the next 30 years, and we just stay out of it
- Commissioner Cameron asked Eric to ask Jeremy Davis, again, for an invoice for the work he has done for Clean Face
- There was discussion regarding the new bleachers in the grandstands.
- Commissioner Porter would like to know how much it would cost to put backs on them
 - Eric will look in to that
- Commissioner Cameron noted that we did tell the Fair Board that we would help them with the bleachers. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0859 authorize payment of G & M Construction Invoice for bleacher completion at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds, from ARPA funds in the amount of \$21,665.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, not voting; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Ken Oehlers and Melissa Best from Habitat for Humanity came to talk with the Commissioners.

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Ken expressed their disappointment in the denial of ARPA funding, but more so in the way in which it was denied. Based on the comments that were made at the June 30 Commissioners' meeting, they would like to clarify some things and ask for some clarity, as well.

- They have received funding from the City as approved at last Monday's City Council Meeting
 - At the time the Commissioners made their decision, Habitat had not even met with the City
 - They have always been excited to work with the City, but their intention was to branch out into the County with some of this ARPA funding, because they are receiving more and more calls from people outside of the City. People who own homes that live in the County also need their houses rehabbed, as well.

Ken said, One of the reasons why we've been building in the City has been because the Community Development Department of the County has put the CHIP applications for Habitat into the City projects. And we've never been able to utilize a CHIP project out in the County before. Sheila was the person who made that decision. And we talked both times during, or all three times during the application process, and she preferred to have the projects in the City, which is one of the reasons why we haven't built in the County.

Commissioner Crooks asked, Have you reached out to Kyle since he's taken over that office?

Ken said, he has, but the CHIP grants have changed. There's a new formula and Habitat isn't being included in those CHIP grants anymore. They are getting allocation from a different side of things.

Ken said, we wanted to just touch base on a couple of other things on the 21 projects Commissioner Cameron mentioned. The 21 projects included builds and repairs, as well. The thing that limits the capacity as a Habitat affiliate for critical home repairs is funding. There is simply not enough funding for home repairs, for people who already own their own homes, mainly referring to homeowners who are senior citizens who just can't afford the exorbitant cost to replace the roof. Particularly if the roof is slate it is becoming increasingly more and more expensive for senior citizens to be able to repair and maintain their own homes. And one of the things we want to do is allow them to continue to age in place.

Ken continued by saying, the day that we had first scheduled to come out and meet with you, we got 15 calls in our office requesting housing help. Eight of them came from the Muskingum County, four in Zanesville and four from families within the County. On the July 4th weekend, we averaged a call for help, in our service area, every half hour while we were gone over the weekend. So we came back to a flood of requests. Housing issues are becoming more and more a problem and we've got to address them,

Commissioner Cameron responded by saying, I guess I'm not sure if you're singling me out, I think you are, but that's okay. But when I talked to Mid-East, my simple question was, "would they be able to help?" I don't really know if I said 21 new housing projects. I think I said 21 projects because you've always used them and that's always been a big thing in this County that you've always been recognized for you and Mid-East working together and helping. And I think maybe I reported that back here, but it was not a slam on you. It was that they just said, there's no way that we can do that.

Ken's response was, Certainly, and that's one of the reasons why we wanted to come in and clarify some of this stuff. It's not to be a knock on you about that. It's just the way it was reported. We wanted to make sure there was clarity on that. Homes cost a hundred thousand

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dollars to build. Plus repairs can be as small as \$5,000 or \$6,000. And so it allows us more opportunity to do more of those projects when we get more funding.

Commissioner Porter asked, Where are you going to build a home for a hundred thousand dollars?

Ken responded by saying, We build homes for a hundred thousand dollars all the time in Southeast Ohio. I'd be more than happy to share our costs with you. I did want to touch base too, clarify on ARPA being a money maker for Habitat. That comment was made by you, I believe, Mr. Porter.

Commissioner Porter's response was, And I meant every word of it, everything in the minutes I meant. Let me tell you something. I have never had to ask for help to build my house, repair my house, my senior citizen family, my mom and dad are dead now, but they never had to ask for help. You know why? Because they worked for a living. Nobody had to, they didn't expect anybody to give them squat.

Ken responded by saying, I have to tell you something Commissioner Porter, I think you're the first elected official in my 12 years at Habitat who has said something like that. And while I appreciate the fact that that you're willing to say something like that publicly, I have to say it's entirely wrong. First of all, I had hoped to address the issues that you brought up separately, but let's go ahead and just talk about them all at once. Habitat's designed to help people who can't do it by themselves, the programs designed to be a hand up, not a handout.

Commissioner Porter asked, And why can't they do it themselves, by themselves. How many of these folks work?

Ken's response, Let me get there. So we've partnered with seven Habitat homeowners since we've come back up here in Muskingum County, one of which is a disabled veteran... disabled. One of which is a disabled person who was disabled on the job. The other five have full-time jobs, full-time jobs working in employment agencies and in trades and organizations that are considered essential workers. People who are home healthcare aids, people who are taking care of our sick and dying, people who are bagging our groceries at Kroger. So to say something like that is an insult to the work that they do. I've had two homeowners at Habitat on Mead street call me and talk to me about those comments and how insulted they were because they work hard every day to make a living. And I just want to know why you don't see that. I thought you were supportive of Habitat. When you were around at the Land Bank, you supported the land donation to us. And I had no idea, these comments took me completely, completely by surprise from you.

Commissioner Porter said, I'm not changing my mind.

Ken responded by saying, I don't care if you want to change your mind, I want to know where they came from. And I want to know how you justify those comments. Knowing that we have a housing crisis on our hands here in Muskingum County.

Commissioner Porter's response: So the government's supposed to take care of the housing crisis.

Ken said, I'm not asking the government to take care of it. I'm asking the government to help with it.

Commissioner Porter said, Well, we disagree there because the way you look at it, the way I look at is two different ways.

This is my tax dollars you're asking for. I've said this all along about our funds going to where the most people get the most bang for their buck. Yeah, they pay taxes. But I would like to see all these tax dollars go back to the ones that are really paying the bills.

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Ken responded, So you're saying you want them to really go to the ones who are paying the bills? What do you think our homeowners are paying...our homeowners pay property taxes.
Commissioner Porter said, I'm not changing my mind. We can argue all day, but I'm done arguing with you. You can convince the others. I'm fine. Our policy was that you were to contact Mr. Reed, he's our ARPA representative. And he told you our decision, but apparently that wasn't good enough.

Ken said, I'm not here because of just the ARPA grant denial. I'm here because the bulk majority of low income families in Muskingum County work hard every day and they shouldn't have to tolerate elected officials throwing them under the bus.

Commissioner Porter responded, Well, in four or five more months, they won't have to tolerate me then will they? And so you proved your point, dude. Good, good job. Good job.

Commissioner Cameron said, And once again, Ken, I was not throwing anybody under the bus. I had a simple question that was obviously related to you in a different manner because it was before our minutes were ever out, but I was not throwing anyone under the bus. I just was saying how we're talking about construction and the prices. How would Mid East be able to help you? That simply was my question.

Ken responded, And I certainly understand that, and again, which is why I wanted to come clarify. The comment is because I could see where there could be some confusion there and yes, Mid East is, is having some transition. They're going to be building a house this year in partnership with us. And that makes sense.

Ken said, Well, it's unfortunate Commissioner Porter that I can't change your mind and can't have an honest discussion. I wish that you'd visit some of these low income homeowners, talk to them about their experiences and the hard work that they do.

Commissioner Porter responded, So I've never been to any of your houses you built?

Ken said, We've invited you guys several times through Sheila.

Commissioner Porter responded, Better do your homework, I've been there....I did a ribbon cutting with you.

Ken asked, Have you met with our homeowners?

Commissioner Porter answered, Yeah,

Ken asked, And so what was the problem?

Commissioner Porter answered, Talk to these two, (*pointing to Crooks and Cameron*), you might convince them.

Ken said, I don't care about the ARPA money right now. I'm asking you directly. What's the problem.

Commissioner Porter answered, I don't have a problem.

Ken said, You don't have a problem? You don't have a problem with what?... low income families. If I'm not going to get an answer from you, I'm not going to get an answer from you.

Commissioner Porter said, You're correct.

Ken said, And that's perfectly fine. So, well, unfortunately, in closing I'd like you to just say I'd like you to reconsider doing some home repair projects. We'll work with the city of Zanesville because they're willing to work with us.

Commissioner Crooks asked, How much did they give you?

Ken answered, \$275,000 to build six houses and repair eight or nine. When we get projects, when we have Muskingum County families, senior citizens call us and people who just need repairs on their homes and are outside of the City, we're going to reserve the bulk of our money for projects in the City, because we can leverage that money. So you know, we'll have them call Kyle, we'll have them call the Commissioner's office and see if there's any other

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resources available to help him. But that's where our focus is going to be, unless we can get some additional support.

Commissioner Crooks confirmed, the original request was for \$450,000. So \$275,000 to build six and repair eight to nine within the City. Oh behalf of the Land Bank, we are happy to still be able to work with you all. I think you've been a great partner with the Land Bank and that will continue. I know there are some other things on the horizon and I hope those work out. Just realize it's already going to be September 1, so we'll have a Land Bank meeting on Thursday.

Melissa asked Ken to clarify, we are not asking for additional money for house builds because we're at capacity, but for home repairs in the County.

Ken explained, Right now through spring of 2025 is where we're working out to. But again, home repairs continue to be a huge issue.

Melissa shared a story of an older couple that had paid someone to install an awning between their house and the garage. The weight of the awning on the house, caused it to sink through. Those aren't uncommon situations.

Eric asked, if they had insurance.

Ken replied, A lot of times, unfortunately home homeowners insurance is dropped because of some of these issues and therefore the only way for them to get it back is for them to partner with an agency like Habitat, because it's hard to ask a 75 year old man to climb up on a roof, a roof that's a 10, 12 pitch to try to fix it, it's not going to happen.

So, we just ask you to reconsider and we're available to answer any questions. We encourage you to continue to look at affordable housing as something to fund, if not with ARPA money, but in the future. Regardless of anyone's particular opinion, you can ask any employer that employs a large workforce and they'll tell you one of the top three or four things that they struggle with in terms of bringing employees in is finding housing. So until we work on this as a community, regardless of political affiliation or regardless of personal opinion, we're not going to move forward. So with that, we'll leave you and thank you for your time or we can answer any questions.

Commissioner Crooks confirmed, you are revising your request just for repairs. So, the difference between the original \$450,000 and the \$275,000 from the City, you would need \$175,000.

Ken said We will would take whatever funding you will provide to us to be able to do as many projects as we possibly can because the need is out there. We have the capacity to do these types of repairs. There's only three or four other entities that do these types of projects. It's becoming more increasingly difficult to find contractors that are willing to do these for the amount of money that that they need to be done for. And so again, our capacity for home repairs is not limited to the amount of staffing that we have or the amount of volunteers that we have. It's limited solely on the amount of money that we're able to have to throw out to projects like this.

Commissioner Crooks said, And remind me, so, on the repair side of it, is there anything the homeowner....., when you do a new build,, the homeowner does sweat equity and then also they repay, basically you become their bank, they repay the mortgage. Is there a repayment of these repairs?

Ken replied, We're not requiring repayment for any ARPA dollars for critical home repairs because we're supplementing those with Habitat fundraising dollars as well. And those will be required to be repaid. But what it allows us to do is to turn a \$5,000 project into a \$15,000 or turn a \$10,000 project into a \$20,000 or \$25,000 project because that's the type of stuff that needs to

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be done. We got a phone call a couple weeks ago. The beam in the house is rotted. It's \$20,000 to fix the beam in the house, because it's a two story house and it's going to take a lot of time. The material cost is not a lot, but the cost is actually the manpower in which to do the job and the tools and equipment. And again, the homeowner can't afford a \$20,000 upfront cost.

Before the Board left for lunch, Commissioner Cameron asked, if it is everyone's understanding that we're going to call the City together in session. We're not going to call people at lunch. We're not going call people when we get back from lunch, we will call the City whoever we need to call at the City. I just want to verify that we're not talking to Matt Schley or Don Mason about the water thing until we are all in here, in session together. Commissioner Crooks agreed.

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

Commissioner Crooks reported that Robert Moore caught her on her way out from lunch to let the Board know that the State will be paying for the Board of Elections new website.

Kyle Dunn, Community Development Director, and Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, came to talk with the Commissioners.

- Kyle informed the Board the HSTS application is due Wednesday and that was the resolution he put through this morning for signature
- Also, he wanted to make sure everyone saw the email that CORSA is going to pay the \$45,000 judgement from the recent audit.
- Kyle and Stephanie wanted to explain the resolution this morning asking forgiveness of the 2018 CHIP Grant and talk through any questions the Board may have. He brought Stephanie down to give her expertise on what look like overruns, which when he dived into the numbers, looked like a combination of Sheila's insurance and the fact that there was a part-time person in her department that was 10-20 hours a week that over the course of two years added up to about \$58,000.

Stephanie explained that Kyle had done an awesome job with these grants because with payroll, you only get specific funds to be paid out of and you have to change that when you change grants, insurance also.. He knows the exact amounts, because he's the first person I've be able to sit down and say, how much money can you use for payroll? And he knows, and he's tracking that. If you lose track of that, you're losing reimbursement from the state and every fund, every grant has its own fund.

- Stephanie indicated that these advances need to be repaid and they didn't always get repaid in the past, so there's been a lot of forgiveness on CDBG. She thinks in the past, some of it was just not tracking the grant properly.
- Kyle explained how he figures admin costs for each project and said there's no reason that admin should ever go over and have to be forgiven.
- Stephanie informed the Board that we were written up in the audit this year for the forgiveness's, not just for CDBG but Terrorism Grants, as well. She has talked with John Deal and he has talked with the Sheriff about these.
- The question was raised if Sheila is still writing Terrorism Grants for the Sheriff

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- Stephanie doesn't think Sheila should still be doing those
- We still have Terrorism Grants clear back to 2017 and Stephanie is surprised they haven't taken our money
- Commissioner Crooks asked Kyle if he would be interested in taking on those grants
 - Not at this time, maybe in a year. He would like to get one cycle of CHIP in before taking on anything new
- Kyle said there is really no reason these grants should cost the County any money
 - Stephanie agreed, when you get your budget for the grant, that's all factored in there. So it's just the accounting.

Kyle had another request.

- Before he took this position, he had a three day vacation planned for September. He needs 24 total hours; he has eight hours personal time and 13 hours comp time. So, he still needs three hours. Monday is a holiday and he has enough work that he could do on Monday to earn flex time, or he could take it unpaid.
 - Commissioner Cameron thinks it's crazy that you have to work here a year before you get any vacation
 - The Commissioners will discuss and get back to Kyle

A call was placed to Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official, regarding the proposed car wash on the old Golden Corral parcel.

- Does it show any water plans/lines; what size tap have they proposed to install? Jason will pull out the plans and bring them over to discuss.

There was discussion regarding an email from Tom Piecynski, from Flecto.

- Commissioner Crooks said she called Tom and asked him his feeling about the epoxy
 - He said the new company, Gatorguard" said, "We take care of customers, we will make it right".
- Pat Kelly thinks we should meet with Spaulding (another epoxy company) to get their opinion
 - Tom thinks putting Spaulding in a situation where they have to critique the original company, puts them in a touchy situation
 - Tom needs direction on which way to go
- Commissioner Cameron said she has no comment, it makes no difference to her
- Commissioner Porter said Pat Kelly is the architect and should know what he's talking about
- Commissioner Cameron said it's ongoing and ongoing and we just pay money and nothing ever gets solved
- Commissioner Crooks noted that Tom said that whatever work Spaulding does they will warrant, but will not warranty the work that has been done by the other company.
- Commissioner Crooks said she would reply to Tom and tell him the Commissioners have agreed to deal with Gatorguard to make it right

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Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official, came to answer the Commissioners' questions about the old Golden Corral parcel proposed for a new car wash.

- There is a 2" line; it also says there is an additional 2" inch line capped on both ends inside the building for future use
- Jason was given the information that Don brought down this morning
- Did it show on plans if they had selected City or County water? No
- Jason will get a contact name for the project
- Commissioner Cameron noted that the question is; this is, and has been, our account and there has been much talk that is now going to be the City's account
- Commissioner Cameron explained that Don Madden made the Board aware that the City had contacted the new company and told them they would provide water service; she believes he used the words unethical and doing the right thing
 - Jason would recommend contacting Chip Saunders at the City with questions

Back to the epoxy floor issue at the K-9 Adoption Center.

- Pat Kelly has said to have Spaulding look at the epoxy before allowing Gatorguard do the repair work
- Tom said he feels that is a little awkward; besides Spaulding is a little company. He'd hate to have them come down and look at it and then say, "sorry, you're not going to do the work"...he hates to waste people's time
 - Commissioner Cameron said, "wasting people's time to do an estimate for work they are not going to get... isn't this the same thing we are doing to roofing companies?" She has no thoughts and no comment. It's just ongoing. Whatever Commissioner Porter and Crooks decide is fine. She has no problem with Gatorguard, even though they bought the company, they should make it right.
 - Commissioner Porter said, as he said earlier, Pat Kelly is the architect

Jason Baughman came back in and Commissioner Porter asked him about codes for back rests for bleachers, as far as width you need between seats?

Jason said there is no code for grandstand bleachers. They do calculate the number of people the facility will hold. It will tell you how many seats have to be accessible, to make wheel chair seating available, if you are doing new bleachers. These are considered replacement.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she would like for the Board to call the Muskingum Township Trustees due to receiving two calls regarding Saddlebrook Road.

She would also like to call the City regarding this water issue with the new car wash.

Commissioner Crooks also reminded that we need to return call to Sheila Hina at Starlight.

A call was place to Chip Saunders at the City. He was not available; as message was left for him.

A call was placed to Mike Maniaci, Muskingum Township Trustee.

- He reported that there were 15 residents of Saddlebrook Road at the last Trustees' meeting.

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- The trustees got a quote from The Shelly Company; \$230-240,000, which also included the sidestreet. 20-25 houses. The Township does not have enough money to cover it. Offered to go half with the residents.
- He reported that the Township got a total of +\$400,000 ARPA funds
 - \$100,000 will be going to building a salt bin
 - \$100,000 has already been spent on various projects
 - \$245,000 left that could probably pay for Saddlebrook, but that would be the only thing to show for that second round of ARPA money; not sure that all three Trustees are willing to spend it on Saddlebrook
 - Some of the residents claimed that Falls Township did Tranquility Lane. The Prosecutor sent him the paperwork where the residents paid for Tranquility Lane by having it accessed to their taxes
 - Commissioner Porter told him they could do the same
 - Mike said they told the residents that, but offered to pay half
 - Trustees have even discussed a road levy
 - The Township's plan was to patch this year and possibly pave next year
 - Mike has been in contact with the residents

Don Madden, Projects Manager, came back in with rate sheets for the proposed car wash property along with a rate comparison of the City.

A call was placed to Macy Downey of the development company, Wild Building. She was not available. A message was left.

A call was placed to Tim Wild of Wild Building regarding the Ultimate Shine Car Wash.

- Commissioner Crooks explained that we have always supplied water to that location.
 - Don explained that the County water line is already in place to the location
 - Tim didn't think that would be a problem
 - Don will forward the application to him
- Tim asked about their demolition permit as they are ready to start the project
 - He asked if the Commissioners would be able to check on that
 - He sent application to City of Zanesville Code Enforcement
- Don wanted to clarify, with the Commissioners, that he was told that the City were going to serve that parcel
- Commissioner Cameron said she was told the same information last Friday

The Commissioners placed a call to Sheila Hina of Starlight regarding a potential employee for the K-9 Adoption Center.

- Allison already has been volunteering at the Adoption Center and is interested in working three days a week/four hours per day
- Allison has transportation
- Allison understands that her main role would be cleaning kennels
- The Commissioners will talk with the Sheriff and stay in touch with Sheila

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Commissioner Crooks reported that One-Ohio Region 12 held their first in-person meeting on Friday, August 26.

- By-laws approved
- Elected regional officers
- Set up next Board meeting; November 18; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- There are two lawsuits pending directed toward the One-Ohio Foundation
 - Both filed by the same person

The Clerk presented the following from Pam Davis and the Board considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0860 acknowledge the resignation of Timothy J. Smith from the Muskingum County Building Department as “on-call” employee. Effective Date: June 23, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Jason Baughman returned a call to the Commissioners.

- He just talked with Mindy at City Code Enforcement
- They do require a demo permit and it has been filed correctly. That’s when the City found out that it was County water. Don has turned off the water, but still waiting on electric and gas companies
- Jason will follow up with Mr. Wild

The Clerk reminded the Board of the Housekeeping and Maintenance Agreement with the Center for Seniors building. After review, the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-0861 accept and sign Maintenance and Housekeeping Services Agreement between the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners to be effective September 1, 2022 and remain in effect until terminated by either party up 60 (sixty) days written notice to the other party.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from Lori Snyder-Lowe of the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. She expressed her disappointment that the current Housekeeping team was being moved from their building to another building. The Commissioners placed a call to her to discuss. She was not available and a message was left.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 session with changes. Commissioner Crooks seconded.

Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, abstain; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding Kyle’s request to work Monday of Labor Day Holiday to earn extra three hours of flex-time.

- Commissioner Porter would prefer we stay with policy and have him take the 3 hours without pay for his upcoming vacation.

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- Kyle made the Board aware of his vacation plans when he was hired
- Commissioner Cameron has concerns that new employees must work a full year before they receive any vacation benefits

Lori Snyder-Lowe returned the Commissioners' phone call.

- She wanted the Commissioners to know that the County employees cleaning their building were amazing. They kept everything confidential. She would appreciate it if the Board would reconsider keeping the current staff in their building instead of using the new cleaning service.
 - The Commissioners explained to her that these employees are not losing their jobs, they are simply being reassigned to a different building and the cleaning company has already been hired.

Commissioner Cameron moved to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2022 session.

Commissioner Crooks seconded.

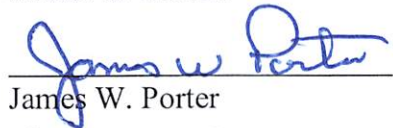
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, abstain; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.



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.