

Minutes for August 31, 2020

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

RES 20-0783 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Crooks.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Commissioner Cameron reported that Bud Chess, Assistant Prosecutor, is working on the documents to complete the Manchester Drive sale.

Commissioner Cameron informed the Board that Modern Glass has been here to measure for desk shields for Debbie Irwin and the front office.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0784 accept in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.42 the weight limit changes for various bridges throughout Muskingum County as determined by Muskingum County Engineer Mark Eicher. This list is as follows:
SFN6034160, CR6, Old River Road Remove Load limit
SFN 6051286, TR174, Waters Lane Load limit
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0785 RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, **2021**, and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Muskingum County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2020 session.
Commissioner Porter seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter asked that today's minutes reflect his response to the statement in the August 27 minutes that Jim Smith said Commissioner Porter did not get back to him on the possibility of grant money to pave the roads in Avondale.

- Commissioner Porter said as far as he knows, Newton Township did not make an effort to apply for a CDBG grant.

Commissioner Porter asked if the Board was going to address the Dog Warden, Bryan Catlin, being asleep at his desk when Columbus Dog Connection was there on July 27. No decision was made on how to handle.

There was discussion regarding the COVID testing being done in Muskingum County.

- A call was placed to Pam Davis, Human Resources, to see if the housekeeper that was showing COVID symptoms was still off work.
 - She has tested negative, but is still off work.

Kellie Brown, Superintendent and Stephanie Neuhart, Financial Supervisor for the Starlight Programs came to open bids for the 655 Zane Street property.

- There were no bids.

The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0786 declare an Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Starlight Programs. This session ended about 10:51 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Kellie reported on the new school year.

- She and Stephanie said they appreciate how very well organized the County has been in handling COVID.
 - They also appreciate Dr. Butterfield.

It was agreed to have Mark Zanghi begin work to hold an auction for the 655 Zane Street property.

- The bid minimum is yet to be determined
- A call was placed to Mark Zanghi to discuss
- Commissioner Porter asked if it's possible to lease the building on Zane Street
 - Yes

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There was discussion regarding the rising cost of lumber in regard to the Dog Warden facility. A call was placed to Pat Kelly, Architect.

- All agreed to move forward with an addendum for a steel/metal building
 - Pat will write the addendum and forward to contractors already purchasing bid packets

The Commissioners agreed to have the Clerk proceed in drafting the support letter to GoRail with all three signatures on letterhead.

After some discussion with Pam Davis, Human Resources, it was decided to ask Bryan Catlin, Dog Warden, to meet with the Commissioners to address complaints. The Clerk will schedule a time for Thursday.

Commissioner Porter took a call from Todd Young.

- Grindings will start arriving at the EMA/Recycling lot Wednesday evening
- There will be 40 loads equaling 800 ton
- They will need a front end loader to distribute the grindings once they are dumped

Commissioner Porter called Scott Lee to advise him and ask him to leave the gate unlocked beginning Wednesday night

Commissioner Porter also called Mark Schneider to advise him

Commissioner Porter also called Mark Eicher to ask about using a front end loader.

- Mark said he would provide the loader

Commissioner Cameron stated that she does not recall signing a Vacation Request for Dan for Friday, August 21. She will research further.

Commissioner Porter asked how many violations Bryan Catlin has in his personnel file.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Kenzie, our part-time intern, would be interested in a full time position, if it became available.

Commissioner Porter reported that he received a complaint about the way Debbie Irwin, Benefits Administrator, treated another County employee. He brought it to her attention she got pissed.

There was continued discussion regarding the Dog Warden's personnel file.

- Were there situations that should have been documented?

Commissioner Porter said there were multiple issues with Jason Baughman that were not addressed on exit interviews from former employees.

- Can just one Commissioner issue a verbal or written warning to an employee
 - The majority should be in agreement to move forward with a warning

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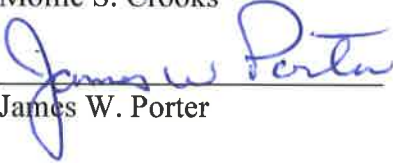
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:22 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



Cindy S. Cameron



Mollie S. Crooks



James W. Porter

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