

Minutes for August 31, 2023

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

RES 23-0895 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 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.

Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, came to talk with the Commissioners about the latest AT&T bill that he received for over \$10,000. Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk was also invited to the discussion. The Commissioners' latest AT&T bill was over \$616,000. They both have had trouble contacting AT&T. AT&T has told them that the reason for the high invoices is because we have not renewed our contract with them, however, we have not received word that our contract needed renewed. Jeff also found out that we no longer have an AT&T representative for the County, which most likely explains the lack of communication. Jeff and Beth both contacted PUCO regarding this issue. PUCO assured them that the accounts would not be suspended while the issue is being resolved. At the Commissioners' request, Jeff will arrange a meeting with AT&T.

Allen Bennett and Robert Smith from Juvenile Detention, came to talk with the Commissioners.

- Phone System
 - They've been told that their system is suffering voltage surges and they need a new system
 - Robert has paid ABI \$12,900 to order parts to replace hardware
 - An additional \$16,500 will be needed to replace the phones
- Security System
 - The current system is 22 years old and vendor no longer services this system
 - They will be applying for a DYS grant that will cover 60% of the project requiring 40% match
 - The cost of the new system will be \$40 - \$60,000
 - Will a bid be required or considered an upgrade?

Ron Welch, County Prosecutor, came to update the Commissioners on current staffing and programs.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-0896 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-111-506001-Equip & Maint	001-111-503001-Supplies & Other	\$3,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

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RESOLUTION 23-0897 approve and authorize the payment for Muskingum County employees that live outside of Muskingum County to receive a flu shot from Rambo Memorial Health Center for the 2023 Season.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-0898 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 009, for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Materials-Bridges	009-368-503008	\$50,000.00
Materials-Roads	009-368-503009	\$75,000.00
Parts & Supplies	009-368-503015	\$20,000.00
Contract Services	009-368-504001	\$20,000.00
Contract Projects	009-368-504004	\$20,000.00
Equipment Contract Repairs	009-368-504014	\$25,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-0899 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 020, for the Muskingum County Rambo Memorial Health Center, as requested by Shannon Bell, Executive Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grant/Prog Equip/Supply	020-585-503023	\$1,583.33

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-0900 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 173, for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Licking View Land	173-372-506030	\$25,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Mark Eicher, Engineer and Matt Russell came to update the Commissioners. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 23-0901 declare an Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 11:50 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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

Susan Holdren, Dr. Rae Gandolf and Greg Swingle came to meet with the Commissioners.

- Dr. Gandolf is currently working as a traveling surgical veterinarian, but would like to establish a brick and mortar because she recognizes the need of homeless animals and animals of owners that cannot always afford extensive care.
- She, along with Susan Holdren, is asking if the County may have a building that she could use or rent for this purpose. She would like a minimum of 1800 square feet, 3,000 sf would be ideal.
 - They have looked at the old Dog Pound, as a possibility, and estimates nearly \$500,000 to make usable
- Dr. Gandolf currently visits our Adoption Center once every one to two weeks
- Dr. Gandolf suggests that the best way to deal with the overwhelming feral cat problem is to trap, neuter and release (TNR). She believes shelters are only one part of the solution.

The Commissioners suggested revisiting the old Dog Pound and getting actual estimates for renovations.

Sheriff Lutz came to update the Commissioners.

- Flecto will be coming September 11 to install the final group of new kennels
- They are still dealing with moisture/humidity in the facility which is causing mold
 - Sheriff will be looking for equipment to remedy that situation

The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-0902 declare an Executive Session at 2:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 3:08 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners took a phone call from Jill Lloyd regarding the mowing of the field across from Zane State. Her concern is that there are several milkweed plants in the field being mowed off. It was explained to her that we wait until later in the season to mow because of the monarch life cycle.

A call was placed to Robert Smith at Juvenile to ask him to get a least one more estimate for replacement of their phone system.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Don Madden, Projects Manager, is waiting to hear from Maysville Regional Water regarding the contract.

The meeting with AT&T has been set for Thursday, September 7; 2:00 p.m.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:03 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.


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.