

Minutes for September 03, 2020

Commissioners Present: Porter, Cameron, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 20-0787 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.

The Commissioners participated in a conference call with U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson. Congressman Johnson discussed COVID and CARES Act Monies with the Commissioners:

- Ohio received approximately \$ 4.5 billion in state and local government money; nearly \$3 trillion dollars nationwide
- Medicare and Medicaid are the biggest drivers of our national debt

Mark Eicher, Engineer, asked about government regulations imposed when building bridges, etc.

- For example: mussel survey when building the Philo Bridge cost over \$90,000
 - At the height, federal regulations has taken nearly \$2 trillion out of the economy every year
 - Under President Trump's administration, there has been a significant reduction of federal regulations, but there is still a lot more work to do

Congressman Johnson also discussed the need for broadband in many areas of Ohio

- His opinion is that there is not enough progress, quickly enough

There was discussion regarding stimulus checks and those that still have not received theirs

- If anyone has not received their check, they should contact his liaison, Ashley Karlen; Ashley.Karlen@mail.house.gov

The Commissioners attended a LEPC virtual meeting.

- Brent Gates reported that he would be stepping down at LEPC Chair effective December 31, 2020

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Bryan Catlin, Dog Warden, came to see the Commissioners and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0788 declare an Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to the Muskingum County Dog Warden and Muskingum County Prosecutor. This session ended about 12:13 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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

Bert Hendley came to see the Commissioners.

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- He thanked the Commissioners for all they have done to help support the Park District
- He informed them that he will no longer be able to continue to provide free labor to the Park District
- The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hendley for all he has done for the Park District

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0789 authorize Sandy Post-Parker to travel to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 4020 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio to attend training on Step Up to Quality on September 17, 2020. She is requesting to drive her own privately owned vehicle and lunch will be on her own. Estimated cost: Mileage: \$62.00; Lunch: \$25.00
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0790 accepts Official Amended Certificate Number Sixteen (16) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated August 28, 2020.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0791 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, Muskingum County Maintenance, as follows:
LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-115-503001 Supplies	001-115-504001 Contract Services	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-0792 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Ohio Cat credit application for the Muskingum County Sewer Department.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-F authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Records Retention Schedule (RC2) as presented by Corrie Marple, Director, Muskingum County Records Center.
Commissioner Porter moved to accept.
Commissioner Crooks had questions regarding the video recording of session and the length of time to keep them, as addressed on page eight of the Schedule. There was brief discussion.
Commissioner Crooks will contact Dan Long, IT Director, to clarify.
There was no second, motion died. Resolution will be reconsidered next Thursday.

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RESOLUTION 20-0793 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Cindy Rodgers, Muskingum County Recorder, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-113-504001 Contract Services	001-113-506001 Equipment	\$4,164.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-0794 WHEREAS, this Board has received a request from the Ohio Department of Transportation to transfer to the State of Ohio the real property described below, now standing in the name of the BOARD OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, pursuant to Section 307.10 of the Ohio Revised Code:

That the bid in the amount of \$500 submitted by **RAY THOMAS LUMBERTOWN, INC.** at public auction on August 27, 2020 for the sale of the real estate called the "Plant Lot" in the Stonehenge Subdivision, parcel no. 44-19-04-30-000 be and hereby is accepted, and

That the President of this Board be and hereby is authorized to execute, on behalf of this Board, an appropriate deed conveying title, to be delivered to the purchaser upon its payment of the purchase price.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

A call was placed to Pat Kelly, Architect, regarding the Dog Warden facility project.

- Pat has issued an addendum for a bid for a steel building and will contact all current planholders
- The time for bids has been extended one week, to September 17
- The Clerk will amend notice on County website

The Clerk was asked to notify Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, that the Auditor, Debra Nye, has said it is okay to proceed with getting a credit card for the Sewer Department.

Commissioner Crooks reported that Carolyn Hughes, Humane Office, stopped at lunchtime.

- The Humane Board is pursuing someone to assist Carolyn
- Training will cost \$475 and will involve 70 hours alongside the officer

Debra Nye, Auditor and Tina Huebner, Assistant, came to talk with the Board about CARES Act monies.

- The County received \$937,000 for the first distribution on June 22
- Second distribution was \$468,966.50 on August 28
- There is discussion of a possible third distribution
- Debra reminded that when departments submit their COVID expenses, reimbursement for those expenses goes back into General Revenue, not back to specific departments

Debra also presented the August analytical report.

Debra said that she has told Jeff Jadwin that he must analyze his own COVID expenses and the Health Department must do the same. Expenses must be documented how they relate to COVID.

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Commissioner Cameron moved to accept and approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 session, with changes. Commissioner Crooks seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Senator Tim Schaeffer stopped in to see the Commissioners to discuss CARES Act monies.

- He said it is imperative that CARES money is spent properly
 - He suggested using the “Prong Test”
 - 1. Is it necessary
 - 2. Not in normal budget, but COVID related
 - 3. Expense incurred after March 1 and by December 31
 - Use due diligence to approve and appropriate

There was also discussion with Senator Schaeffer regarding “payment in lieu of taxes” regarding AEP property.

- Debra Nye, Auditor, will be testifying at the State House on the County’s behalf

Senator Schaeffer explained his introduction of SB359 to increase the penalty for insulting or intimidating a police officer or fire fighter.

Commissioner Porter asked Senator Schaeffer about volunteer fire departments and continuous training.

- There is a requirement of 18 hours per year
 - It is nearly impossible to get now

Commissioner Porter also asked about fire districts

- Senator Schaeffer will check on the continuous training and fire districts

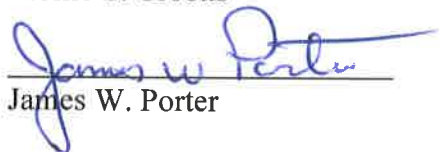
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:09 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



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.