

Minutes for September 20, 2021

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

RES 21-0899 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners participated in the Muskingum County Broadband Consultation hosted by OMEGA.

- Jeannette Wierzbicki, Kennedy Blakley from OMEGA
- Sean O'Malley with Reid Consulting

Commissioner Porter reported that he would not be available to attend Wednesday's Solid Waste meeting and asked for a proxy.
Commissioner Cameron said she would do that and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0900 authorize and approve appointing Cindy S. Cameron to vote on behalf of James Porter, on all matters coming before the Policy Committee at the SouthEastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District meeting on September 22, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Porter reported that he received plans in the mail from Steven Bradley, for a new restroom at the Fairgrounds.

- A set of plans that's been approved for a completely new restroom at the fairgrounds
- He did call several times and said that this has been sitting at the Community Foundation for five years now
 - There was a fund down there established for it with \$99 in it; Project Relief
- Commissioner Porter is going to talk to the Building Department about if they build a new restroom if it has to meet the capacity of waste
- He told Steven he would bring it to the Board and now it's here; he will take it to the Fair Board meeting next month to see if they're interested
- Mr. Bradley also asked about County water to his part of the County
 - Commissioner Porter advised him that a petition is the best way to start that process
 - Mr. Bradley thinks one of the other Trustees is on board with the request

Commissioner Porter also reported that he received a call from John Graham last night.

- Wondering about an estimate from Zemba
 - Commissioner Porter hasn't received anything yet

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- He texted Brian this morning and he said they got a pipe bid Friday and we should be getting it soon
- He asked him about this restroom and can't put it where they want it for several reasons
- Don't think it's John Graham's decision...a board decision
 - If it were to qualify for ARPA money, Commissioner Porter wouldn't turn it down

Commissioner Cameron said she hasn't seen, texted or talked to John Graham since he's been in here.

Commissioner Crooks thought she remembered that Steven had mentioned this restroom at a Trustee meeting a few years ago.

- Commissioner Porter said that he did and at that time was \$300,000 and bullet-proof
 - He would be sure it would be \$400-450,000 now
 - Four showers in each, women and men; 10 commodes in each one; 30x60
 - Steve keeps saying that it's been stamped and approved by the County Engineer
 - Steve was going to do it five years ago and raise funds, but he wasn't successful
 - Either in getting permission or raising the funds
- The new restroom would be located just left of the grandstand where the putt-putt golf and a couple of food stands are currently located, which makes sense because the water and sewer lines run right by there
 - Commissioner Porter told John Graham, if you're worried about losing revenue from those two stands, just think of the benefit...you're not going to recoup \$400,000 in a million years from two food stands
- Commissioner Crooks asked if that's the place that always floods, wouldn't there be other work that needs to be done...
- Commissioner Porter suggested tearing down the old restroom and take the VIP parking away to get a bigger spot
- Commissioner Porter will give the plans to Eric, as well
- The plans were drawn by Doug Davis, former County Engineer

Commissioner Porter asked why Prosecutor Welch is coming in again today regarding his request for ARPA monies

- He thought Eric was to meet with those folks and bring the details to us
- Commissioner Crooks thought there were other questions so she asked him to come in

Commissioner Cameron reported that she has to leave at 2:45 this afternoon for an appointment.

Matt Abbott, Director of the Muskingum County Port Authority, came in to meet with the Commissioners and present the following for their consideration:

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RESOLUTION 21-0901 accept and sign First Amendment to Zanesville-Perry Township Joint Economic Development District Contract as presented by Matt Abbott, Zanesville, Muskingum County Port Authority Director
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0902 accept and sign Enterprise Zone Agreement between Muskingum County and Daniels Industrial Services, LLC as presented by Matt Abbott, Zanesville, Muskingum County Port Authority Director
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-0903 accept and sign Enterprise Zone Agreement between Muskingum County and Ridge Corporation as presented by Matt Abbott, Zanesville, Muskingum County Port Authority Director
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Prosecutor Ron Welch and Evonne Saunders of Heroes Landing came to meet with the Commissioners and Eric Reed, Compliance Officer to discuss their request for ARPA funding.

- They shared with the Board the local Foundations and Trusts that have pledged support of the Child Advocacy Center
- Ron believes City Council is on board with support
- Commissioner Cameron asked if they could find an existing building, much cheaper and quicker
- They have not found an existing building that is suitable
 - They need the ability to expand in the future for transitional housing
- Putnam Avenue building was offered, but Ron said it would cost \$400,000 just to get up to standard to use
 - Roof needs replaced
 - Lack of parking
 - Location not ideal
- Needs privacy upon client arrival
 - Ample parking

Commissioner Cameron said she no longer has to leave at 2:45 today.

Eric Reed gave his report on the ARPA funds.

- Transitions – was told request declined
- Health Department – 13 new employees actively working
 - Additional former employees had been dismissed
 - Most employees are working from home
- Genesis cancelled their meeting with Eric for last Friday
 - They may be receiving Federal funding for rural hospitals

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- Job and Family Woodlawn is not doing new HVAC system now
 - Will try air purifier for building
- Honor Flights – Could be eligible if loss of revenue
- Fairgrounds; extra restroom

Commissioner Crooks reported that Matt from the City has reported that they are moving forward with cleaning the Lear property

- What does moving forward mean
- Eric will ask their plans and how much they will be spending

There was continued discussion regarding the Heroes Landing project for the Prosecutor and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0904 approve funding for Heroes Landing as requested by the Muskingum County Prosecutor, in the amount of \$500,000 from Muskingum County's ARPA funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0905 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Probate, as requested by Judge Eric D. Martin.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Insurance	001-238-502004	\$5,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0906 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Fund 155 as requested by the , as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
155-375-510001	001-000-414001	\$80,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0907 accept and sign MUS-CRVAR-PM-FY2022, PID105931, A&A Safety Inc. pavement marking project as requested by the Muskingum County Engineer.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Commissioner Porter made a motion to give Kacey Stackhouse and Beth Iden a \$2.00 per hour wage increase.

Commissioner Cameron would agree...she has mentioned several times before.

There was extended discussion.

Robert Moore, IT Director, came to talk to the Commissioners about a new recording system for the session room.

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- The current system does not have enough microphones to pick up conversation
 - It also does not always work properly
 - There may be the opportunity to put the old cameras and microphone in the Conference Room
- The Commissioners agreed to purchase a new system

Pam Davis, Human Resources, was called over to discuss Center for Seniors personnel issues. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0908 declare an Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to that of a public employee of Muskingum County Center for Seniors. This session ended about 3:57 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

There was continued discussion regarding Commissioner Porter's motion. Pam presented current wages and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 21-0909 accept Wage Increase for Kacey Stackhouse, Office Clerk and Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk.

An increase of \$2.00 per hour for each position, to be effective September 12, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 21-0910 accept Wage Increase for Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist.

An increase of \$2.00 per hour, to be effective September 12, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

The Commissioners received a message from Katrina Bilderback regarding concerns with Domestic Court and Judge Kalis.

- The Commissioners called Ms. Bilderback and told her the Commissioners have no control over those entities
 - We will, however, inform Judge Kalis of her phone call

Commissioner Porter asked if Debra Nye, Auditor, could come to session to explain how the latest real estate appraisals have been established.

- The Clerk will set up a time with Debra

There was discussion regarding the Washington JEDD Meeting tentatively scheduled for September 30.

- Commissioner Cameron said she still wishes the JEDD meeting would be held during session; what can we do at 8:30 when no decisions can be made out of session
- Commissioner Crooks said there's not going to be a JEDD meeting from what she understands

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- The Clerk reported who she has heard from at this point:
 - Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor has responded that he can attend
 - Matt Abbott, Port Authority Director has responded that he can attend
 - Mayor Mason cannot attend in the morning, but can attend early afternoon
 - No response from the Washington Township Trustees or Clerk

- It is believed that the Washington Trustees meet on the third Thursday

It would be Commissioner Crooks opinion that we should have a conversation before attending the meeting

- Decide from our perspective what we are going to do

Commissioner Cameron has brought it up more than once and the Mayor wanted to wait six months

- Commissioner Crooks had run those dates by the Mayor and he said he was available

Commissioner Cameron is not sure the Mayor is going to have a difference of opinion and now we've waited six months...

Commissioner Crooks' thought is that we are going to meet on the 30th, we should decide before we go into a meeting with anyone else, what we want to do; we don't want to have our discussion in front of them.

- We have to have a place to start to negotiate
 - What are the Commissioners willing to do
 - What is the City willing to do
 - What is the Township asking for

Commissioner Porter reported that he has an appointment some time that day, but not sure of the time.

Commissioner Cameron said that she has not talked with her husband, who is a Trustee, about it and she is not asking him about it.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, has clarified the signing of amendments in here the other day, because Commissioner Crooks thought, from Mark's previous email, that unless all three parties agreed to something we couldn't amend the JEDD

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mayor Mason said that he'll sign on an amendment if the Commissioners want to give something, but he's not giving them (Washington Township) anything

Commissioner Crooks thinks if there is not a proposal, there is not a reason for another meeting.; what else would we discuss outside of a proposal.

Commissioner Porter noted as he said early about collaboration with the City, what's the difference?

Commissioner Cameron wants to ask the Mayor if it's true that monies they get from the JEDD goes in their Park and Recreation Fund.

- What does the City do out there, how much money do they put in it?
- Commissioner Porter said they do contribute \$50,000 to maintenance and at one time they were salting a few of the roads; not sure if they still do

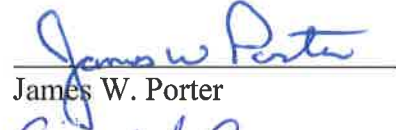
The Clerk advised the Board that she sent letters to the two additional Honor Flight attendees, without the Commissioners signatures, because of time restraints.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 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.