

Minutes for October 05, 2020

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

RES 20-0881 Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0882 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-458-506001 Equipment	001-458-506010 Vehicles	\$15,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 20-0883 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	001-115-503017 COVID-19	\$3,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 20-0884 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, Muskingum County Information Services, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-111-504017 License & Support	001-111-503017 COVID-19	\$10,000.00

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

Commissioner Porter reported that Patty Drier made contact with him last Friday regarding the waiving of electrical permit fees for Friendly Hills Campground. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0885 authorize the Muskingum County Building Department/aka Mid-East Ohio Building Department to waive building fees in the amount of \$226.60 for electrical upgrades at the Friendly Hills Campground.

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

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Stan Lucas, Sewer Department Manager, came to talk with the Commissioners about Hillandale Road.

- Currently old clay tile line
- Full of roots which means leaking
 - Roots have been removed
- Would like to reline 300 feet
 - Cost would be \$19,820.00
 - One day completion; will stop flow
 - Will continue to camera during installation
 - Will notify residents one day before
- Stan feels this is best option
- All agreed

Also, Stan would like to hire supervisor from outside.

- All agreed

There was discussion regarding recent candidate's BCI check which was not favorable. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0886 rescind Resolution 20-0739, dated August 17, 2020 for an offer of employment to Dallas Morgan at the Muskingum County Sewer Department. Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a message from Jerry Davis, giving compliments on the NorthPointe paving.

Scott Lee, Facilities Supervisor, came at the Commissioners' request to discuss the Clorox Total 360 estimate.

- \$3,995 per unit
- \$188 for four gallons of hard surface sanitizing spray
- \$90 per gallon for disinfectant
- The Commissioners agreed to purchase four units
 - Three for the main buildings and 1 mobile for wherever needed

The Clerk was asked to forward Thomas Moore's e-mail to the Prosecutor, Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor and Sheriff Lutz.

Commissioner Cameron said she received a voicemail from Gary at Avondale Youth Center with questions regarding the CARES Act money.

- They are in need of updating their restrooms
 - Would CARES Act money be available

The Ribbon Cutting for the Philo Bridge will be Friday, October 16; 1:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the October 01, 2020 session, with changes.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Crooks, aye; Porter, aye, up until he left session. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron reported that she didn't receive a call back from Wendy at Clerk of Courts regarding computer funds.

Commissioner Cameron asked Commissioner Porter if he had seen where Pickaway County is using CARES Act money for transferring records digitally.

- He said at one time they (Records Center) were trying to do digital scanning themselves
 - Now they are saying they can't do it, will have to hire it out

There was discussion regarding veterinarian services for spays and neuters at the Dog Pound.

Mayor Mason came to talk with the Commissioners regarding a grant to purchase property on the Licking River on West Main Street.

- The grant would be for \$300,000
 - Used to create passive green space; bio diversity of plants and animals
- Applicants receive five extra points for each partner financially committed to the project
 - Rotary has committed to \$5,000
 - Muskingum County Community Foundation has committed to 25%; the required match
 - Mayor Mason is asking the County to commit to \$5,000
- He has approached Muskingum Valley Park District who has agreed to be an educational partner
- What will stop the property to falling victim to vandalism and vagrants
 - Creating positive activity and business helps alleviate criminal activity
- Mayor Mason would estimate the cost of the entire project, including acquisition, to be \$1 million

Mayor Mason also indicated that he would be encouraging City Council to match the County's commitment to the Park District

There was discussion regarding the request from PAWS and their request for donations.

- Mayor Mason said the City will match the County's contribution
- He would like to have a meeting with everyone involved and invite additional experts to the discussion
- He would also like to see regular reports on progress

In discussing CARES Act Money, Mayor Mason reported that they have put \$700,000 back into the community.

- How do you select who the money goes to
 - As far as, non-governmental organizations, that's easy
 - For distributing to the hospitality industry, they're creating a method for that, a fair way of distributing

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- Do they have to prove how they've lost money due to COVID
 - The funding is not for money lost, cannot replace lost sales
 - Funding can be provided for tents, chairs, outdoor space heaters
 - Any cost for additional cleaning supplies or outside labor to come in to clean
- Who makes the decision where that money goes
 - Their (City) management team:
 - Cade Haddox
 - Matt Schlay
 - Marie Brent
 - Stephanie Winland
 - Mayor Mason
 - Meeting with various City Council members
 - Still trying to determine how to set up a fair formula so everyone in the hospitality industry has a fair chance
 - Will share the formula, once determined, with the County
 - Will put out on website with a cap
- How is the amount determined
 - Try to look at each individual request to determine if reasonable
- Non-governmental recipients are not audited

Commissioner Porter asked to talk about Unified Command.

- He agreed with a comment the Mayor had made that we look like a bunch of hypocrites
- The Mayor had asked for a detailed report, has he received...no
- Commissioner Porter thinks it would be beneficial to know geographical locations and source of transmission

There was discussion regarding the County's CARES Act money. Commissioner Cameron said there is not much time to decide how to use.

- Should we develop a process

A call was placed to Bonnie Ward at the Governor's office regarding the Board of Elections.

- What would happen if a BOE employee would test positive and the remaining employees would have to be quarantined
- Are they considered "essential" employees
- Bonnie suggested calling Lori Baldrige, Secretary of State liaison with these questions

Marlee Gibson, Deputy Director of the Board of Elections, called back to report that the employee in question, tested negative for the COVID.

- She was asked about a plan if they would have to quarantine
 - Two Board members (an R and a D) would cover the office until at least two employees could return
- Marlee asked if Jeff Jadwin had talked to the Commissioners about the tents at the Board of Elections

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- One tent would be in front of the door, because the door has to be left open because when too many people are coming in and out, the sensor gets messed up
- The second tent would be for COVID symptomatic voters

Doug Hobson came to see the Commissioners to discuss the food boxes that Muskingum County will be receiving.

- 350 Tuesday and 350 Wednesday
- He needs at least 60 drivers to help delivering
- Commissioner Porter thought Ann Combs, Center for Seniors Director, had it organized
 - That was not Doug's impression

Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, called about the tents at the Board of Elections.

- They are already up
- Checking to make sure it's okay with the Commissioners
- Secretary of State is the one that ordered the tent for COVID symptomatic voters

Jeff will also send an email to Fire Departments asking for at least two from each Department to help with delivery of the food boxes.

- Commissioner Porter thinks it hypocritical asking 70 people to gather and then drive all through the County delivering these boxes
- Commissioners Cameron and Crooks offered their help in driving

There was continued discussion regarding CARES Act money distribution.

- Commissioner Cameron's concern is how can we be fair and how do we choose
- Commissioner Crooks offered to work on an application

In further discussion regarding the Mayor's request Commissioner Cameron said she would be in favor of committing to the \$5,000 if it helps the City get the grant. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 20-0887 agree to Pledge \$5,000 towards a grant for the City of Zanesville for West Main Street/Licking River improvements as requested by Mayor Don Mason.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

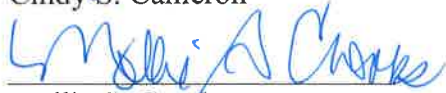
Motion carried.

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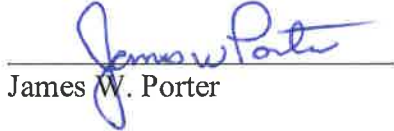
With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:26 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.



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.