

# Minutes for October 05, 2023

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

**RES 23-1017** 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.

The following legislation was now considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1018** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners pay application number 16 for Flecto, LLC, Muskingum County K-9 Adoption Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1019** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners pay application number 17 for Flecto, LLC, Muskingum County K-9 Adoption Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1020** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 118 as requested by Wendy Sowers, Clerk of Common Pleas Court, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
118-122-507001-Miscellaneous	118-122-502004-Insurance	\$35,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1021** authorize that Noah Rowe, Muskingum County Sewer, be granted prior service credit of 5.7 years (01.03.2018-09.15.2023). Eligible hours to transfer 565.73 of accrued sick leave from the City of Reynoldsburg.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, second by Commissioner Crooks.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1022** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 056, for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, County Engineer.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SIB Loan Principal Philo Bridge	056-801-508005	\$230.92
SIB Loan Interest Philo Bridge	056-801-509015	\$127.35

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

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**RESOLUTION 23-1023** acknowledge the resignation of Cody Hatfield from the Muskingum County Water Department to be effective October 06, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 23-1024** 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, 2024, 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 as follows:  
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 23-1025** accept and sign AOS Local Government Services Contract, Requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator for the Muskingum County Auditor.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 23-1026** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign the amendment to the engineering agreement with Vaughn, Coast and Vaughn Inc for engineering services for the Maysville Regional Watermain Extension and Upgrade.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners received and reviewed the September 2023 Financial Reports for the County Auditor.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Don Madden, Projects Manager, had come in to report that Josh at the Ohio EPA is willing to meet with Maysville Regional Water Board to discuss the importance of them moving forward in getting County water.

Commissioner Cameron reported that both Chris Olney and Toni Rotella returned the Commissioners' calls regarding appointments to the Library Board.

Commissioner Cameron took a call from Dan McPeck of Harrison Township regarding his concerns with the 911 system.

- He has concerns that when a call is placed to 911 it goes to Community Ambulance

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- He is asking why there isn't a 911 responder that could talk people through possible life-saving measures
- Mr. McPeck has talked with Sheriff Lutz, his Township Trustees and 911 regarding his concerns

Eric Reed, County Administrator, came to update the Commissioners.

- Mark Zanghi and Andy Roberts have approved the "blighted properties" letter
- Eric distributed a spreadsheet showing the entities that have had their MARCS radios upgraded and have been reimbursed
- There is a new threshold for competitive bidding that is effective October 03, 2023
  - Eric will prepare Resolution for approval
- Eric reported that he has a new printer/copier and no longer needs the one from the Auditor/Real Estate office
  - He was instructed to return to the Auditor
- Township Zoning Meeting
  - October 26; 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.
    - Eric will secure location
- Fairgrounds
  - Eric has not yet received the "extra" premium check, but will deposit when it arrives

**RESOLUTION 23-1027** declare an Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 10:58 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Kay Clymer and Ed Mulholland of Zanesville Patriots came to invite the Commissioners to an event they are holding on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 with Dr. Douglas Frank, PhD regarding our election system.

- They also shared concerns regarding election integrity

**RESOLUTION 23-1028** declare an Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 11:33 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners met with Bob Snavely of Palmer Energy, by phone regarding the aggregate bid, and the following was now considered:

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**RESOLUTION 23-1029** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Master Agreement to provide services to an Aggregated Group between the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum County, Ohio and Energy Harbor, LLC as presented by Bob Snavely of Palmer Energy.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners also talked with Bob about Jennifer Lyall's (Village of New Concord Mayor) request to join in their aggregate program.

- Bob said their program is SOBEC – “green” energy

Hartman's Landscaping sent an estimate for boulders in the park adjacent to the Courthouse Esplanade = \$3,500. It was also noted that they gave a \$2,500 credit on their original estimate...materials were not as expensive as they had originally estimated.

The Commissioners approved the additional boulders for the park.

Commissioner Bell distributed the September expense and revenue spreadsheet for the Lorena.

After some discussion the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1030** appoint Toni Rotella to fulfill the term of Michelle Neal on the Muskingum County Library Board with a term to commence immediately and end on April 13, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 23-1031** appoint Chris Olney to fulfill the term of Sadie Anderson with the Muskingum County Library Board, with a term to commence immediately and end on April 14, 2028.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

A call was placed to Stacey Russell to inform her of the appointments. She was not available and a message was left.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cameron asked it be noted in the minutes that several jail employees continue to park on the street in 20 minute and two hour parking spaces. They have just moved from Fourth Street to Fifth Street.

A call was placed to Andy Roberts, Landbank Director, to update him on the mosaic tile-area visits.

Kate Paul, Center for Seniors Director, came to talk with the Commissioners about the Healthy Aging Grant.

- Application due October 13

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- +\$340,000 available
  - At least 20% Food Assistance
  - At least 20% Housing
  - At least 10% Internet Access
  - Up to 10% Administrative

All agreed that Kate should proceed with the application.

Eric Reed, County Administrator, came in to discuss an email from Kevin Dewine, CBD Consultants regarding the Gateway project.

- The question is “should CBD Consultants lobby on behalf of CFA”
- Commissioner Cameron asked if they mentioned anything about the \$90.2 million that was awarded today for water and sewer infrastructure
  - No

In regards to jail construction, Eric addressed the question of whether or not the prisoners would be able to see to the outside through the windows.

- No. The daylight provided will be through skylights

Seth Vensil, County Coroner, came to meet with the Commissioners regarding pay scale increases for his investigators. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1032** authorize and approve the following pay scale increase as requested by Seth Vensil, County Coroner for coroner investigators, to be effective 10.08.2023.

\$90/Day to cover call

\$60/For every scene visit

\$48/Call to perform a tox swab

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Dr. Vensil also reported that the Coroner’s office will be transitioning to electronic records.

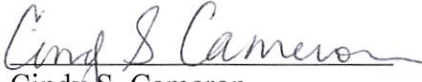
Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023 session. Commissioner Crooks seconded. Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the October 02, 2023 session. Commissioner Cameron seconded. Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.


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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 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.*