

# Minutes for October 14, 2021

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron

Staff Present: Beth Iden/Susan Reese

**RES 21-0986** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

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

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Travis Roach, EMA office, stopped in to discuss the ABI phone system at the EMA facility.

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-0987** approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Auditor as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, as follows:

**FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-999-510002	002-000-414002	\$25,000.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0988** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 013 as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
013-372-504215-Sewer Improvements	013-372-503007-Materials	\$50,000.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RES 21-0989** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 174, for the Muskingum County Engineer Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.

**APPROPRIATION**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Local Match	174-368-506059	\$40,000.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0990** approve the award of bid to Neff Paving Inc. in the amount of \$32,206.00 for Hillcrest Drive Asphalt Paving for the Muskingum County Community Development.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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**RES 21-0991** appoint Judith Rebic and Kyle Witucky to the Muskingum County Convention Facilities Authority Board with a term to commence December 15, 2021 and end on December 14, 2025.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0992** authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Notice of Award for the Zane Trace Road, Zane Grey Road, South Cove Lane, Southern Road, West Union Road, Sundale Road, East Wheeling Road, Flat Lane, and Peach Lane, Water Main Extension with Little Creek Construction, Inc. of Greenup KY for \$1,350,719.50. (see attached)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RES 21-0993** approve the employment of Max Harbert, Nutrition Van Driver for Muskingum County Center for Seniors, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Rate is \$10.00 per hour with eligibility of additional \$0.50 after completion of the 180 day probationary period.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0994** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 084 as requested by Vicki Vallee, Finance Manager as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
084-244-503001-Supplies/other Exp.	084-244-504111- Training/Education	\$4,000.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RES 21-0995** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 011 as requested by Tom Smith, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
011-692-504408-WIOA Adult	011-692-504409- WIOA Dislocated Worker	\$30,000.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0996** authorize signing Pay Application Number 3, for the Muskingum County Water Department Facility. This Pay Application is for \$134,992.15 made payable to G and M Construction, Inc. This resolution is in place to clarify a clerical error on the original pay application of September 2, 2021. (see attached)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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**RES 21-0997** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Todd A. Hixson, Treasurer, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-104-504001	001-104-504405	\$2,253.00

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-0998** authorize Cindy Rodgers, Muskingum County Recorder to attend the Ohio Recorders' Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Conference to be held at the Hilton Columbus at Polaris beginning Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and running through Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Estimated cost: \$403.48 (see attached)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

**RES 21-0999** authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the OPWC Disbursement Request #1 for Muskingum County Project 2021-A2 County Roads as requested by the Muskingum County Engineer. (see attached)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-1000** authorize Mollie S. Crooks to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the OPWC Disbursement Request #1 for Muskingum County Project 2021-A3 County Roads as requested by the Muskingum County Engineer. (see attached)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Commissioner Cameron said she saw Sheriff Lutz in the hallway and he asked if the Commissioners had heard if the Adoption Center would be completed on time.

- Discussion on hiring someone to help with the cleaning at the dog pound
- Duties of the deputies and the kennel master discussed

Commissioner Porter said he will not be back after lunch.

Don Madden came in to session.

- Commissioner Crooks told him of the phone message from Peter Cherevas.
- Mr. Cherevas said he pre-paid for a water tap, did not receive the plans and he wanted a timeline as to when the project will start and finish

Don Madden and Morgan Coast, VCV Engineer, came in for bid openings.

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-1001** hereby open bids for the Big B – Mutton Ridge Water Project, Muskingum County Water Department.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

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**RES 21-1002** Authorize taking bids under advisement for the Big B – Mutton Ridge Water Project.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Morgan Coast discussed the well bids that will take place next week.

Don Madden informed the Commissioners that he heard from a gentleman on Imlay Road and that gentleman would like to have the water line extended 600 feet to his property

- There will be 5 lot splits from his property that can be used for residential use
- The farm to the north has also inquired about getting water
- Commissioner Crooks asked Don how he felt about extending the line
- Don said he felt it would be the right thing to do

Don Madden confirmed that the water department did not receive a pre-payment for a tap from Mr. Cherevas and that he did send the plans to Mr. Cherevas.

- Don prefers to correspond by email
- Mark Zanghi will be notified as to the correspondence with Mr. Cherevas

Commissioner Cameron said she received a call from Steve Baldwin and he said the Commissioners will have to appoint someone to the Rambo board due to Ann Combs resignation.

- Steve Baldwin would like to be on the Convention Center board if there is a vacancy
- Commissioner Cameron asked the board if they had any suggestions for replacements

Jennifer Quinn from Juvenile Center called in and would like to talk to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Crooks reminded the Board to respond to the Soil & Water department if they are going to go to the annual meeting.

Eric Reed came in to update the Commissioners on the ARPA Fund. Erin Couch from the Times Recorder also attended.

- Munson
  - Eric talked to Stacy Massey, Senior Financial Manager, for insight on qualified census tract
  - He feels more confident with funding it through Negative Economic Impact
  - Can switch to flex spending from unrestricted
- Hero's Landing
  - Eric talked to Yvonne yesterday
  - She would like 30 days to come up with a plan and figures to present for the ARPA funds
- Lear
  - Not in qualified census tract
  - Commissioner Cameron feels they should help the City, since it is in the County
  - Commissioner Crooks said many people would appreciate having Lear cleaned up

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- Commissioner Cameron understands how Commissioner Porter feels regarding the City and ARPA money
- Commissioner Porter said politics got involved and it could have been cleaned up years ago without tax dollars involvement
- Eric said he feels comfortable awarding ARPA money if the Commissioners can come up with a dollar amount

Mark Zanghi and Don Madden were in to see the Commissioners.

- Commissioner Crooks told Mark Zanghi about the phone message from Peter Cherevas
  - Asking recommendations on how to handle his requests
  - Commissioner Crooks will draft an email to him and have Mark review it

Gary King, Candy Emmert from Avondale and Ted Lemmon, Shelly Co. came in to session.

- Discussion on ARPA funding
- Commissioner Crooks, on behalf of the Commissioner, thanked Ted Lemmon for all that the Shelly Co. has done to help the Avondale Center
- Gary King presented a contract from Energility to the Commissioners for their request of ARPA Funding dollars
- Ted Lemmon said they are reaching out to the Straker Foundation. The Foundation wants to see 3 bids and hard numbers
- Commissioner Cameron said it should be the County's responsibility to fix the building
- Mark Zanghi reviewed the contract and will make a couple changes then present it to Gary King and the Commissioners

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-1003** approve to hire Energility LLC to draw up specs and prepare bid documents for the Avondale Center in order to apply for ARPA Funding.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Eric Reed discussed APRA Funding.

- Avondale will qualify for funding...will have to submit proposal
- Clean Face
  - Commissioner Porter said the Ag Society would have to submit a quote to get funding
  - Commissioner Cameron supports doing the whole Clean Face project
  - Commissioner Crooks said do what needs to be done to get it right
- Discussion on Lear
  - Commissioner Cameron not in favor of the full asking price
  - Commissioner Crooks feels the County should help in the cleaning up cost

The following legislation was now considered:

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**RES 21-1004** approve funding for the cleanup of 2200 Linden Ave, Lear as requested by The City of Zanesville, in the amount of \$500,000.00 from Muskingum County's restricted under Negative Economic Impact ARPA funds.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

### Discussion on the Adoption Center

- Commissioner Cameron will call Sheriff Lutz and have him get in touch with Pam Davis, H.R., to post for the kennel position

Commissioner Crooks called Flecto and talked to Tom.

- Tom said the schedule is very tight
- The drains still are not in, they will be ready to install when they come in today or next Tues
- Commissioner Cameron asked Tom if he could keep the Commissioners updated on the progress
  - Tom will give updated schedule to the Commissioners and to the Sheriff

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

Commissioner Porter did not return after lunch

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners held an alley vacation viewing at 6010 Fultonrose Road, Fultonham; Hamilton Moore Subdivision.

The proposed vacation is a portion of alley 20'x100' in the Hamilton Moore's Subdivision of Fultonham in Newton Township.

Those present:

Commissioners Crooks and Cameron

Kim Smith; Mitch Smith; Denis Swierz; Ben Ahn; Glenna Ahn; Josh Mumford; Greg Hartley; Patricia Hartley; John Hart; Nathan Johnson

Denis Swierz from the County Engineer's Office noted the location of the alley that he had staked out on the property of Mitch and Kim Smith who requested the alley vacation.

Mr. Ahn raised concerns about a different alley that runs between the two properties being blocked. Mr. Ahn was also concerned about the ditch that runs through his property that he feels prevents him from crossing to the other side of his property.

It was explained to Mr. Ahn that today's meeting was for the sole purpose of viewing the proposed alley vacation petitioned by the Smiths. He would need to contact the Township Trustees regarding the other issues he raised.

Commissioner Crooks reviewed actions leading to today's viewing:

- Mr. Ahn issued a complaint with the Health Department and Commissioners that the Smith's sewer was running onto his property

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- Smith's requested this alley vacation to enable them to remedy their sewer issues

Mr. Ahn voiced his objection to the vacation. There were no concerns or objections from any other neighbors present.

Mr. Ahn was argumentative and hostile throughout these proceedings informing Commissioner Crooks that he was videotaping and this all would be on Youtube. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ahn had video devices recording at all times. At one point, Mr. Ahn threatened one of the neighbors, Nathan Johnson, by stating that Mr. Johnson "would be getting a visit".

Commissioner Crooks reminded Mr. Ahn that this was a public viewing and his objection was noted. However, he is not an adjoining landowner. Commissioner Cameron confirmed to Mr. Ahn that the property next door to the Smith's that he referenced as "his" is not deeded in his name. The property is in the name of his brother-in-law, Kevin Mangin, who is deceased.

The Commissioners then went to the Fair Grounds to meet with the Grounds Committee to visit the Clean Face facility and discuss renovations.

The following were present:

Commissioner Crooks and Cameron

Eric Reed

Dave Kreis

Ron Shirer

Jim Bunting

Jerry Miller

Stan Lucas

Don Madden

Chad Hutchins

Jacob Batteiger

Commissioner Cameron explained that Commissioner Porter informed them this morning he would not be attending this afternoon's meeting.

Dave explained that they wish to enhance the water supply to Clean Face and

- They now know where the existing water line is
  - They have created a new route for the water line and the Fair Board has agreed to it
- The Commissioners have acknowledged the need for enhancing the water supply, but would suggest that the whole project be renovated and that ARPA money be used
  - The building is a sound structure, but the interior needs a complete renovation
- Stan reported that they have not yet run the camera on the sewer lines
  - But, he would recommend a 6" line, but will make final decision after camera is run through existing line
- It was also agreed that the water project and the building renovation be two separate projects

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- Don said that the Water Department could donate the pipe for the water project
    - He has enough pipe already in stock
  - John explained the path for the water line that would include additional T's for access and additional hydrants
  - Stan said that he would have pipe for the repair of the outside sewer line
  - John will get the drawings for the new water line to Chad at the Water Department to prepare bid specs and create a list of need parts for this project
    - Don said that parts may be difficult to get and the Water Department could provide those at cost; the Water Department will also donate the pipe
  - The Fair Board/Grounds Committee made the decision to bid the water project even though it will most likely be under \$50,000.
    - It was agreed to bid out both projects individually, water and building renovation
    - An architect will be retained for the building renovation
  - The Fair Board will be holding a special meeting to approve these decisions
- Commissioners Crooks and Cameron returned to the office at approximately 3:40 p.m.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:59 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

  
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.*