Minutes for Thursday, October 15, 2026

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Kacey Stackhouse

RES 26-0924 Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

The Commissioners attended WorkForce Advisory from 8 am to 9 am.

RES 26-0925 declare an Executive Session at 9:06 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 9:32 a.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioners were given a copy of the Reconciliation Appropriations Auditors Report for September 2026.

Discussion was held regarding Arrow Point Drive and the need for a temporary access road to ensure the safety of residents during construction of the State Route 146 turning lane project. The proposed alternate entrance would help reduce traffic conflicts, maintain access for residents and emergency vehicles, and minimize potential safety hazards throughout the construction process. The existing traffic signal could be utilized at the new entrance to improve traffic control and provide safer access for residents. It was also noted that a small easement would be required from a property owner to accommodate the project. Crash data collected over a five-year period indicated a total of 145 accidents in the area, including 29 accidents involving injury or possible injury. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be responsible for designing the State Route 146 project, with the project costs to be paid by the Commissioners. (Informational letter to property owners in area will be sent soon)

RES 26-0926 **WHEREAS**, the Muskingum County Engineer has determined that, due to construction activities associated with the State Route 146 turning lane project, residents of Arrow Point Drive in Falls Township may experience significant difficulties accessing and exiting State Route 146 through their existing access point; and
WHEREAS, providing an alternative access road is necessary to maintain safe ingress and egress for Arrow Point Drive residents during construction of the State Route 146 turning lane project; and
WHEREAS, the lack of an adequate alternative access route presents an emergency condition affecting the safety and accessibility of residents and may impede the timely commencement and completion of the State Route 146 turning lane project; and
WHEREAS, due to these emergency conditions, the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, finds that immediate action is necessary and that competitive bidding is not required pursuant to the applicable provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 307.86(A).
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio, that an emergency is hereby declared to exist regarding the provision of safe ingress and egress for residents of Arrow Point Drive in Falls Township during construction of the State Route 146 turning lane project.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Muskingum County Engineer is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to establish and construct an emergency access road for the use of Arrow Point Drive residents during the construction of the State Route 146 turning lane project, in order to maintain safe access and facilitate completion of the project.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

A resident from Meigs Township came to session with a concern of the need for water in Meigs Township. Don Madden & Zack Forker attended session to hear her concerns. The Commissioners discussed there is currently a project in the early stages for a bulk water station in the Gaysport area. The Commissioners asked Don Madden and Zack Forker to contact the Morgan County Meigsville Water Authority to see if there are any plans for a bulk water plant near Meigs Township.

The Commissioners attended a special Landbank meeting in the session room from 10:00am to 10:50am.

The Commissioners left session at 11:10 am to attend a ribbon cutting at Young Insurance. They returned around 12:15 pm.

The following legislation was now considered:

RES 26-0927 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

From Fund	To Fund	Amount
001-999-510003	058-000-414002	$71,400.00
001-999-510003	104-000-414002	$1,133,918.75
001-999-510003	104-000-414002	$1,077,000.00
013-372-510003	061-000-414002	$545,700.00
013-372-510003	126-000-414002	$89,582.00
014-373-510003	178-000-414002	$7,854.00
039-801-510002	148-000-414002	$50,704.78
001-999-510003	188-000-414002	$20,298.64
013-372-510003	067-000-414002	$76,593.72
013-372-510003	061-000-414002	$121,244.20
013-272-510003	179-000-414002	$296,944.74

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0928 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

From Fund	To Fund	Amount
013-372-510003	131-000-414002	$330,593.00
014-373-510003	141-000-414002	$367,226.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0929 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Numbers 014 & 141, for the Muskingum County Auditor, as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Fund	Description	Amount
014-373-510003	Debt Service Transfers Out	$2,460.00
141-801-508001	Principal Payments	$8,095.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0930 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 013 as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

From Account	To Account	Amount
013-372-504215	013-372-506001	$13,504.56
Sewer Improvement	Equipment & Maintenance	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0931 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County Sewer Fund 013 from Fund 173 and Sewer Fund 055 from Fund 173 as requested by the Projects Department. The repayment of the ADVANCE will include $50,000 for the repayment of money advanced to fund 173 from fund 013 and $76,763.01 advanced to fund 173 from fund 055, and $121,136.99 to be forgiven as an Advance of Funds.

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

From Fund	To Fund	Amount
173-372-510001	013-000-414001	$50,000.00
173-372-510001	055-000-414001	$76,763.01

FORGIVENESS OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

From Fund	To Fund	Amount
173	055	$121,236.99

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0932 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Kacey Stackhouse, Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Description	Account Code	Amount
General Transfer Out	001-999-510002	$12,085.46

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0933 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Kacey Stackhouse, Clerk, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

From Line Item	To Line Item	Amount
001-111-503031	001-111-504107	$7,000.00
Software	Internet	

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0934 authorize Lindsay Hendricks, Chandra Forshey Ontko, Nancy Utz, & Megan Frank to attend OCDA Fall Training on Monday, October 19, 2026 from 8:30am-4:30pm, and on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 8:00am-4:00pm.Training will be held both days at the Hilton Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus OH 43720.

Estimated cost: $1,969.76

Registration Fees $400 per person for both days (will receive credit for 4 $1,600.00

memberships that will be applied upon billing)
Mileage 2 cars @ round trip miles 138 x .76 =$104.88 x 2 $209.76
Meals for 4 people $160.00
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.
Total: $1,969.76

RES 26-0935 approve the transfer of funds for the Muskingum County Board of Elections as requested by Lindsay Peadon, Director, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

From Line Item	**Amount**
128-112-504161 Judges & Clerks	$1,679.04
To Line Item	
128-112-504120 Advertising & Printing	$1,582.05
128-112-503001 Supplies & Other	$96.99

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0936 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 162 as requested by Kate Paul, Executive Director, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

From Line Item	**To Line Item**	**Amount**
162-002-503001 Supplies & Other Exp	162-002-504125 IT Contract Services	$300.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0937 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 130, for the Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), as requested by Tiffany Beardsley, Administrative Assistant.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Description	**Account Code**	**Amount**
PERS	130-461-502003	$1,400.00
Medicare	130-461-502001	$145.00
Worker's Compensation	130-461-502009	$150.00
Travel/Fuel	130-461-502013	$3,000.00
EMA Salaries	130-461-501002	$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners placed a call to Mudgett's Monuments regarding the courtyard sign.

RES 26-0938 declare an Executive Session at 1:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 1:42 p.m.

The Commissioners received a update from Jeff Jadwin regarding residents affected by the floods. There were 283 structures accessed and 123 applicants for IA in Muskingum County.

Commissioner Prouty reported that the Perry County Commissioners were very thankful for the beds that were donated for the flood victims.

RES 26-0939 hereby open bids for Courtroom renovations.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0940 hereby take bids under advisement for Courtroom Renovations Project.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2026, session. Commissioner Prouty seconded.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a call from Monroe Township Trustees wanting to thank the Engineers Office and all their help with Castor Rd, they said it looks great and they will be sending in another request for Dent Road.

The Commissioners reported there was a complaint from a resident on East Street in Adamsville regarding raw sewer running on the ground. The resident contacted the Health Department with no response. The Commissioners ave the complaint to Chris Crook to evaluate.

The Commissioners reported there was a call from a Newton Township resident regarding the condition of Heckel Road. Some residents do not have proper septic systems and its running on the road. The Commissioners will follow up with the Health Department

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Prouty and the second of Commissioner Bell.

Melissa J. Bell

Drake L. Prouty

Cindy S. Cameron