

# Minutes for October 16, 2023

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

**RES 23-1053** Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

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

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

Ron Welch, Prosecutor; Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor; Eric Reed, County Administrator and Andy Roberts, GIS Director came to meet with the Commissioners and the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1060** declare an Executive Session at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 9:16 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 23-1054** approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2022 with 2023 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SOS of Ohio	4 dogs 11.14.2022	\$446.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1055** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 014 as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager Muskingum County Water Department, as follows:

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES**

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
014-373-504406-Water Tanks	014-373-504100-Utilities	\$50,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1056** approve the decrease in Appropriations within Fund Number 001 & Supplemental Appropriations for Muskingum County as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment	001-244-506001	\$ 9,000.00
Travel & Training Expense	001-244-502013	\$ 2,000.00
Supplies	001-244-503001	\$14,000.00
Other Expenses	001-245-507001	\$ 6,500.00
Supplies	001-245-503001	\$ 500.00

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## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supplies	001-246-503001	\$32,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1057** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 069 as requested by Tom Smith, MCJFS, as follows:

### LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
069-692-501002-CSEA Salaries	069-692-504029-Purch Of Serv.	\$74,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1058** approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Mark Schneider, Recycling Supervisor, as follows:

### LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-371-506001-Equipment	001-371-507001- Misc Expenses	\$2,145.00

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

**RESOLUTION 23-1059** approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 111, for the Muskingum County Engineer's Office, as requested by Mark Eicher, Engineer.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PID 110119 Fed Memo Expenses	111-368-506072	\$753,052.16

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

## **RIGHT OF WAYS SIGNED:**

**Charter/Spectrum; Zanesville  
Meigs Township; Co Rd 45, 223, 59, 31 & 43  
New Aerial on existing poles & placing some new poles (cable)  
Start Date: 10.15.2023; Completion Date: 11.30.23**

Commissioner Cameron reported that Don Madden, Projects Manager, has asked her attend a meeting with him, Ohio EPA and Maysville Regional Water District Board, Wednesday.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mid-East Career Center's media class will be working on the K-9 Adoption Center's commercial.

Denis Swierz, Engineer's Surveyor, called Bo Coconis about the sign on SR719. Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, suggested an MOU until road vacation can occur.

Commissioner Cameron informed the Board that a resident of North Moose Eye Road emailed again regarding the condition of North Moose Eye and Maplebrook Roads.

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**RESOLUTION 23-1061** declare an Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 9:58 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

The Commissioners participated in a webinar through Ohio Department of Development regarding Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

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

- Fairboard
  - Leftover 4-H premiums
    - \$2,120 deposited in General Fund earmarked for south entrance restroom at Fairgrounds
- Resolution regarding ORC Section 9.17(A)(2)
  - Competitive bidding threshold amount
    - Effective October 3, 2023; \$75,000
    - For each calendar year thereafter, the amount for the previous calendar year increases by three per cent as determined and published by the Director of Commerce
- MARCS Radios
  - Eric has sent an email to the Department of Commerce to find out who has applied for the grant
- EMA Vehicle Grant
  - Jeff Jadwin, Director, has reported that they did not receive the grant for a truck to pull the decontamination trailer
  - Commissioner Cameron said she cannot justify the expense of an additional vehicle when it is our understanding that a vehicle from another department can be used in an emergency; Commissioners Bell and Crooks agreed
- Kathleen Clark
  - She will contact the Clerk to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners and the Auditor
- APG Architects
  - They would also like to meet with the Commissioners
- Zoning Meeting
  - Thursday, October 26
  - Eric has sent invitations
- Blighted Properties
  - Has draft MOU

There was discussion about CCAO's Winter Conference.

- It appears that there is not yet an agenda available

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Jason Schaumleffel, Y-City News, came to discuss the Board of Zoning Meeting with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners received an approved proposal with McBride Dale Clarion and the following was considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1062** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the proposal with McBride Dale Clarion for Zoning Assessment and Diagnosis, as requested by Andy Roberts, Executive Director, Planning Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

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

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist came to talk with the Commissioners regarding 2024 Insurance Benefits.

- Open Enrollment will begin Monday, November 6 with a meeting of Elected Officials and Department Heads at the EMA Office; 8:30 a.m.
- Insurance premiums will remain the same this year
- The issue of the Muskingum County Convention Facilities Director being on County insurance was addressed
  - Since Carolyn Buchanan is retiring, the Commissioners considered this the appropriate time to discontinue providing insurance for this position, since it is not a County position
  - Mackenzie will call Kyle Witucky, the Vice Chair and follow-up in writing, communicating that the County will no longer be providing insurance when the new MCCF Director is hired

Pam and Mackenzie informed the Commissioners of a proposed formulary change with a Humira bio-similar drug. The following was then considered:

**RESOLUTION 23-1063** authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the MedBen Humira Biosimilar 1/1/2024 Recommendation Election Form as presented by Pam Davis, Human Resources, electing to implement the Humira Biosimilar recommendation to all plans effective 1/1/2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

There was discussion regarding the CCAO County Benefits Plus program.

Lauren VanNiel, the new reporter from the Times Recorder stopped in to introduce herself.

George Reynolds, County Apiary inspector came in to give a report of his colony/apiary visits this year.

The Commissioners returned a call to Lou Cvetnic who wanted to voice his opinion about the new County jail site.

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The Commissioners placed a call to Tim Cross, Highland Township Fiscal Officer. He was not available and a message was left.

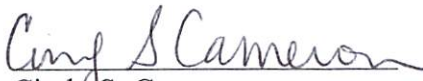
A call was placed to Ronald Barr, Sr, Highland Township Trustee. The Commissioners told him of residents concerns with the condition of North Moose Eye and Maplebrook Roads. Mr. Barr said the Trustees were working on it today.

Andy Roberts, GIS and LandBank Director, came to discuss the Mosaic property zoning with the Commissioners.

Tim Cross returned the Commissioners call. The Commissioners explained the residents concerns about the roads.

- The Commissioners told him that the residents had agreed to pay \$10,000 per year towards the upkeep of the roads
- Mr. Cross asked if the Commissioners would want to attend a Trustee meeting or write a letter to the Trustees asking that the repair of North Moose Eye and Maplebrook Roads be a priority.
  - The next Township meeting will be November 13; 7:00 p.m.
- An estimate for the repairs will be obtained from Mark Eicher, County Engineer

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:34 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

  
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.*