

# Minutes for October 18, 2021

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Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron  
Staff Present: Beth Iden

**RES 21-1005** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

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

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

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

Commissioner Cameron reported that Judith Rebic will not renew her term on the Rambo Board.

Commissioner Crooks reported that she drafted an email to Peter Cherevas and sent it to Mark Zanghi for review.

Commissioner Crooks said that Scott Lee, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that he has had several people interested in the property located at 333 Putnam Avenue.

Commissioner Crooks asked the Commissioners about purchasing a Snowman for a Chamber of Commerce project in downtown Zanesville.

Discussion to replace the Christmas tree and decorations in the Courthouse rotunda.

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-1006** approve the purchase of the Christmas tree and the decorations for the Courthouse Rotunda.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Commissioner Cameron asked to vote on the Snowman fundraiser after lunch. Cost is \$1,500.00

Commissioner Cameron discussed an email from Todd Hixson, Treasurer

- An email was shared from Lisa Wiesand
- Todd Hixson said Form 6S has to be completed for 2021 Audit Hearing
- Concerns about Treasurer's office balancing for the Audit

Pam Davis, H.R., sent an email to all Commissioners that she posted the Center for Seniors job position.

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The Commissioners had a Virtual meeting with Ohio TT representatives Megan Kvammie, Kyle Arstead, Matt Yoder.

- Alternative to wireless technology
- Massive MIO LTE wireless technology, which helps solve line of site obstacles such as trees
- Pandemic shed light on lack of broadband access
- Towers would cover a 4 mile radius
- Ohio TT would help identify unserved and underserved areas for broadband
- Owned by Ohians and off profit sharing for all Ohio TT customers

The following legislation was now considered:

**RES 21-1007** declare an Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans and specific business strategy with regard to Charter/Spectrum's application for funding through the Ohio HB-2 Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program. This session ended about 11:59 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye Motion carried.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

**RES 21-1008** accepts Official Amended Certificate Number Thirty (30) as submitted by Muskingum County Auditor, Debra J. Nye, on behalf of the Muskingum County Budget Commission dated October 05, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye Motion carried.

**RES 21-1009** authorize signing Change Order Number One, for the Muskingum County Water Department Facility. This Change Order is for 300 feet of roof snow guard to protect the roof spouting; this is an increase of \$5,500. (see attached) Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 21-1010** authorize signing Change Order Number Two, for the Muskingum County Water Department Facility. This Change Order is for vinyl flooring in the office space and restroom, this is an increase of \$1,250.00. (see attached) Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 21-1011** authorize signing Pay Application Number 4, for the Muskingum County Water Department Facility. This Pay Application is for \$200,298.13 made payable to G and M Construction, Inc. (see attached) Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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**RES 21-1012** authorize Peggy Taylor, Water Department Office Manager, to attend e-gov system training. The conference is October 20 – October 22 at the Hampton Inn at Columbus Polaris.

Estimated cost: \$529.13 Registration  
\$552.85 Lodging

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

Travis Roach, EMA, reported no lives lost, no animals lost and the tornado in Chandlersville Friday night was declared a F1.

Pam Davis, H.R. and Scott Lee, Maintenance Supervisor came in to session.

- Review of the 180 day probationary evaluation for Nathaniel Burns, Maintenance Department Employee

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-1013** accept Wage Increase for Nathaniel Burns, Muskingum County Maintenance Employee.

An increase of \$.50 per hour for completing 180 day probationary period and an additional \$1.00 per hour wage increase, to be effective October 16, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

**RES 21-1014** approve the employment of Matthew Dingey as Field Operator 2, for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage is \$17.50 per hour with eligibility of additional \$.50 after completion of the 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Discussion to have the County cell phone policy reviewed and updated.

Frank Dosch and Jared Dosch from the Forker Company and Lindsay Lowe from MedBen came to meet with the Commissioners along with Pam Davis and Mackenzie Hill regarding the insurance renewals for 2022.

- Superior Dental has renewed with 0% rate increase
- VSP (Vision Insurance) is currently in a rate lock until 2023
- Group Term Life Insurance with Northwestern Mutual is currently in a rate lock until 2023
- Health Equity (HSA administrator) rates remain the same since inception
- MedBen (medical insurance) shopped the stop loss insurance with eleven carriers and obtained quotes from nine carriers.

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- North River, the incumbent carrier, presented an overall favorable renewal with decreases in the specific and aggregate premiums. Organ transplant premium increased. There is a slight increase in the administrative fees from MedBen and QCP. Overall resulting in 7.5% decrease.
- MedBen has guaranteed their admin fees for two years. We are waiting on a response from QCP regarding a two year rate guarantee on their fees.
- It was discussed that this is an unusual renewal but the County has taken initiative with the local network steering and wellness that helps keep costs level. Trend would indicate that we were due for a positive renewal after several years of high renewals recently.
- Pam Davis indicated that her and Mackenzie will be scheduling a meeting with the Commissioners in near future to finalize the 2022 renewal recommendations. She anticipates the recommendation of no changes to the medical plan and premiums to remain the same as 2021. This will allow for the County to secure claims funding at a recommended level since over the last few years, funding has remained low in order to maintain an affordable plan for employees.
- There will need to be a discussion regarding the non-compliance differential for 2022 for the Wellness Plan
- Currently there is a \$12 differential for the Silver Plan and \$10 differential for the High Deductible Plan.

Eric Reed came in to see the Commissioners.

- Avondale - ARPA could pay Energility LLC
- Genesis - No new information
- Clean Face - Will be a water and sewer line project and an internal renovation project
- Discussion on an architect for the project
  - Who is getting architect?
  - Paying from ARPA funds

Eric Reed will be attending a workshop by Stacy Massey, State Auditor's Office, on Wednesday.

- Reporting for ARPA Funds will be discussed

The following legislation was considered:

**RES 21-1015** does hereby rescind Resolution 21-0991 dated October 14, 2021.  
Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

**RES 21-1016** does hereby appoint 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 made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.  
Roll call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye Motion carried.

**RES 21-1017** does hereby Amend RES 21-1004 to read funding for the cleanup of 2200 Linden Ave, Lear, as requested by The City of Zanesville, in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Muskingum County's restricted money under the Public Health ARPA funds.

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Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the October 07, 2021 session.

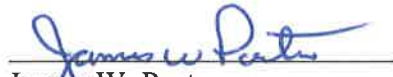
Commissioner Crooks seconded.

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

Motion carried

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Porter and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

  
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.*

