

Minutes for Monday, October 20, 2025

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Kacey Stackhouse & Susan Reese

RES 25-1019 Meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Payroll, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RES 25-1020 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 118 as requested by Wendy Sowers, Clerk of Court, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
118-122-502013-Travel & Expenses	118-122-502003-PERS	\$ 2,000.00
118-122-506001-Equipment & Maint.	118-122-501002-Employee Salaries	\$ 3,220.00
118-122-503001-Supplies & Other	118-122-501002-Employee Salaries	\$22,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 25-1021

WHEREAS, a letter of request has been submitted by The Village of Frazeyburg, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.04, for permissive tax funds in the amount of \$41,903.00, and

WHEREAS, the Muskingum County Engineer finds that the maintenance expense is necessary and conducive to the orderly flow of traffic within and through the (VILLAGE) and the County and hereby approve said expenses, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the application of funds for payment of permissive tax funds in the amount of \$41,903.00 to The Village of Frazeyburg.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell proposed having session on Monday, December 8th & Wednesday, December 10th instead of Monday, Thursday that week, it was agreed to go ahead with those days.

Commissioner Cameron said she spoke to Judge Cottrill on Friday and he gave the news that Tahyi Court Reporting will no longer be in business after 2 weeks. Judge Cottrill has someone in mind and they would be part of the Court of Common Pleas staff.

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Licking Township Trustees reported that they sent three letters to blighted property owners. Fiscal Officer Kilpatrick reported that her mailbox was smashed soon after.

Commissioner Bell reported that Mike Reiter, Director of SEO Joint Solid Waste District, has said they will be paying the \$44,000 to clean up and close down the Morgan County yard waste facility, permanently.

There was continued discussion regarding Dr. Gandolf's veterinary proposal.

The Commissioners discussed Mark Zanghi's opinion regarding Dearth Alley. The Commissioners decided to move forward with the request.

The Commissioners contacted Jennifer Bunger regarding her concerns with Buttermilk Road. It is a township issue.

The Commissioners agreed on Thursday, December 18 for the Employee Christmas Potluck. Commissioner Bell will provide the pulled pork and the Commissioners will provide chicken strips.

Commissioner Prouty reported he and Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, viewed properties that will soon be turned over to the Prosecutor's Office for criminal action.

Commissioner Cameron asked about the estimated cost of refurbishing the 44 North 4th Street building. There was continued discussion.

Don Madden, Projects Manager; Zack Forker, Assistant Projects Manager and Eric Reed, Port Authority Director met with the Commissioners and asked them to consider the following:

RESOLUTION 25-1022 the Board of County Commissioners declare an Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Matter of the Muskingum County Commissioners. This session ended about 10:12 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron placed a call to Josh Jones of Genesis to inform him that Gene Hanning of Washington Township has concerns with Genesis' placement of a medical module office at Eastpoint Industrial Park.

Commissioner Prouty reported that Maintenance will be using the new lift to wash the Courthouse windows.

Also, that the tree is coming down at the EMA office.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, reported that he met with Cole Ryan of APG Architects who recommends formal bidding of their design for the 44 North 4th Street building.

The Commissioners discussed with Kade, the Mayor's emails about his discussions with AEP regarding the removal of the electric towers on downtown County property. Kade will call the Mayor and let him know that he has been handling the situation with AEP.

Other updates from Kade:

** Courtroom remodel updates from DLZ

** Rural Services power washing and landscaping

** Reviewed Budget meetings scheduled

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**Center for Seniors retaining wall; waiting on engineering
** 44 North 4th Street design discussion

Jason Baughman, Chief Building Inspector and Pam Davis, Human Resources, met with the Commissioners to discuss their interviews with potential employees for the Building Department. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 25-1023 approve the employment of David Herron as Building Inspector for the Muskingum County Building Department, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments. Starting wage will be \$35 per hour. Performance evaluation will take place after 90 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

The Commissioners received a notice from MEOAG that the Community Service Block Grant application is ready for review.

The following was considered for personnel:

RESOLUTION 25-1024 the Board of County Commissioners moved to go into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official of Muskingum County. This session ended approximately 11:45 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

RESOLUTION 25-1025 authorize a wage increase for Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist, Muskingum County, of an additional \$1.00 per hour to be effective October 28, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Prouty, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

The Commissioners talked with Mark Eicher, County Engineer, about the roof on the maintenance facility on the Engineer's property. He is getting estimates.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch to resume session at 1:00 p.m.

The Clerk did not return after lunch because of a family medical appointment.

Mark Zanghi came in to discuss the following:

- Chandlersville Rd property
- Center for Seniors building wall
- Center for Seniors Board, need an update on by laws
 - Mark will follow-up with Director Kate Paul

Pam Davis, Mackenzie Hill, Medben & Forker came to discuss the renewal of insurance for the county.

The following legislation was now considered:

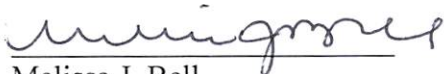
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RES 25-1026 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the MedBen Stop Loss Renewal Endorsement with North River Insurance, effective January 01, 2026. Requested by Pam Davis, Human Resources. Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:08 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Prouty.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron