

Minutes for Monday, October 27, 2025

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 25-1044 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 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.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 25-1045 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001 for the cost associated with the purchase of the Flock Group, Inc Camera system, for the Muskingum County Prosecutors Office, as requested by Ron Welch, Prosecutor.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment & Maintenance	001-105-506001	\$46,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 25-1046 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 009, 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>
Supplies & Other Expenses	009-368-503001	\$13,810.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 25-1047 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Rachael Dille, Finance Manager of Juvenile Court, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-244-504171-Child Support	001-244-502013	\$1,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

RESOLUTION 25-1048 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners Office, as requested by Kacey Stackhouse, Deputy Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment & Maintenance	001-115-506001	\$10,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

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Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2025 session.

Commissioner Cameron seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 session.

Commissioner Prouty seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell reported the following update from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services regarding the 2024 single audit for the Muskingum County Job and Family Services:

“Based on a review of the audit, there were no questioned costs or costs recommended for disallowance. The audit reported no administrative findings, no uncorrected previous year findings, and no management letter recommendations related to programs passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.”

The following was also received regarding the 2024 single audit of the Muskingum County Public Children Services Agency:

“Based on a review of the audit, there were no questioned costs or costs recommended for disallowance. The audit reported no administrative findings, no uncorrected previous year findings and no management letter recommendations related to programs passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.”

Pam Davis, Human Resources, was called into session to discuss CORSA renewal of the Courthouse and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 25-1049 accept and sign CORSA Property Valuation Selection for Reproduction Cost of the Muskingum County Courthouse as requested by Pam Davis, Human Resources.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, met with the Commissioners to answer some questions regarding the 2026 General Fund Budget.

The Commissioners continued discussion regarding the Cass Township Solar Project and the request to sign a Development Agreement with EDPR NA Distributed Generation, LLC.

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Mackenzie Hill, Benefits Specialist discussed with the Commissioners Open Enrollment for 2026 and the proposal from QCP for 2026. All agreed to negotiate QCP’s proposal.

Pam and Mackenzie also presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 25-1050 approve a Benefits Premium Holiday for employees and departments for the month of January 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

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Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners to share updates.

- Modern Glass window mockup tomorrow
- Rural Services building –
 - Power washing and landscaping updates
- DLZ – measuring courtroom today
- Budget meetings updates
- Jail updates
- Engineering design 34 N. 4th Street

Corey Hamilton, Health Commissioner, met with the Commissioners to discuss storage at the EMA facility.

- The building is in need of repair at a cost of approximately \$75,000
- There is no agreement for Health Department storage
 - Corey would prefer to pay a lump sum to help with the repair of the building
 - Corey offered to do whatever needs to be done to help during the repairs
 - Commissioner Prouty estimates the repairs will begin in the Spring of 2026

Chris Crook, Redevelopment Specialist, met with the Commissioners with updates.

Danny Brenneman, Director MCJFS, sent the Commissioners an email update on SNAP Benefits for November.

In further discussing the Cass Township solar project, Commissioner Prouty noted the importance of first responder training on solar panels.

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

Mark Redfern, Steve Welker, Rick Walters, Ashlee Spiker Board Members of Brave Beginnings and Roni Kuhn, Director, met with the Commissioners and requested the following:

RESOLUTION 25-1051 the Board of County Commissioners declare an Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation. This session ended about 3:31 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

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It was reported via email that deposits are now being made through Park National and the complete switchover to Park National as the County depository will be made tomorrow, October 28, 2025.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:03 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Cameron.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron