Minutes for Monday, November 02, 2026

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

RES 26-0989 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 Prouty moved to approve the payment of bills & payroll, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Kade Haddox came in to talk about the HVAC grant received. He also gave an update on the AT&T lines at the new jail. He received a request from the OSU Extension office to redo the kitchenette to accommodate for teaching at the Rural Services Building. The Commissioners are ok with them to meet with Eric to see what is needed.

The following legislation was now considered:

RES 26-0990 sign the Bed Rental Agreement for ONE (1) bed and one (1) additional (floating) beds between the County of Muskingum, Ohio and the County of Athens, Ohio for the Detention of Juvenile Offenders. The agreement shall become effective January 01, 2027 thereof by all parties hereto and shall run until and through December 31, 2027.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0991 sign the Bed Rental Agreement for two (2) bed and one (1) additional (floating) beds between the County of Muskingum, Ohio and the County of Guernsey, Ohio for the Detention of Juvenile Offenders. The agreement shall become effective January 01, 2027 thereof by all parties hereto and shall run until and through December 31, 2027.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0992 sign the Bed Rental Agreement for two (2) beds and one & one half (1 & 1/2) additional (floating) beds between the County of Muskingum, Ohio and the County of Coshocton, Ohio for the Detention of Juvenile Offenders. The agreement shall become effective January 01, 2027 thereof by all parties hereto and shall run until and through December 31, 2027.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0993 sign the Bed Rental Agreement for three (3) beds and two (2) additional (floating) beds between the County of Muskingum, Ohio and the County of Knox, Ohio for the Detention of Juvenile Offenders. The agreement shall become effective January 01, 2027 thereof by all parties hereto and shall run until and through December 31, 2027.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0994 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 013, for the Muskingum County Sewer Department, as requested by Peggy Taylor, Office Manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Description	Account Code	Amount
Contract Repairs	013-372-504007	$25,000.00

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

RES 26-0995 rescind Resolution 26-0983 dated October 29, 2026, as requested by Pam Davis, Human Resources.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0996 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Treasurer's Office, as requested by Todd Hixson, Muskingum County Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Description	Account Code	Amount
Bank and Service Fees	001-104-504063	$4,000.00

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

RES 26-0997 authorize Cindy Rodgers to attend the Ohio Recorders' Association 100th Annual Winter Conference at the Ohioan Hotel & Event Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. The conference will run Monday, November 16th through Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

Estimated Expenses:
Hotel (3 nights) Sunday Nov. 15th, Monday Nov. 16th, & Tuesday Nov. 17th
Hotel estimated total $149.00/night plus applicable taxes x 3 = $518.52
Mileage 135.80 miles total (67.90 miles each way) x 76 cents per mile = $103.21
Meals $60.00
Total Estimated cost: $681.73
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0998 authorize the Board to sign the Understanding of Terms & Objectives of the Auditor of State's Office (LGS), requested by Tina Huebner, Auditor.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RES 26-0999 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Delta Dental Renewal Agreement.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Troy Cole from EMA texted the Commissioners to let them know that FEMA is up and running at Newton Fire Station.

RES 26-1000 approve to grant bonuses, to show appreciation, for employees under the Commissioners' Appointing Authority in all Departments' that budgets can accommodate the bonuses for their Department. Bonuses will be issued November 13, 2026 and granted as follows:

Full-time Employees	$	550.00 each
Part-time Employees	$	300.00 each
Probationary Employees	$	175.00 each

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

Mackenzie, Pam and Nikki came in to talk to the Commissioners about virtual care for mental health and urgent care. There were two companies discussed AllyHealth and Recuro. The Commissioners all agreed AllyHealth would be the best fit.

James McDonald from Allwell, Cassi Springer and Rhonda Hanes from Mental Health & Recovery Services, and Sheriff Matthew Lutz came in to present to the Commissioners a discussion for a proposed mental health program.

Don Madden & Zack Forker came in to talk to the Commissioners about the Nashport Water Project and Harrison Township Project.

There was discussion about the trees needing to be cut down at Avondale Youth Center. The Commissioners all agree to have Kade Haddox get estimates for the project.

Commissioner Prouty moved to approve the minutes of October 22, 2026, session.
Commissioner Cameron seconded.
Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2026, session.
Commissioner Prouty seconded.
Vote was Bell, absent; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Chris Crook came in to give monthly updates on the blighted property projects. Chris also addressed an email with the Commissioners from a resident that a letter was sent to.

There was discussion regarding several board appointments expiring for the following boards, Center for Seniors, Children Services, Mental Health & Recovery and Floodplain.

RES 26-1001 appoint Ann Day and Michael Bullock to the Muskingum County Board of Children Services with a term to commence January 01, 2027, and end on December 31, 2030.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners placed a call to Jake Kuhn regarding interest in coming in to talk about serving on the Center for Seniors Board. He agreed to come in on Thursday to meet with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners received an email regarding Muskingum County Credit opinion by Moodys and Moodys stated: Muskingum County credit profile benefits from its strong reserve position and healthy financial operations. Muskingum County has maintained the same rating as in 2024.

Commissioner Prouty reported a resident called on N. Morison Road with a complaint and he referred them to Cass Township Trustees for further investigation.

RES 26-1000 accept and sign the Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Government Aggregation Application.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners called Mark Eicher regarding Arrow Point Drive letter. The letter was sent to Mark & Gary Williams for review. (Informational letter to property owners in area will be sent soon)

The Commissioners called Ronnie Kuhn from Brave Beginnings and left a message.

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