

Minutes for November 13, 2023

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks
Staff Present: Beth Iden/Susan Reese

RES 23-1178 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, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1179 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 088, for the Muskingum County Commissioners (ARPA), as requested by Eric Reed, County Administrator.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MARCS Radios	088-103-503022	\$210.02

Township & Village Radio Upgrades
(Wayne Twp)

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

The Commissioners will be attending a S.E.A.T. meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library.

Commissioner Cameron called Stacy Russell, Library, to confirm the Straker Foundation presentation with an author on Dec. 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., Secrest.

Commissioner Cameron called Kate Paul, Center for Seniors Director, to confirm the date for F.O.P luncheon. The date is Dec. 15, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bell asked Commissioner Crooks about the township meeting. Commissioner Crooks said the attendance was small.

The Courthouse nativity scene will be up for display starting on November 17, 2023.

Commissioner Crooks talked to Wayne Clark about the Veterans banners that are displayed on the city streets. The banners are \$50.00 each, there are 250 for sale and they have sold 90. Applications are available on line and you have to provide name, branch and picture of the veteran.

The Commissioners Annual Potluck will be held on December 4, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The employees are being asked to consider bringing a donated item for the K-9 Adoption Center.

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Commissioner Cameron asked if they need an MOU for the SR719 sign from Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, for Coconis.

CGI will be notified to remove the County video from the website.

Jeff Jadwin, EMA Director, was asked to return a call to Dan McPeck regarding who is trained for 911 dispatch.

Commissioner Crooks will be attending a Maysville Business Advisory meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Don Madden, Projects Manager, came to give updates to Commissioners.

- Norfield Rd - Arch Hill
- Virginia Ridge - Irish Ridge
- Licking View Sewer
- Maysville Water Contract signed
- Weber Force Main
- Rt 666 – Memory Rd

RESOLUTION 23-1184 declare an Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Contract Negotiation Matter of the Muskingum County Water Department. This session ended about 9:39 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Susan Reese, Clerk, joined session at 9:32 a.m.

Don discussed current water rates with the Commissioners. He has no intention of raising rates at this time.

Don discussed the Water Department budget – fund 014.

The Commissioners left at 10:15 to attend a SouthEast Area Transit meeting at the Library.

Session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Debra Nye, County Auditor and Tina Huebner, Chief Deputy came to discuss their 2024 Budget.

Pam Davis, Human Resources and Robbie Frame, Housekeeping Supervisor, came to meet with the Commissioners and the following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1180 declare an Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Discipline Matter of the Muskingum County Housekeeping. This session ended about 2:21 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

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RESOLUTION 23-1181 approve three day Unpaid Administrative Leave as Disciplinary Action for Teresa Stapleton, Muskingum County Maintenance/Housekeeping; Wednesday, November 15, Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1182 acknowledge termination of Teresa Perdue, Muskingum County Maintenance/Housekeeping, during Probationary Period to be effective November 13, 2023.
Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Kate Paul and Chad Tyson from the Center for Seniors, came to discuss their 2024 Budget. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1183 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Ohio Department of Aging Request for Funds for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors Healthy Aging Grant.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Judge Martin, Robert Smith, Allen Bennett and Todd Fitz from Juvenile Court and Detention came to discuss their 2024 Budget with the Commissioners.

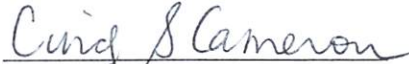
- They will be needing new phones (50) and phone system next year
- The cost of food and supplies has increased
- They have calculated a 5% wage increase for 2024
- The increase to Tuscarawas County has resulted in an additional \$50-70,000 in revenue
- Judge Martin discussed the need for security when his current officer retires next year

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


- Avondale
 - Preliminary cost by the end of the week
 - Schedule a meeting with Candy Emmert and Gary King to discuss
- Appalachian Community Grant
 - December 8 deadline
- CBD Advisors
 - Call Friday; 9:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Crooks reported that she talked with Kyle Petty from CCAO about the funding monies available
- Fair Board Meeting
 - Tuesday, November 14; Eric will be attending
- Discussion regarding visiting local businesses
 - Eric and Susan will work on scheduling

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:39 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Crooks.

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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.