

Minutes for November 14, 2022

Commissioners Present: Crooks, Porter, Cameron
Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 22-1137 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.
Vote was Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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

Robert Smith, Court Director and Allen Bennett, Detention Supervisor of Juvenile Court came to discuss their 2023 Budget
Allen also explained that the \$58,000 reimbursement from DYS for the camera project has not been applied for and that is the Commissioners' responsibility. However, he would like for DYS to re-appropriate/re-purpose \$40,000 of that money to update the current security system. The Commissioners agreed to ask for the reimbursement first and then consider using the funds for the security system.
The Clerk will talk with Vicki Vallee, Financial Supervisor, at Juvenile about reimbursement process.
Allen also expressed the desire to upgrade the Court cameras in Detention and the Courtroom. There are possible grant opportunities.

Mitch Given with Mitch Given Consulting representing The Empowerment Alliance came to present to the Commissioners the "Gas is Green" initiative. The following was then considered:

RESOLUTION 22-1138 WHEREAS, America has a abundant supply of natural gas
The U.S. has been the world's top producer of natural gas since 2011, when it overtook Russia, and it has been a net exporter since 2017.(1)
The Energy Information Administration (EIA) if the US Department of Energy estimates that the United States has enough natural gas to last for nearly another 100 years..(2)
Ohio is now the nations sixth largest producer of natural gas, with a production total of 2.33 billion cubic feet in 2020. (3)

WHEREAS, natural gas is America's most affordable energy source
Innovations and increases in America's natural gas production have saved and average family of four \$2,500 per year. From 2007 to 2019, that's \$203 billion dollars in annual savings for American consumers. (4)
WHEREAS, natural gas helps drive economic development in Ohio
In 2019, there were \$375,210 jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry in Ohio-5.3% of state employment. (5)
In 2019, Ohio workers with jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry earned an average of \$65,832 a year. (5)
From 2011 to 2018, 700 new businesses were established across Ohio to support the shale industry, bringing in over \$63.9 billion in new investment. (6)
WHEREAS, natural gas is also environmentally friendly
Using natural gas to generate energy results in fewer emissions of nearly all types of air pollutants, including carbon dioxide, compared to other fossil fuels. (7)
According to the Environmental Protection Agency, since 1970, combined emissions of key air pollutants have dropped by 78 percent in the United States. (8)
The United States Methane emissions were 10 percent lower in 2020 compared to 2005, despite the United States increasing production of natural gas by nearly 100 percent between 2005 to 2020. (9)

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Since 2005, two-thirds of the power sector greenhouse gas emissions reductions are a direct result of the switch to natural gas. (“ Natural Gas: A boom to the U.S. Economy...and Environment,” Energy in Depth, 4/19/18) WHEREAS, in July 2022, the European Union has designated natural gas as a source of green energy (10) WHEREAS, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH 12) has introduced legislation in the United States Congress that would recognize natural gas as a green energy source (h.RES.1148, Introduced 5/31/22) WHEREAS, recognizing natural gas as a source of green energy would support United States production of natural gas and natural gas infrastructure improvement and help identify and remove barriers to the production of natural gas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio does hereby strongly urge the United States Congress and state of Ohio to recognize American produced natural gas as a source of abundant, affordable, green energy.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye.

Motion carried.

Eric Reed, ARPA Compliance Officer, came to update the Commissioners.

- Avondale
 - Lighting is completed on the interior of the main building only
- Fairgrounds
 - Bleacher backs
 - Eric asked who the contracting authority will be and if the project will need to be bid
 - Commissioner Porter wants the project to be completed before he leaves. Let the Fair Board proceed in the process as long as Eric is involved; getting estimates and putting project together
 - Clean Face
 - Eric will help in facilitating the priority list
 - Eric contacted Jeremy Davis, Architect, to inform him that the project will be moving forward. He also asked Jeremy about ADA requirements

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

Kate Paul, Director and Chad Tyson, Financial Officer of the Center for Seniors came to discuss their 2023 Budget.

They also updated the Commissioners on their daily congregate and delivered meals.

- 75-100 congregate
- 450-500 delivered
- 430 commodity participates monthly

They have also partnered with Goodwill for a receptionist at the Center.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, brought down a request from the Prosecutor and the following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 22-1139

approve the establishment of new fund, number 016, which does not require approval of the State Auditor’s Office, and line items as requested by Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Muskingum County Prosecutors Office

ESTABLISH NEW FUND

Purpose of New Fund

All money received pursuant to a Pre-Trial Diversion Program Agreement entered under Section 2935.36 of the Revised Code

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of Ohio shall be deposited into the "Prosecuting Attorney's pre-trial diversion program fund". Moneys in that fund may be appropriated only to the Prosecuting Attorney for the purpose of providing a pre-trial diversion program

Fund Number 016
Fund Name Prosecuting Attorney's Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fund
Department 105
CFDA # N/A
Classification Special Revenue Fund Type: County

LINE ITEMS TO BE CREATED

Revenue:

Description	Fund	Dept.	Account Code
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	016	000	405063
Program Participation Fees	016	000	405064

Expenditures:

Description	Fund	Dept.	Account Code
Employee Salaries	016	105	501002
Medicare	016	105	502001
PERS	016	105	502003
Insurance	016	105	502004
Contract Services	016	105	504001

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

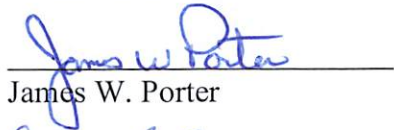
Roll Call: Crooks, aye; Porter, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

The Commissioners began discussion regarding the Jail Grant Application.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



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.