

Minutes for December 15, 2025

Commissioners Present: Bell, Prouty, Cameron
Staff Present: Susan Reese

The Commissioners attended a Landbank meeting at 8:00 a.m.

RES 25-1234 Meeting was called to order at 8:15 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 the payroll, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Vote was Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Mark Eicher, Matt Russell and Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Engineer's 2026 Budget.
The Engineer presented a list of 2026 equipment needs. There was much discussion regarding possible scenarios for the purchase of said equipment. No decision was made.

RESOLUTION 25-1235 open bids for Jail Meal Services for the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 25-1236 take bids under advisement for Jail Meal Services for the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

Howard Stewart, SEAT Director, met with the Commissioners to update the Commissioners with SEAT's annual statistics and report.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 25-1237 approve and authorize the ADVANCE of Funds from Fund 014 & 055 to Fund 180 & 140 for the Muskingum County Projects Department as requested by Don Madden, Projects Manager, as follows:

<u>ADVANCE OF MONIES</u>		
<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>

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014-373-510001-Advanced Out 180-000-414001-Advance In \$500,000.00
 055-372-510001-Advance Out 140-000-414001-Advance In \$500,000.00
 Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
 Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1238 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign Pay App #4 for the Norwich Valley-Pidcock Road Water Project. This Pay App is for \$23,813.25 for Muskingum Site Services, LLC.
 Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
 Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1239 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign Pay App #3 for the Norwich Valley-Pidcock Road Water Project. This Pay App is for \$92,225.65 for Muskingum Site Services, LLC
 Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
 Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1240 authorize Melissa J. Bell to sign Pay App #21 and the OWDA reimbursement form for the Licking View Sanitary Sewer Project. This Pay App is for \$103,985.29 for Zemba Bros, INC.
 Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.
 Roll Call: Bell, aye; Prouty, aye; Cameron, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1241 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 091, for the Muskingum County Board of Elections, as requested by Lindsay Peadon, Director.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment & Maintenance	091-112-506001	\$30,997.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-1242 approve the Decrease in Appropriations & Increase in Appropriations of Funds within Fund Number 162, for the Muskingum County Center For Seniors, as requested by Kate Paul, Executive Director.

DECREASE IN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Frozen Meals	162-005-503048	\$9,500.00

INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Frozen Meals	162-008-503048	\$9,500.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-1243 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 162 as requested by Kate Paul, Executive Director, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
162-007-501002-Employee Salaries	162-007-503045-Activities Supplies	\$2,500.00

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

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RESOLUTION 25-1244 accept & sign the Muskingum County Children Services Board Memorandum of understanding to Address Child Abuse & Neglect, requested by Candy Emmert, Executive Director of Children Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1245 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Kacey Stackhouse, Deputy Clerk, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-102-504120-Advertising & Printing	001-102-504022-Professional Services	\$500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-1246 approve the employment of Sarah House, for the position of Clerical Specialist III in the Child Support Division, contingent upon passage of the pre-employment assessments.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

Kade Haddox, County Administrator, met with the Commissioners and presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 25-1247 accept proposal from Tom Bash of Painters Plus for the painting of the interior of the Juvenile Building as follows:

- Lobby \$4,200
- Both Courtrooms \$6,505
- Back hall \$7,897
- West hall \$8,920
- Probation \$6,475

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Prouty.

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

Motion carried.

- Kade also presented 2026 Budget Updates
- 44 North 4th Street renovation should be ready to bid mid-January

The Commissioners left to attend the SEO Joint Solid Waste meeting in Caldwell.

They returned approximately 2:15 p.m.

Matt Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer and Mike Norman, Chief Strategy Officer Genesis Healthcare System, met with the Commissioners to discuss the impact of the County's ARPA contributions to Genesis.

- They also discussed some of their challenges and the Healthy Path Plan they offer to employers
- They gave an update on the modular clinic at EastPointe
- OUZ/Zane State Partnership - Future Healers

There was discussion regarding Holiday Pay for Christmas Eve. Employees are to work/vacation time/personal time equal to 4.5 hours and receive 3.5 hours Holiday Pay.

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Commissioner Bell brought to the Board's attention, HB 627 introduced by Rep. Jason Stephens, that aims to give county commissioners power to veto proposed scenic river designations within their counties by adopting a resolution.

She also mentioned CCAO Counties Current News stating there is a \$1million grant to update Land Use Plans. \$50,000 available per county for Land Use Plan updates and \$25,000 per county for Farm Preservation Plans with a 10% county match.

The Commissioners made Andy Roberts, GIS Director, aware and he will contact Lacey Harrier at Soil and Water, work on the application and report back.


There was continued discussion regarding the NorthPointe/Military traffic light request from Mayor Mason. The Commissioners agreed on the following response to the City:

“After careful discussion and consideration, we are not prepared at this time to move forward with providing support for this project. Our current capacity and available resources are committed to several significant priorities that are already underway.

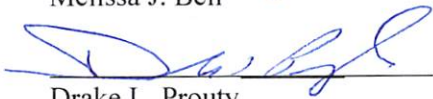
In particular, we have met with ODOT about our traffic concerns in that area and we are actively working with the County Engineer on a \$250,000 OMEGA grant to complete a comprehensive traffic study focused on the Dillon School area, Northpointe, and State Route 146. This effort is intended to address existing and anticipated traffic safety concerns, improve traffic flow, and support future development in that corridor. Given the scope and importance of these commitments, we are unable to take on additional projects at this time.”

The Commissioners placed a call to Prosecutor Welch who was not available.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.



Melissa J. Bell



Drake L. Prouty



Cindy S. Cameron