

Minutes for December 18, 2023

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 23-1309 Meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Crooks and the second of Commissioner Cameron.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting, Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron .

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the payroll, pending review.

Seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1310 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 001, for the Muskingum County Commissioners, as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supplies & Other Expenses	001-116-503001	\$1,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1311 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Beth Iden, Deputy Clerk, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-102-506001-Equip & Maint.	001-102-504022-Professional Services	\$1,300.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1312 Whereas; the Muskingum County Land Reutilization Corporation has made three sites within Muskingum County priorities to apply for Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation funds,

And Whereas; these projects will have an overall positive impact on the county and community as a whole,

And Whereas; the Muskingum County Commissioners are desirous to support the efforts of the Muskingum County Land Reutilization Corporation,

Therefore Be it Resolved; that this Board of Muskingum County Commissioners hereby lend their support to the application for Brownfield funding for: Assessment of the Philo Power Plant (Philo, Ohio), Remediation of the Putnam Point Project (302 Putnam Ave, Zanesville) and to the ongoing efforts to remediate and clean up the former Lear Site (2200 Linden Ave, Zanesville)

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, absent at the time of voting; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

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The Commissioners worked on the 2024 General Budget.

It was noted that the Commissioners received Court Orders from Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Probate Courts ordering the Commissioners to approve their submitted budgets.

Commissioner Bell arrived to session at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Crooks reported on an Arts Council meeting she attended and suggested considering a financial grant for the Council.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor; Starr Jenkins and Kelly Ashby, Visitors' Bureau; Mayor Mason; Pam Davis, County Human Resources, were present to discuss the 2023 year and the future of the Lorena.

Representatives from WHIZ News and The Times Recorder were also present.

Kelly and Starr reported that this has been the smoothest year yet

- Being online and selling tickets online has helped tremendously
- Starr distributed a balance sheet of revenue and expenses for the vessel

The Mayor requested the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 23-1313 declare an Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter pertaining to the Lorena of Muskingum County. This session ended about 10:37 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Coast Guard requesting an extension through the 2024 season, at Captain Page's request.

It was also agreed that an underwriter would be hired to inspect the vessel before the 2024 season begins.

The City owes \$8,526.58 for their portion of 2023 expenses.

The County owes a remainder of \$3,526.58 for their portion of 2023 expenses.

Starr will invoice the City and County for their respective amounts.

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

- Per the recommendation of both Eric Ratts of DLZ and Brian Addis of APG, it is time to start the CMR process
 - Eric Reed has briefed Laura Bowman, Bricker Graydon, who said they can start once authorized by the county
 - The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1314 authorize Bricker Graydon to draft the Construction Manager at Risk-Request for Qualifications for the New County Jail Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

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Eric and Andy Roberts have set up dates for Zoning meetings.

- January 9
- January 11
- January 29
 - All to begin at 6pm
 - No location has been set, yet
 - Eric will handle securing the locations for the meetings and report back

Eric will submit two projects to Adam Holmes' office for Community Projects as part of the State Capital Budget.

- OTSCIF – Muskingum County Water Plant
- Traditional – Avondale Youth Center – HVAC Upgrade

Eric also presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION 23-1315 agree to submit the Muskingum County Water Plant Upgrade to the FY25-26 One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund as Muskingum County's top ranked project.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

RESOLUTION 23-1316 agree to submit the Avondale Youth Center HVAC Upgrade Project to the FY25-26 Capital Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

The Commissioners attended Investment Committee beginning at 11:10 a.m. and adjourning at 11:29 a.m.

Kate Paul, Director, Muskingum County Center for Seniors, came to meet with the Board and the following was considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1317 declare an Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel and Union Negotiation Matters pertaining to the Muskingum County Center for Seniors. This session ended about 11:50 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

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

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the December 04, 2023 session.

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

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 session.

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

Commissioner Cameron asked it be noted that the \$1 million renovation for Avondale is not all County monies. Avondale has secured a grant for a significant portion of the expense.

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The Commissioners worked on the 2024 County General Budget. It was noted that the Commissioners now also received a Court Order from Juvenile Court for approval of their 2024 Budget.

There was discussion regarding a visit for the Commissioners, that Eric Ratts, of DLZ, has recommended to the manufacturer in Georgia that makes the jail pods. The dates of January 17 and 18 are being considered. DLZ will make the arrangements once it is decided who will be going.

In working on the budget, the Commissioners placed a call to John Deal at the Sheriff's Office regarding the new deputy for the Juvenile Court building. That expense will be paid by the Sheriff's Office.

The Commissioners considered the following:

RESOLUTION 23-1318 approve wage increases for employees of the Muskingum County Center for Seniors, effective December 18, 2023, as follows:

Melissa Ann Caplinger to	\$13.84
Carol E. Morgan to	\$13.84
Jodi L. Paul to	\$24.27
Tiera H. Rock McGuire to	\$23.02
Erica D. Silvia to	\$18.60
Carol A. Stanojevich to	\$13.16
Benjamin Houston to	\$12.46
Chad Tyson to	\$30.42
Jill Jones to	\$17.60
Karen McHenry to	\$19.80
Debra Moore to	\$19.25

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

There was continued discussion regarding the request from Spectrum to pass a resolution in support against AEP.

- Commissioner Bell would like to hear the "other-side" of the story before signing anything
- Commissioner Cameron reported that Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor recommended the Commissioners not get in the middle of the situation and Kevin from CBD Advisors had the same opinion
 - Commissioner Cameron is not willing to sign
- Commissioner Crooks asked if the Board would like to hear from Spectrum
- Commissioner Bell felt we've already heard from Spectrum through the email they sent
- Commissioner Crooks will respond to Ashley from Spectrum that the Commissioners are not inclined to pass a resolution

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Crooks.



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.