

Minutes for December 21, 2023

Commissioners Present: Cameron, Bell, Crooks

Staff Present: Susan Reese

RES 23-1319 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Bell.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye, Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the payment of bills, pending review.
Seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1320 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Final Loan Exhibit for Ohio Water Development Authority for the Leffler Road-Baughman Run Road, Roseville Water Main Extension.
Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, absent at the time of voting. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1321 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 002 as requested by Stephanie Spencer, Chief Administrator, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002-502-501002-Employee Salaries	002-502-504403-Veterinarian Expenses	\$1,800.00
002-502-502001-Medicare	002-502-504403-Veterinarian Expenses	\$ 200.00
002-502-502003-PERS	002-502-504403-Veterinarian Expenses	\$ 500.00
002-502-502004-Insurance	002-502-504403- Veterinarian Expenses	\$ 496.40
002-502-502009-Workers Comp	002-502-504403- Veterinarian Expenses	\$2,227.32

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

RESOLUTION 23-1322 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Release of Mortgage form for the mortgage of Michael & Coleen Thomas, in the original amount of \$30,000.00 for the Muskingum County Community Housing Improvement Program. This request was submitted by Kyle Dunn, Program Director.

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

RESOLUTION 23-1323 WHEREAS, a petition has been submitted by Jefferson Township Trustees with the object and prayer being to vacate a portion of an alley in the Irondale Addition (Plat Book 2, Page 146), Jefferson Township, Quarter Township 4, Township 3 North, Range 8 West, Muskingum County, State of Ohio.
It appears the alley was never constructed and hasn't been in use, except for the portion just south of 13th Street, as a driveway. All property owners on both sides of the alley have access to their properties by using Sampson Street and Dewey Street. No existing parcels will be landlocked by vacating this portion of said alley.

The proposed vacation request will include the following:

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This is a proposed vacation of a portion of an unnamed alley in Irondale Addition to Dresden (Plat Book 2, page 146) in Jefferson Township. Said alley is between Sampson Street and Dewey Street. The portion of alley proposed to be vacated is between 13th Street and the south line of Lots 206 and 241 in the Irondale Addition.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. be fixed as the time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet at the above points to view the location and to go over the proposed vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. be fixed as the date and time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet in their office, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio for the final hearing on the matter of vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give notice of the time and place for both such viewing and hearing on the matter of vacation to be given by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Times Recorder, to be published in issues dated December 28, 2024 and January 04, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give written notice of the dates of the viewing and hearing to the following individuals: Clerk of the Jefferson Township Trustees, Muskingum County Engineer; Director of Natural Resources and the following property owners:

Walter and Patrica Stevens;

Tony Marcum;

Ross and Jordyn Heath;

Ken Sheffield;

Eleanor James;

William, II and Brea Wade;

Cinda Graham;

Nancy Preston;

William, II and Brea Wade;

Carla Boyer;

Terry and Teresa Nethers;

Brandon Alexander

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1324 acknowledge receipt of the report of cases by the Muskingum County Prosecuting Attorney per the Ohio Revised Code Section 309.16 (A) from the dates of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1325 WHEREAS, a request has been submitted by The Muskingum County Commissioners with the object and prayer being to vacate a portion of El Camino Drive Rodger's Subdivision (Plat Book 8, Page 95), Springfield Township, northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, Muskingum County, State of Ohio.

This portion of El Camino Drive was initially to be the entrance off of State Route 719, but the entrance was built to the south of this location.

The proposed vacation request will include the following:

This is a proposed vacation of a portion of El Camino Drive in Springfield Township. Starting on the north right-of-way of State Route 719, approximately 200' east of June Parkway-North and then northwest for approximately 130'.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Thursday, January 25, 2024; 11:30 a.m. be fixed as the time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet at the above points to view the location and to go over the proposed vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Thursday, February 02, 2024; 11:30 a.m. be fixed as the date and time when the Muskingum County Commissioners will meet in their office, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio for the final hearing on the matter of vacation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give notice of the time and place for both such viewing and hearing on the matter of vacation to be given by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Times Recorder, to be published in issues dated December 29, 2024 and January 01, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to give written notice of the dates of the viewing and hearing to the following individuals: Clerk of the Springfield Township Trustees, Muskingum County Engineer; Director of Natural Resources and the following property owners:

Coconis Holding Corp.

Muskingum County Board of County Commissioners

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1326 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 001 as requested by Maria Kalis, Judge of Domestic Court, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001-247-501002-Salary	001-247-503001-Supplies	\$1,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAYS SIGNED:

**Charter/Spectrum, Zanesville
Clay and Brush Creek Twps
Overhead lines and pole installations
Begin 02.01.2024; completion 03.15.2024**

**Columbia Gas of Ohio, Cambridge
Springfield Twp
Underground line install; Ridge Road
Begin 02.01.2024; completion 05.01.2024**

It was noted that Veterans' Services will be getting a new transportation van and their 2016 van will be available.

- The K-9 Adoption Center was discussed and the Sheriff was called to ask if he might have use for the van
 - The Sheriff said he might be interested and will contact the Larry Daniels next week for more information

The Commissioners worked on the 2024 General Budget.

Mark Zanghi, Assistant Prosecutor, came to present the following for consideration:

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RESOLUTION 23-1327 accept and sign the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Settlement Statement between the Board of County Commissioners, Muskingum and Producers Services, LLC for 31 parcels at 109 Graham Street, Zanesville, Ohio.
Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.
Roll Call: Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye. Motion carried.

Gene Tayhi joined session as a visitor.

The Commissioners continued working on the 2024 General Budget.

Corey Hamilton and Erin Wood of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department, came to discuss their 2024 Budget.

- They currently have 71 staff and the 2024 budget includes 4-5 new positions
- They are waiting on County IT to determine the budget for IT maintenance

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

- Zoning Meetings will be January 9; January 11 and January 29
- Eric has notified Laura at Bricker Graydon regarding initiating the CMR
- Avondale
 - Jeremy from APG notified Eric that he would have a fee schedule by the first of the year

Don Madden and Zack Forker from the Projects Department came to update the Commissioners on the Maysville Water Extension project.

Pam Davis, Human Resources, came to present to the Commissioners the following recommendation of the Center for Seniors' Board for consideration:

RESOLUTION 23-1328 approve, upon recommendation of Center for Seniors Board, a 15% wage increase for Executive Director, Kate Paul as follows:

From \$29.72 per hour to \$34.18 per hour to be effective December 18, 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Brandon Daniels, Jennifer Porter and Will Dagpin of AEP came at the Commissioners' request to discuss Spectrum's complaint against them to the PUCO.

Spectrum has asked the Board of Commissioners to write a letter of support to PUCO against AEP.

Commissioner Cameron shared that our County Prosecutor has said this is not the Commissioners' call and not in our best interest to offer a letter of support.


The Commissioners adjourned to attend a meeting with Lydia Mihalik, Director of Ohio Department of Development at Mid-East's CDL Center.

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With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Bell and the second of Commissioner Cameron.


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.