

Minutes for December 28, 2020

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

RES 20-1219 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Crooks and the second of Commissioner Porter.

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

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

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

Commissioner Porter made a comment regarding Commissioner Cameron's comment on Unified Command about the Red Cross not helping with power outages at the nursing homes, because of COVID.

- Commissioner Porter thinks the nursing homes would have a plan in place in case they lost their generator
- He thinks we're being a little hard on the Red Cross, they're mostly volunteers, they can't do it all
 - Commissioner Cameron said there are at least three that do get paid
 - She didn't feel she was being hard on them but, she had heard that we had been denied help other times

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 20-1220 acknowledge the resignation of Christina Hamill as Muskingum County Treasurer to be effective December 31, 2020 midnight.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1221 WHEREAS, a vacancy exists effective January 1, 2021 in the office of County Treasurer by reason of the resignation of the incumbent; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.02 (F), that Todd Hixson be and hereby is, appointed acting County Treasurer, effective January 1, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1222 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign Pay Application Number 3 for the Pembroke Force Main, Railroad Crossing with Pipe Bridge Project in the amount of \$134,173.84.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1223 authorize the signing of the archaeological agreement with Professional Archaeological Services Team (PAST) for an archaeological review of the project area to be submitted to Ohio EPA-DEFA for the Zane Trace Road, South Cove Lane, Southern

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Road, West Union Road, Sundale Road, Zane Grey Road, East Wheeling Road, Flat Lane, and Peach Lane, Water Main Extension, in the amount of \$2,248.35.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1224 approve and authorize the repayment of a Transfer In of monies to Muskingum County Fund 055-000-101000 Sewer Department from Fund 140 Weber Lift Station as requested by the Projects Department. The repayment of the Transfer will be in the amount of \$198,831.61.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1225 authorize that Chad Bay, Muskingum County Sewer Department, be granted prior service credit 4.583 years to reflect his prior service to: Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District.

05.16.2016 – 12.16.2020 = 4.583 years

In addition, he is eligible to have his Accrued Sick Leave balance of 123.50 hours transferred to Muskingum County.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1226 authorized to sign the Exhibit 1 for the Water Supply Revolving Loan with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the North Moose Eye, Lodge Road, Maplebrook Road, Nel-Da-Mar, Tammy Circle, McKinley Road, and Tavenner Boulevard, Waterline Extension Project. This Exhibit will allow Muskingum County to access Appalachian Regional Commission funds for the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1227 approve the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds within Fund Number 088, for the Muskingum County Auditor, as requested by Michael Babcock, Chief Administrator.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cares Act Fund	088-103-501010 COVID Reimbursements	\$258,111.00

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1228 acknowledge receipt of the application by Ronald L Welch, Prosecuting Attorney and entry by Judges Fleegle and Cottrill pursuant to ORC Section 309.06, to fix an aggregate sum for the compensation of his assistants, victim witness coordinator, clerks, stenographers, interns and investigators in the amount of \$1,251,863.00 from the county general fund, of \$40,400.00 from the fund provided for the State Grant, \$34,983.54 from the fund provided for the Federal Grant, and of \$60,000.00 from the fund provided for the Prosecuting Attorney pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.261, being \$1,387,246.54 in the aggregate.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

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Commissioner Crooks reported that a representative from Mason Kennels called after session last Monday.

- If order placed Monday, 10-12 week delivery

Commissioner Porter asked Commissioner Cameron if she reported on this Welcome Center meeting she attended.

- Commissioner Cameron thought she did
 - It was a meeting at Brian Addis's office about The Convention Facilities purchasing the AEP building

Commissioner Porter asked if there had been a meeting set up with Corey Hamilton from the Health Department regarding Sheetz' request to purchase parking lots on Elberon and Shinnick...no.

Commissioner Porter asked if the Board had an opinion about sending a letter to the Fire Departments regarding input on Fire Districts.

- Consolidates equipment
- Run by a board
- Places Fire Departments in quadrants
- Commissioner Crooks asked how that affects levies
 - Possibly a district levy

Commissioner Cameron reported that a staffer from Troy Balderson's office sent a text saying that if the Governor signs SB 310 we'll have additional time to spend the CARES money.

Debra Nye, Auditor, brought down a large batch of invoices to be signed for CARES monies.

The Commissioners met with Russell Edgington, Park District Director, via GoggleMeets. Russell gave an update on the Park District

- They have had some delays on West View Public Park because of concrete work
- Most programs were cancelled because of COVID
 - Planning some virtual programs
- Warner Grant provided for an observation platform on the Muskingum River at Ellis Dam Road
- Linear Active donated services on Collegiate Trails
 - Muskingum Recreational Trail to be completed 2023
- Mission Oaks Gardens not closing
 - Working on additional funding
 - Contract position for gardening
 - Mike still conducting general maintenance and mowing
- Negotiating with City regarding revenue stream
- FB followings have increased

Commissioner Cameron asked for a Certificate of Appreciation for Dante Jacolene for his service to the Engineer's Office. He will be retiring January 12.

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

Commissioner Porter said in thinking about the Red Cross remarks during Unified Command and earlier today in session, he noted that he was without electricity himself over the weekend and didn't even think of the Red Cross to help with that. We can't expect them to pick up the slack. If there had been a fire they would have been there.

Commissioner Cameron said she didn't think she was being harsh in her remarks.

RESOLUTION 20-1229 declare an Executive Session at 1:33 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing for Muskingum County IS Director. This session ended about 3:20 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1230 approve the promotion of Robert W. Moore II to Information Services Director for Muskingum County effective December 29, 2020.

Starting wage will be \$43.02 per hour working 40 hours per week, with the potential of a \$.50 an hour increase upon the successful completion of a 180 day probationary period.

The Board will require monthly in-person reports from Robert, as well as, a 90 day, mid-probationary period evaluation.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

There was continued discussion regarding the promotion of Robert to the Information Services position.

The following resolution was considered at the request of Debra Nye, Auditor:

RESOLUTION 20-1231 BASED ON Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CARES Act") Guidance and the Fund 088 designed to provide ready funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio does hereby authorize to use the money from Fund 088 for the Sheriff's Department/Public Safety payroll expenses and to approve the reimbursement to the General Fund in the amount of \$964,327.04.

Motion made by Commissioner Porter, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

RESOLUTION 20-1232 approve and authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the Change Order Number One (1) in the amount of \$154,954.00 for additions:

- Indoor and Outdoor Kennel Materials and Labor as Bid, on Bid Form Dated September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$149,704.00
- Add Seven Floor Drains inside the building for cleaning purposes in the amount \$5,250.00
- Time Extension is also requested due to Lead Time to produce and deliver kennels being 14 weeks allowing two weeks for installation

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- **TIME EXTENSION IS GRANTED ONLY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE KENNELS**

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Cameron.

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

Motion carried.

The Commissioners signed the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation letter of acknowledgement.

The Clerk was asked to contact Corey Hamilton, Health Commissioner, to arrange a meeting to discussion Sheetz' request.


There was continued discussion regarding Commissioners' office work schedules.

- Commissioner Cameron said she expressed her opinion last week with concerns of everyone working at the same time
 - Commissioners Porter and Crooks said whatever the staff is comfortable with
- Commissioner Cameron reported that Cindy Rodgers was very nice in asking about the hiring of Kacey from her office.
- Commissioner Cameron suggested a possible exit interview with Kacey with Cindy Rodgers and/or Pam

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:22 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Cameron and the second of Commissioner Porter.


Cindy S. Cameron


Mollie S. Crooks


James W. Porter

This is a condensed version of today's session. For a more detailed account, feel free to request a DVD recording.