

Minutes for December 28, 2023

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

RES 23-1229 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, aye. Motion carried.

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

The following legislation was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1330 approve the line item transfer of monies within Fund Number 055 as requested by Don Madden, Projects Director, as follows:

LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
055-372-506001	055-372-510002	\$24,174.82

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

RESOLUTION 23-1331 approve the fund to fund transfer of monies for the Muskingum County Sewer Department as requested by Don Madden, Projects Director, as follows:

FUND TRANSFER OF MONIES

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
055-372-510002	173-000-414002	\$24,174.82

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

RESOLUTION 23-1332 approve and authorize the repayment of an ADVANCE of monies to Muskingum County General Fund 001 from Fund 134 as requested by Jeff Jadwin, Director of EMA, as follows:

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
134-461-510001-Advance Out	001-000-414001-Advance In	\$21,043.60

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

RESOLUTION 23-1333 approve the payment of invoices incurred in 2022 with 2023 Funds payable to the following vendors for invoice(s) dated prior to encumbrances as requested by Matthew J. Lutz, Sheriff.

<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brandywine Hospital for Pets	4 invoices 08.01.22-9.14.2022	\$381.01
Brandywine Hospital for Pets	08.01.2022 Sargent	\$133.01

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

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RIGHT OF WAYS SIGNED:

Charter:Spectrum

Clay Township; CO Rd 87-E Athens Rd

Utility Pole Installation 4 & work on existing poles

Start Date: 02.01.2024; Completion Date: 03.15.2024

Columbia Gas of Ohio

Union Township; City of Norwich

Replace the entire Distribution System in Norwich with new 2" mainline & 86 Services

Start Date: 2024 Completion Date 10.01.2024

Charter Spectrum

Madison & Adams Township; CO Rd 50 & 70-Stone Church Rd

County Road Work-Underground

Start Date: 01.22.2024; Completion Date: 02.26.2024

Commissioner Cameron informed the Board that the Straker Foundation would be here to present a "Make Muskingum County Home" scholarship, January 3; 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room. The Foundation asked to please keep it a secret from the recipient.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Trudy Matz, a volunteer at the K-9 Adoption Center raised \$1,200 in a recent fundraiser for the Griff Medical Fund. The check will be presented on Friday. Trudy will advise of the time.

A call was placed to the Sheriff regarding a post on Facebook regarding doggy beds for the K-9 Adoption Center. It was wondered why pictures of the bad beds and requests for donations for new beds when the Commissioners have offered to purchase new beds, as many as needed. Just proceed in purchasing and forward the invoice to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cameron reported that Mayor Mason came in yesterday to discuss the letter to the Coast Guard regarding the Lorena.

Robert Moore, IT Director, came to discuss the renewal of the Health Department IT Contract. He would like to increase it by \$500 per month. The Commissioners agreed.

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

- Graham Street property closing; spoke with title office –will be after first of the year
 - A call was placed to Mark Eicher to update
- OMEGA
 - Discussion regarding ACG Press Release
- Eastside Essentials Ribbon Cutting
 - January 3; 3:00 p.m.
- CBD Advisors
 - January 5; 9:00 a.m. – Virtual

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- Avondale
 - APG Design Proposal
 - Mark Zanghi has approved
 - The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1334 authorize Cindy S. Cameron to sign on behalf of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners the proposal to provide professional services for the Avondale HVAC Modernization.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

Zoning Meetings:

January 9; Frazeyburg Elementary

January 11; West Muskingum High School

January 29; Nashport Elementary

All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Commissioners received a return phone call from Sheriff Lutz to report on the Facebook posts about the doggy beds.

- He said volunteers had asked why they were throwing away good beds
- He said the intentions of the Facebook post were good, but message was not clear

The Commissioners continued 2024 Budget discussions.

The following was now considered:

RESOLUTION 23-1335 approves the permanent appropriations for County General Fund 001, submitted December 28, 2023 for Muskingum County for the calendar year 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Crooks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-1336 BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio hereby grants a 3% wage rate increase for non-bargaining unit employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of Muskingum County Commissioners to be effective December 31, 2023;

WITH THE EXCEPTION of those New-Hire employees who are in their 180 day probationary period;

RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Muskingum County, Ohio hereby approves for other General Fund departments, if the elected officials so choose, to grant the increase to their employees if reflected in their 2024 budgets.

Motion made by Commissioner Crooks, seconded by Commissioner Bell.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 session.

Commissioner Bell seconded.

Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye.

Motion carried.

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Commissioner Crooks moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 session, with changes. Commissioner Bell seconded.

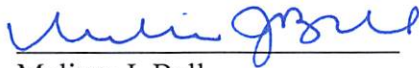
Vote was Cameron, aye; Bell, aye; Crooks, aye.

Motion carried.

With no further business being before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:16 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.