

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 19, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RICK G. WALTERS, MEMBER, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WHITE LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Laura Bradley, Glen Pawloski, Lieutenant Brad Thorpe from the Sheriff's Office, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., November 19, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Dave Kuhn – Medications in County Jail

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement  
Discussion of Sales Tax Audit

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution Establishing New Fund (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (3)  
Additional Appropriation – Veterans  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor (Unclaimed Monies)  
Minus Appropriation - Commissioners  
Transfer – Building Department  
Transfer – Sheriff (3)  
Transfer – EMA  
Transfer – Developmental Disabilities  
Transfer – RSVP  
Transfer – I.T.  
Transfer – County Home  
Transfer – Family & Children First  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Commissioners  
Travel – Auditor  
Travel – Job and Family Services (2)  
Travel – Family & Children First (3)  
Letter of Support, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District  
Certificates of Result of Election (3)  
Ratification of Oil & Gas Lease and Correction of Memo of Oil & Gas Lease, Protégé Energy  
Engineer – Contract with TEC Engineering for 2015 Traffic Study

**INFORMATION**

Regular Weekly Commissioners Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Wednesday**, November 25  
Courthouse Closed, **Thursday & Friday**, November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving  
Courthouse Holiday Open House, 6:00 p.m., **Friday**, December 4  
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, December 8, at County Home  
Senior Levy Committee, 4:00 p.m., **Thursday**, December 10  
Joint Solid Waste Meeting, Noon, **Monday**, December 14, Lori's Family Restaurant  
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, December 15

**RE: AGENDA**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to accept the agenda, with the following adjustments:

Add: Request to Dispose of Vehicle, Sheriff's Office  
Letter from Assistant Prosecutor to Ohio EPA

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2015 meeting, and to dispense with the reading of them.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye.

**RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from various departments.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: CREATION OF NEW FUNDS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to create new funds for the accounting of fiscal year 2016 Transit Program cash, revenues and expenses, as follows:

210-0849 Transit Federal 2016  
215-0849 Transit State & Local 2016

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

Sheriff	100-0381-53405	\$ 5,000.00
	200-0386-57400	\$ 2,400.00
	100-0381-53120	\$ 9,400.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	\$ 10,704.98
Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)	200-0106-57400	\$ 87.59

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following request for minus appropriation:

Commissioners	100-0101-57200	\$ (50,000.00)
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following requests for transfer of funds:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Building Dept.	100-0170-52001	100-0170-52004	\$ 1,500.00
Sheriff	100-0381-53110	100-0381-53140	\$ 4,000.00
	100-0384-53130	100-0381-53140	\$ 800.00
	100-0384-53130	100-0381-53150	\$ 170.00
	100-0385-51001	100-0385-54400	\$ 6,214.83
EMA	200-0315-55700	200-0315-53100	\$ 350.00
Developmental Disabilities	215-0620-54200	215-0620-54400	\$ 15,000.00
RSVP	210-0710-57400	210-0710-52001	\$ 100.00
	210-0710-57400	210-0710-52004	\$ 800.00
	210-0710-57400	210-0710-53200	\$ 160.00
	210-0710-57400	210-0710-53301	\$ 500.00
I.T.	100-0190-53000	100-0190-51001	\$ 3,000.00
	100-0190-53000	100-0190-51101	\$ 50.00
	100-0190-53000	100-0190-51102	\$ 450.00
County Home	200-0630-53500	200-0630-51104	\$ 6,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-51104	602-2033-52003	\$ 500.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now's:

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
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Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$ 271.25
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$ 271.25
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$ 259.25
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	James S. Sweeney	\$ 1,500.00
Capital Projects	300-0599-55200	Ken Strahler Masonry	\$ 2,000.00
Human Resources	100-0366-57400	CCAO	\$ 175.00
Commissioners	100-0100-52000	CCAO	\$ 325.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Jani-Source	\$ 210.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Jani-Source	\$ 400.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Carver's Electric	\$ 205.12

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: TRAVEL**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Commissioners

Rick Walters: Three-day trip to Columbus to attend Winter CCAO/CEAO Conference; December 6-8, 2015.

Auditor

Craig Brockmeier: Two-day trip to attend ODA Weights & Measures training November 16-17, 2015 (retroactive approval).

JFS

Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Shared Services Operating Model Design Committee meeting; December 15, 2015.

Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Union County to attend Ohio Benefits Readiness meeting; December 1, 2015.

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Help Me Grow Battelle Training; November 20, 2015.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Zanesville to attend Ohio Family & Children First Regional Meeting; November 16, 2015 (retroactive approval).

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Athens to attend a meeting for a youth in Service Coordination; November 25, 2015.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BUCKEYE HILLS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a letter of support to Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District in its application for a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, Housing Assistance Grant Program, for the 2016-2017 funding cycle:

*November 19, 2015*

*Misty D. Casto, Executive Director  
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District  
P.O. Box 520  
Reno, Ohio 45773-0520*

*Dear Ms. Casto:*

*The Board of Washington County Commissioners supports the proposal from Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District and the Area Agency on Aging 8 to the Ohio Development Services Agency and The Ohio Housing Trust Fund to secure \$500,000 in funding from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, Housing Assistance Grant Program for the 2016–2017 funding cycle.*

*The Ohio Housing Trust Fund grant will provide handicap assistance repairs and home repair of an emergency nature to all citizens and those at or below the 50 percent Area Median Income range across the eight-county Buckeye Hills region.*

*We also appreciate the fact that this grant will help you respond to urgent home repair and handicap accessibility situations where the vulnerable disabled person or senior citizen may be at risk of institutionalization. In the past five years, the Housing program has completed 229 projects, investing*

*Housing Trust Funds matched with Senior Community Services Block Grant and Passport program funding, for \$889,208 in total investments.*

*As members of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, we support your efforts to secure funding through the Ohio Development Services Agency Housing Grant Assistance Program and look forward to working with you in your efforts to assist the region's homeowners to safely stay in their own homes.*

*Sincerely,*

**/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the sale of a 2005 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FMZU72K65UB51083, to the Morgan County Sheriff, for \$500.00, as the vehicle has high mileage and body damage and is of no use to the County, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: CERTIFICATES OF RESULTS OF ELECTION**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the following Certificates of Result of Election, held on November 3, 2015, from the Board of Elections:

Public Library Levy: 17,089 total votes; 11,609 "for" votes and 5,480 "against" votes  
County Home Levy: 17,065 total votes; 11,478 "for" votes and 5,587 "against" votes  
Electric Aggregation: 10,210 total votes; 3,932 "for" votes and 6,278 "against" votes

**RE: RATIFICATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Ratification of Oil and Gas Lease and Correction of Memorandum of Oil and Gas Lease with Protégé Energy III LLC, re-affirming the County's representations, warranties and covenants in the lease for 4.844 acres of County-owned property in Newport Township, previously entered into on July 9, 2015, and to ratify the lease, and to agree to Protégé's right to pool the leased properties with others, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Walters to sign the documents, as prepared and requested by Protégé Energy.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: CONTRACT WITH TEC ENGINEERING FOR 2015 TRAFFIC STUDY**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with TEC Engineering, Inc. for the 2015 Safety Study for Washington County, for the amount of \$102,480.00, with 90% funded by federal highway funds and 10% by Washington County, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: LETTER FROM ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR TO OHIO EPA**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a letter from Assistant Prosecutor Nicole Coil to Tiffani Kavalec and Pete Simcic of the Ohio EPA, as a follow-up to a teleconference they had with the Commissioners and Prosecutor's Office representatives on November 16, 2015. (This letter dated November 18, 2015 from Ms. Coil to the Ohio EPA is on file in the Commissioners' Office.)

President White invited comments.

Devola resident Glen Pawloski, after reading the letter, observed the letter focuses only on dry wells, rather than on septic systems. He noted there are only about 30 to 60 dry wells in Devola, according to the Washington County Board of Health. He asked if the Commissioners have a letter from the Ohio EPA directing them to take certain action as a result of the teleconference on November 16.

President White said the Commissioners do not have a written follow-up from the EPA, but Ms. Coil was asked by the Commissioners to encapsulate the November 16 conversation and object to certain aspects of that conversation and conclusions by the EPA.

Mr. Pawloski reminded the Commissioners former Prosecutor Jim Schneider determined certain properties in Devola should be exempt from requirements due to "grandfathering" of those properties.

Mr. White said this letter simply acknowledges one recent telephone conversation, wherein the EPA informed the Commissioners what they intend to do. He said the EPA will conduct surveys not only in Devola, but also in Oak Grove and Reno, and then hold public hearings to announce results and their proposal for corrective action that may be appropriate. He said the Commissioners don't believe all existing dry wells are illegal, as suggested by the EPA.

Mr. Pawloski said he believes the Ohio EPA to be on a "witch hunt", using the local Health Department. He said the Ohio EPA has no jurisdiction over septic systems in the State of Ohio.

Mr. White said the EPA representatives were asked if they are conducting similar surveys in other parts of Ohio, to which they had no response.

Devola resident Laura Bradley said this action by the Ohio EPA is going to make the residents in Devola even more irate. She agreed with others that this has become a political issue, as there is no health problem in Devola.

President White brought discussion to a close and proceeded with voting on the letter from Assistant Prosecutor Coil to the Ohio EPA.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: DAVE KUHN**

Washington County resident Dave Kuhn, who had requested to meet with the Commissioners, failed to appear at the agreed-upon time.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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