

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 17, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RICK G. WALTERS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER. PRESIDENT DAVID A. WHITE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WALTERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Warren Township Trustee Jeff Knowlton, Michael Webber from the Washington County Planning Commission, Laura Bradley, Glen Pawloski, Brittany Landers from *The Marietta Times*, Hannah Chenerski from WTAP News, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., December 17, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Dave Price – Muskingum River Development Project  
10:00 Susan Tilton – WASCO Transition  
10:30 Dawn Rauch – Transit and CHIP Programs

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – JFS  
Minus Appropriation - JFS  
Transfer – Sheriff  
Transfer – Dog Warden  
Transfer – Wireless 911  
Transfer – JFS  
Transfer – Southeastern Ohio Port Authority  
Transfer – Children Services  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Auditor  
Contract for Licensed Clinical Independent Social Worker, JFS  
Contract for Bed Rental for Detention of Juvenile Offenders  
Designation of Administrative Agent, Family & Children First  
Appointment to Public Library Board of Trustees  
Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Consideration of DTE Proposal  
Engineer – Change Order #1, CR-174 Landslip Repair Project  
Engineer – Change Order #1, CR -25 Paving Project

**INFORMATION**

Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, December 21  
Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, December 25, Christmas Day

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Minus Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities (2)  
Transfer – Children Services

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the December 10, 2015 meeting, and to dispense with the reading of them.

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

**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: Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye.  
Motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

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

JFS	200-0720-53400	\$ 17,278.00
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye.  
Motion passed.

**RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS**

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

JFS	200-0720-51001	\$ (10,000.00)
	200-0720-51101	\$ ( 4,900.00)
	200-0720-51102	\$ ( 3,388.32)
	200-0720-51104	\$ ( 7,300.00)
	200-0720-51105	\$ ( 134.36)
	200-0720-52000	\$ ( 425.00)
	200-0720-53405	\$ ( 52.00)
	200-0720-53500	\$ ( 500.00)
	200-0720-54000	\$ ( 3,293.00)
	200-0720-54400	\$ ( 100.00)
	200-0720-59000	\$ (14,492.00)
Developmental Disabilities	210-0620-51105	\$ (56,208.16)
	210-0620-53000	\$ (198,831.09)
	210-0620-53200	\$ ( 4,604.36)
Developmental Disabilities	215-0622-53000	\$ ( 3,319.46)

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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>
Sheriff	100-0384-51100	100-0384-51001	\$ 1,750.00
	100-0384-51101	100-0384-51001	\$ 1,004.56
	100-0384-51102	100-0384-51001	\$ 2,536.04
	100-0384-51104	100-0384-51001	\$ 2,856.72
	100-0384-51105	100-0384-51001	\$ 2.68
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-51001	200-0363-51002	\$ 35.00
	200-0363-51101	200-0363-51002	\$ 12.00
	200-0363-51104	200-0363-51002	\$ 96.00
	200-0363-52000	200-0363-51002	\$ 600.00
	200-0363-52001	200-0363-51002	\$ 357.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-51120	200-0369-51001	\$ 21.00
	200-0369-51105	200-0369-51001	\$ 35.00
	200-0369-53000	200-0369-51001	\$ 2,944.00
County General	100-0101-53000	100-0101-57100	\$ 69.02
County General	100-0102-57401	100-0870-53000	\$ 25,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-51101		\$ 442.97
	200-0740-51102		\$ 551.91
		200-0740-53100	\$ 994.52
		200-0740-57400	\$ 0.36

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

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0100-52000	Rick Walters	\$ 335.06
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Murray's Glass	\$ 288.48
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	William C. Krampe (Krampe Cleaning)	\$ 395.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	William C. Krampe (Krampe Cleaning)	\$ 315.00
Auditor	100-0120-54000	ACS Affiliated Computer Service-Xerox	\$ 393.36

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

**RE: TRAVEL**

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

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Legislative/Executive meeting; January 6, 2016.

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

**RE: CONTRACT FOR LICENSED CLINICAL INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract for licensed clinical independent social worker services between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Hilarie Canterbury for the period June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, inclusive, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the original contract signed May 28, 2015, as prepared and requested by Dawn Lucas, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

**RE: CONTRACT FOR BED RENTAL FOR DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Juvenile Court and the Multi-County Juvenile Detention District of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking and Perry Counties for the housing of individuals at the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center in Lancaster, Ohio, at the daily rate of \$95.00, as requested by Judge Timothy Williams.

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

**RE: DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to designate the Board of Commissioners of Washington County as the Administrative Agent for Washington County Family & Children First for state fiscal year 2017, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Designation of Administrative Agent Form, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

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

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to re-appoint Brandee Norris to the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and extending through December 31, 2022, as recommended by Library Director Justin Mayo and the Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Walters said he recently talked with Ms. Norris and believes she is very interested in the welfare of the Library, knowledgeable of the operations of the Library, and enthusiastic about the position on the Board of the Library. He noted Ms. Norris currently is employed by Marietta College.

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

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Shelly Stormes to the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the term beginning August 24, 2015 and extending through August 15, 2017, as recommended by EMA Director Jeff Lauer, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Application.

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

**RE: CONSIDERATION OF DTE MARIETTA, LLC PROPOSAL**

The Commissioners discussed a proposal from DTE Marietta, LLC to participate in the Ohio Development Services Agency Tax Incentive Program for Qualified Energy Projects.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the application of DTE Marietta, LLC to participate in the Ohio Development Services Agency Tax Incentive Program as it pertains to DTE's project with Solvay Specialty Polymers Plant in Washington County.

Mr. Feathers that acceptance into this State of Ohio program will allow tax relief to DTE Marietta, LLC. He noted the Commissioners and County Auditor were concerned that Warren Local Schools, Warren Township, and the Washington County Career Center will suffer loss of tax revenues if this application is approved, but those concerns were sufficiently addressed at a recent meeting with representatives from the State of Ohio, Warren Schools representatives, Warren Township representatives, DTE and Solvay representatives, the County Auditor, and the County Commissioners. At that meeting it was clarified how the DTE's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) would be distributed.

Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners do not object to DTE's application, as the project will be economically beneficial to this area for many years. He noted impacted entities do not object to it, and the County Auditor recommends acceptance of the application. The Clerk reported the Commissioners received a letter from the Warren Township Trustees in support of the DTE application, which was confirmed by Warren Township Trustee Jeff Knowlton.

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

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, CR-174 LANDSLIP REPAIR PROJECT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the CR-174-0310 Landslip Repair Project, contractor Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., adding \$3,105.25 to the original contract amount of \$21,195.90, for a new contract amount of \$24,301.15, due to adjustment of final plan quantities to meet field conditions, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, CR-25 PAVING PROJECT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the CR-25-1.149 Paving Project, contractor Shelly & Sands, Inc., deducting \$37,533.88 from the original contract amount of \$942,315.80, for a new contract amount of \$904,781.92, due to adjustment of final plan quantities to meet field conditions, as prepared and recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: MUSKINGUM RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Dave Price shared with the Commissioners a proposal for Muskingum River Development, LLC to close the Upper Fly Ash Reservoir at the Muskingum River Power Plant (formerly owned by AEP). He said the proposal involves the establishment of wetland habitats on the 150 acre site that will support a wide variety of plants and wildlife. He noted the plan is not in accordance with Ohio EPA recommendations in that it uses a synthetic (geomembrane) liner rather than clay to prevent rainwater infiltration, and it is relatively flat instead of sloped.

Mr. Price said the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is very supportive of the project as planned, as are the Trustees of Waterford Township. He said he believes the project will result in a wildlife habitat that may at some point be open to the public for fishing and recreational use. He explained how the other two smaller ponds will be clay-capped and/or converted to a natural creek. Mr. Price said he seeks the support of the Commissioners, as this project will permanently change the property and restrict its use.

Commissioner Feathers said reclamation of the large pond would be nearly impossible at this point, and this plan by Muskingum River Development appears to be responsible use of the property. Commissioner Walters noted this is a good opportunity to create a wildlife habitat, and will speed the process of developing the property for additional use by the community and/or businesses and industry.

Mr. Price thanked the Commissioners for their support and said he will keep them informed as the project moves forward.

**RE: WASCO**

Ewing School Superintendent Susan Tilton talked with the Commissioners about a proposed plan to privatize WASCO, Inc. She said her Board of Directors has been considering this transition for some time, communicating with others throughout the State of Ohio who have

done something similar.

Ms. Tilton said WASCO will continue to use the building owned by the County. She noted the building was built with built and is maintained with levy funds, but is owned by, and sits on property of, Washington County. She asked the Commissioners to consider an arrangement whereby the property would be transferred, or leased, to WASCO for its continuing use. She noted there may be tax-exempt status implications which should be considered. Ms. Tilton said her Board is now permitted to own property, buildings, buses, etc.

Commissioner Walters said some not-for-profit entities do not receive tax relief, so the County Auditor and State Department of Taxation should be consulted.

Ms. Tilton said her hope is for transition to privatization of WASCO is completed by July of 2016. She noted there are transportation issues yet to be resolved, along with the property and facility issues. She said the proposed privatization will have no impact on current levy, as levy funds will continue to be used for services at both WASCO and Ewing School as they are now.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Tilton for keeping them informed of this developing plan, and said they will consider options available to them for WASCO to continue to use the facility and property.

#### **RE: CHIP AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS**

Dawn Rauch from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program asked the Commissioners to approve a Fee for Service Contract for Transit Services for 2016. She noted 2016 is the fifth and final year of the contract with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and the County will need to solicit proposals next year for a new contract to begin in 2017. Ms. Rauch said there is no rate increase in the contract for 2016, but there are additional hours to accommodate the paratransit service throughout the County.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Fee for Service Contract for Transit Service for 2016 with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, for 8,886 hours of transportation service at \$47.20 per hour minus the farebox revenue estimated at \$1.10 per hour, for an hourly rate of \$46.10 (actual farebox revenue will be deducted monthly), as prepared and requested by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

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

Ms. Rauch recommended the Commissioners adopt a change to their CHIP (Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program) financing mechanism, which is permitted by program guidelines. She recommended a three-year loan forgiveness agreement, rather than the current five-year. She said this will encourage more eligible elderly residents to participate in the program.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to change the financing arrangement for participation in the Washington County Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program to 90% of the loan to be forgiven over a three-year period, and 10% of the loan subject to recapture and applied to the County's program income account, as recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

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

Ms. Rauch asked the Commissioners to approve Homeowner Agreements for Rehabilitation of Property for two Washington County residents.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following Homeowner Agreements for Rehabilitation of Property, as prepared and recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Agreements:

David Hughes, Owner: \$20,350.00 HOME deferred loan  
Roger D. and Patty L. Truax, Owners: \$26,986.00 HOME deferred loan

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

#### **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 10:40 a.m.

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