

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 24, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RICK G. WALTERS, VICE PRESIDENT, 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, Holtyn Hill, Michael Webber from the Washington County Planning Commission, Laura Bradley, Glen Pawloski, Brittany Landers from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., December 24, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation - Treasurer
Travel – Family & Children First
Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee (2)

INFORMATION

Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, December 25, Christmas Day
Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, January 1, New Year's Day
Organizational Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Monday**, January 11
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 12
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 19

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Travel – Family & Children First
Copier Lease – Family & Children First

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 December 17, 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. 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: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

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

Treasurer	100-0130-57500	\$	6,218.85
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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: TRAVEL

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers 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:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trips to Columbus to attend bi-monthly scheduled Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association Full Membership Meetings throughout 2016.

Cindy Davis: One-day trips to Columbus to attend monthly scheduled Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association Executive Committee Meetings throughout 2016.

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

RE: COPIER LEASE, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a five-year lease of a Canon copier from CWS for \$173.00 per month, the preferred option of three proposals considered, for use by Family & Children First, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Tom Perry and Jim Asbury to the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the term beginning August 14, 2015 and extending through August 15, 2017, as recommended by EMA Director Jeff Lauer, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Application.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Referring to a letter dated December 9, 2015 from the Ohio EPA, Devola resident Glen Pawloski asked the Commissioners if they had an opinion as to whether existing drywells must be replaced. Commissioner Feathers said he agrees with Assistant Prosecutor Nicole Coil that "grandfathering" these existing wells is appropriate. Mr. Pawloski noted the EPA has a different interpretation of Ohio law, and that the EPA believes all drywells should be replaced. Commissioner Feathers said Ohio law is clear on this matter, and it should be applied prospectively rather than retrospectively. He said the Ohio Revised Code says no more drywells are permitted, but it does not say existing drywells are illegal. He noted the local Prosecutor has rendered his opinion that Ohio law allows existing drywells to remain in place, but no new drywells are to be installed. Mr. Pawloski expressed his concern that the EPA will notify Devola homeowners that their septic systems will be tested, and those homeowners aren't aware they can refuse to have these tests done. He asked the Commissioners to send notice to Devola residents that they are under no requirement to have the EPA run tests on their property. He referred to the EPA's impending action as "bullyishness". Commissioner Feathers said no written communication to Devola residents is necessary, as the EPA clearly indicated they will conduct a public hearing on the Devola sewer project status in March of 2016. President White said there may indeed be some homeowners in favor of these tests in Devola, so it would be inappropriate for the Commissioners to send a letter at this time. There was discussion as to whether there is a complete list of drywells in Devola. All agreed it is unlikely there is such a list, but if there is it is public record accessible to anyone.

Mr. Pawloski thanked the Commissioners for providing such good service to the citizens of Devola.

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 9:30 a.m.

_____, President

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

