

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON JANUARY 3, 2011, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: STEVEN W. WEBER, PRESIDENT, CORA A MARSHALL, VICE PRESIDENT, AND TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:45 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also in attendance were Ashley Hill of *The Marietta Times*, Allison Rhea of *WTAP-TV*, Sheriff Larry Mincks and Steve Summers of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Bret Allphin of Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, Shelley Iulianelli and Darryl Anderson of Ohio MARCS, Washington County Prosecutor James Schneider, IT Director Eric Skomra and Gerry Lockhart of the Washington County IT Department, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**COMMISSIONERS AGENDA
January 3, 2011**

MARCS Tower Contracts

RE: MARCS TOWER CONTRACTS

Commissioner Marshall welcomed everyone and introduced many of those in attendance. She specifically recognized Commissioner Irvine as this is his first official meeting as Washington County Commissioner.

Ms. Marshall then discussed the pending agreements between Washington County and the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communications System Program Office (MARCS). With these agreements, the State allows the County to utilize existing towers for the purpose of improving communication throughout the County and allowing for access to Broadband Internet by residents of the County at reasonable cost. Ms. Marshall recognized the efforts of those involved in developing this important agreement, including the County's IT Department, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, the County Sheriff's office, and the MARCS representatives.

Mr. Anderson, MARCS Program Manager, indicated that he has been working for many years to get this accomplished. He is making available for this "shared" use ten towers, most of which are located in Washington County, but also one in Monroe County and one in Athens County. Agreement documents for the use of five of these towers had previously been signed and are today being delivered to the County. Additionally, Mr. Anderson presented five amendments for review and signature of the Commissioners.

Mr. Skomra stated that he is absolutely thrilled to be able to bring the County to this point of improving safety communication and providing a point of access to the Internet for many area residents, some of whom have never had such access. He thanked all participants in the agreement for working so well together.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to enter into the agreements between Washington County and the State of Ohio, DAS, MARCS, for use of the MARCS towers throughout the County and one in each of Athens and Monroe Counties, for the specific purpose of improving wireless Broadband Internet services through the County.

Calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADJOURN

Commissioner Marshall moved and Commissioner Irvine seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote of yes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

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_____, Clerk