

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 14, 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RICK G. WALTERS, PRESIDENT, RONALD L. FEATHERS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND DAVID A. WHITE, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WALTERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Laura Bradley, Glen Pawloski, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Washington County Planning Commission Chairman Mike Webber, Brittany Landers from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., January 14, 2016**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:15 Dorothy Peppel, County Treasurer - Investment Committee Meeting  
9:30 Dr. Richard Wittberg, Washington County Health Commissioner - Update  
10:00 Jim Black, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority - Ingenuity Center

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Appointment to Children Services Board

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Commissioners (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor  
Additional Appropriation - Sheriff  
Transfer – Auditor (2)  
Transfer – Developmental Disabilities  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Building Department  
Travel – Job and Family Services (2)  
Travel – Family & Children First (2)  
Travel – Commissioners  
Travel – Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control  
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency (3)  
Request to Dispose of Vehicle, Sheriff  
Annual Report on Jail Inmate Programs, Sheriff  
Frost Law Resolution from Belpre Township Trustees  
Engineer – Contract with Bob Lane's Welding for Landslip Repair

**INFORMATION**

Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 19  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, January 25

**RE: AGENDA**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the December 31, 2015 and January 11, 2016 meetings.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the list of bills from various departments for payment, as prepared by the County Auditor.

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following requests for Additional Appropriations:

Common Pleas Court	100-0201-57400	\$ 2,500.00
Recorder	100-0150-51001	\$ 9,000.00
	100-0150-51101	\$ 130.00
	100-0150-51102	\$ 1,260.00
Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)	200-0106-57400	\$ 62.45
Sheriff	100-0381-53040	\$ 4,790.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auditor	100-0130-57100	200-0720-48200	\$ 99.57
	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 2,750.09
Dev. Disabilities	200-0620-51001	200-0620-55300	\$10,000.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer	400-0113-53000	City of Marietta, Wastewater	\$ 645.00
Sewer	400-0113-53500	Sterling Service	\$ 120.00
Board of Development Dis.	215-0620-54000	William V. McGill	\$ 808.17
Board of Development Dis.	210-0620-53100	Suddenlink	\$ 174.20
Board of Development Dis.	210-0620-53100	AEP	\$ 6,146.60
Board of Development Dis.	210-0620-53000	Denee Burton	\$ 330.00
Board of Development Dis.	210-0620-53000	BSSI	\$ 1,727.50
Board of Development Dis.	200-0620-53400	R.H.D.D.	\$ 3,419.67
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	AT & T	\$ 489.80
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 637.84
Sewer	400-0113-54000	C.I. Thornburg Co.	\$ 3,476.40
Veterans	100-0700-54400	Poynters	\$ 1,769.08
Veterans	100-0700-57400	Regis Kern	\$ 185.27
Veterans	100-0701-57400	Two Peas in a Pod	\$ 122.00
Children Service Board	200-0743-51104	Wage Works	\$ 485.00
Children Service Board	200-0740-53100	WASH. Co. Commissioners	\$ 677.47
Children Service Board	200-0741-53000	Morgan Driver Education Center	\$ 325.00
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Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Kayla Loyd	\$ 110.40
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Ginger Davey	\$ 215.52
Children Service Board	200-0743-53000	Dee Dearth	\$ 140.40
Children Service Board	200-0743-53000	Toni Teters	\$ 240.00
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Michelle Richards	\$ 230.28
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Tonya Kidder	\$ 384.07
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Sabrina Buchanan	\$ 228.80
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Brookanne Dixon	\$ 322.96
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Toni Teters	\$ 104.50
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Emily Tewanger	\$ 247.08
Children Service Board	200-0740-52000	Tami Downs	\$ 219.87
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Mancan	\$ 466.56
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Fouss	\$ 380.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Fouss	\$ 190.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Fouss	\$ 190.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Fouss	\$ 190.00
Job & Family Service	200-7200-57400	Dominion East Ohio	\$ 639.57
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Am. Tele. Tech.	\$ 838.50
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	Am. Tele. Tech.	\$ 78.91
Commissioners	210-0806-51000	Mr. Rooter	\$ 2,200.00
Commissioners	400-0113-52001	Speedway	\$ 327.43
Commissioners	100-0170-52004	Speedway	\$ 397.25
Sewer	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 165.62
Commissioners	210-0826-51000	Don Dunfee Excavating	\$ 25,000.00
Sewer	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 219.47
Sewer	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 295.36
Sheriff	200-0383-54200	IC Solutions	\$ 446.49
County Home	200-0630-53500	American Telephone Technologies	\$ 110.00
County Home	200-0630-53000	Kunkel, Thomas DPM	\$ 189.92
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Nancy Brum	\$ 146.23
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Marietta Paint Store	\$ 65.32
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	DDTI	\$ 700.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 388.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 388.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 388.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 420.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 115.84
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Horizon	\$ 100.00
Commissioners	100-0101-57000	Dept. of Jobs & Family Service	\$ 1,121.76
Commissioners	200-0704-57400	EVE, Inc.	\$ 9,134.01
Commissioners	200-2050-53000	Court Witschey	\$ 567.24
Commissioners	200-2050-53000	Court Witschey	\$ 243.00
Commissioners	200-2050-53000	Court Witschey	\$ 118.76

Commissioners	200-0364-53000	Stephen Campbell & Assoc.	\$ 2,500.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Pioneer Pipe	\$ 1,421.28
Commissioners	600-3005-57000	Marietta – Wash. Co CVB	\$ 3,147.84
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Otis Elevator	\$ 2,414.00
Commissioners	210-0826-55000	Buckeye Hills	\$ 15,200.00
Commissioners	210-0826-55000	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 1,400.00
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 230.00
Commissioners	600-3005-57000	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 349.76
Sewer	100-0100-53203	WASCO	\$ 7,515.12
Commissioners	100-0100-53401	Treas. State of Ohio	\$ 820.00
Sewer	400-0113-53100	AEP	\$ 373.61
Sewer	400-0113-53100	AEP	\$ 467.69
Board Of Development Dis.	215-0620-54000	Lowe's	\$ 140.26
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Mont. Co. Coroner	\$ 1,300.00
Sewer	400-0113-54000	State Chemical Manufacturing	\$ 185.72
Sheriff	100-0384-53000	University Preference Labs	\$ 186.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53000	Thompson Reuters – West	\$ 192.85
Commissioners	100-0101-57400	Rodney L. Beebe	\$ 2,600.00
Commissioners	100-0101-57400	B & N Coal Co.	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	100-0101-57400	Judith Diruzza	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53000	DDTI	\$ 6,950.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53200	AT&T	\$ 965.55

**CREDIT/FUEL CARD LATE OR FINANCE CHARGES/SALES TAX APPROVAL**

WCBDD	210-0620-53000	Card Member Services	\$ 15.95
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Commissioner Feathers noted the late payment charge incurred by Developmental Disabilities is being approved only because of the extenuating circumstances which made it difficult to pay the invoice in a timely manner.

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White 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 2016 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Building Department

Chris Wilson: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend an appeals hearing; January 20, 2016.

JFS

Candy Nelson, Dawn Lucas, Chris Buchanan: One-day trip to Knox County JFS to view call center for Shared Services; January 19, 2016.

Tom Ballengee: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend OJFSDA General Session; March 18-19, 2016.

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Zanesville to attend ENGAGE Learning Community meeting; January 25, 2016.

Cindy Davis: One-day trips to Zanesville to attend bi-monthly scheduled Ohio Family & Children First Regional Meetings; various dates throughout 2016.

Commissioners

David White: One-day trip to Zanesville to attend the EODA Quarterly Meeting; February 12, 2016.

CSEA

Kimberly Hinkle: One-day trips to Akron and Hartville to attend OCDA Canton/Cleveland District meetings; various dates throughout 2016.

Kimberly Hinkle: One-day trips to Columbus to attend OCDA General Membership meetings; various dates throughout 2016.

Amber Curry, Rebecca McCallister: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Case Intake meeting; January 11, 2016 (retroactive approval).

Amber Curry; Rebecca McCallister: One-day trip to Akron to attend Case Intake meeting; February 18, 2016.

Human Resources

Darla Miller: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CLCCA annual meeting; January 22, 2016.

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

**RE: DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE, SHERIFF**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to allow the Sheriff to sell a 2007 Dodge Charger, VIN 2B3KA43HX7H770454, to the Meigs County Sheriff's Office for \$500.00, as it is no longer of any value due to high mileage and body damage.

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

**RE: ANNUAL REPORT ON JAIL INMATE PROGRAMS, SHERIFF**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of an Annual Report on Jail Inmate Programs, including the following data:

- Pay for serving jail time on weekends: 75 inmates; \$19,642 revenues
- Inmates participating in Inmate Worker Program: 69 inmates; 2,694 days; 15,600 hours
- Inmates working inside/outside of jail to work off fines: 31 inmates; \$17,746 revenues; 362 days; 2,218 hours

**RE: PROJECTED EXPENDITURES FORM, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Projected Expenditures Form for Family-Centered Services and Support Funds, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the form.

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

**RE: REQUEST TO USE CREDIT CARDS IN 2016, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the use of two credit cards by Family & Children First, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First, as follows:

- Visa card, for staff travel expenses and Home Choice Program use
- Speedway, for the purchase of gas cards for Help Me Grow families

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

**RE: PAY RATES FOR COUNTY HOME EMPLOYEES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve new pay rates for County Home collective bargaining employees for 2016, reflecting a 2% increase as per union contract, as requested by Jeff Campbell, County Home Administrator.

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

**RE: FROST LAW IN BELPRE TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Belpre Township Trustees' request to participate in the County's Frost Law for the 2016 winter season, excluding portions of Arrowhead Road, Drag Strip Road, and Orchard Drive.

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

**RE: CONTRACT WITH BOB LANE'S WELDING, INC. FOR LANDSLIP REPAIR**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$5,500.00, for repair of a landslip on County Road 42 in Fearing Township, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Washington County Treasurer Dorothy K. Peppel joined the Commissioners for the annual organizational meeting of the Washington County Investment Committee.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to appoint Commissioners Rick Walters and Ron Feathers to serve on the Investment Committee during 2016, along with Treasurer Dorothy Peppel.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Washington County Treasurer

Dorothy K. Peppel to serve as the Investing Officer for Washington County during 2016.

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

#### **RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner, and Josh Lane, Director of Environmental Health, updated the Commissioners on Health Department projects and initiatives.

Dr. Wittberg informed the Commissioners the Health Department has received an award of \$270,000 in grant funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the repair and replacement of home sewage treatment systems. He said this is the third such program to be conducted in Washington County in recent years, and with changes in eligibility requirements an estimated 40 to 60 households will be served. He said he hopes to begin projects with the funds in April of 2016, and use all of the funds within 18 months of the start date. Dr. Wittberg expressed his appreciation to Josh Lane and Court Witschey for successfully pursuing this grant.

Dr. Wittberg said the State of Ohio is changing sewage treatment rules and regulations. He said it appears the state is expecting counties to develop programs to ensure septic systems are working as permitted. Dr. Wittberg expressed his concerns:

- The Health Department won't conduct inspections unless township trustees approve.
- There may be as many as 20,000 septic systems in use throughout Washington County.
- The expense to conduct an effective inspection program will be huge.

Commissioner White said a testing program put in place now might alleviate pressure to implement a program dictated by the state. Commissioner Feathers said he is not in favor of mandatory testing of septic systems throughout the County, but suggested it might be more appropriate to test the headwaters of tributaries and hot spots to identify the source of unacceptable pollutants. He commented the county needs to be proactive in this effort so as to avoid problems in the future. Dr. Wittberg is hopeful the Health Department can collaboratively work with the township trustees and the Commissioners to develop a plan. Commissioner White suggested Dr. Wittberg might invite the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to be a partner as well.

Dr. Wittberg informed the Commissioners the State of Ohio is developing an accreditation program, which may help to determine grant awarding in the future. He said it will likely be very difficult for rural counties to meet the requirements of accreditation, resulting in "regionalization". President Walters said counties will be inclined to share the expense and services of a consultant. Mr. Feathers encouraged Dr. Wittberg to take the lead in determining the requirements of accreditation, and to share information with neighboring counties. Dr. Wittberg said he fears the county will lose control of the program if it doesn't proceed responsibly and realistically.

#### **RE: INGENUITY CENTER**

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SEOPA) representatives Jim Black and Janet Nelson talked with the Commissioners about the Ingenuity Center. Also attending was Melissa Zoller from Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development Center.

Mr. Black reported the Ingenuity Center has been shown to several prospective renters, but with no success. He said SEOPA is on the verge of contracting with CBRE Group, Inc., a commercial real estate broker and service provider in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He noted the Port Authority is very much interested in their services, but not at all interested in paying the 6% commission they would charge. Mr. Black said the Ingenuity Center has an approximate value of \$2,500,000, and if a sale must be made for much less than that the Port Authority cannot afford to pay a 6% commission. He said the Port Authority would much rather lease the building than sell it.

Mr. Black said SEOPA is considering a one-year contract with CBRE. President Walters recommended a 90-day contract, as one year is well beyond the deadline of August 31, 2016 to have the building leased.

Commissioner White expressed concern about the lack of progress on leasing or selling the Ingenuity Center. He reminded everyone that the Ohio Development Services Agency requires a certain level of job creation by August 31, 2016, or repayment of \$500,000 in grant funds used to construct the building must be returned. He noted the Commissioners have been told progress is being made, but the building has been vacant for quite some time. He referenced a comment from a member of the Port Authority Board, who suggested the Commissioners "relax, and let the professionals take care of it". Commissioner Feathers said the "professionals" are apparently having no success, as the deadline for job creation is only seven months from now. He noted the financial risk to Washington County is approximately \$35,000.

Ms. Nelson reported the Ingenuity Center was under an eleven-month lease option with a company. She said during that time the company paid to SEOPA \$3,300 each month, with a reduced amount in the final month, which paid for taxes and utilities. The lease option did not prevent others from looking at the facility, she said.

Commissioner Feathers said if the facility is not occupied and the job requirement is not met by the deadline, the Commissioners would have to consider future levels of funding the County provides to the Port Authority. He said it is imperative the Commissioners be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars, and

investment in a failed project doesn't demonstrate that at all.

Mr. Black said the Port Authority has a 15-year loan, which started in 2015. He said payments on that loan, though, are deferred until after the facility is leased or sold. Delay in leasing or selling increases the monthly payments on the loan, according to Mr. Black. He said he will never encourage the Port Authority Board of Directors to construct another facility, as this one has become quite a challenge.

Ms. Zoller invited Commissioner White to participate in an upcoming conference call between the Port Authority, Buckeye Hills, and the Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA). She said she will be seeking options from DSA, particularly with regard to the requirement of job creation and repayment of grant funds.

**RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR**

With regard to comments from Dr. Richard Wittberg pertaining to septic systems, Glen Pawloski said:

- He encourages the Health Department to take the lead in addressing potential regulations.
- The letter Dr. Wittberg is sending to *The Marietta Times* will likely re-ignite fears from residents of not only Devola, but also Oak Grove and Reno.
- Homeowners can't be expected to "glorify" their septic tanks to meet the stringent requirements set forth by the EPA.
- Homeowners should be able to make reasonable use of their own properties, and be permitted to remedy their systems rather than incur the huge cost of a new sewer system that isn't warranted.
- The U.S. Supreme Court directed the EPA to consider cost effectiveness of any rules and regulations they may implement. Requirement to replace septic with sewer is not cost effective or reasonable.
- Nitrates are considered non-toxic, and should not be the determining factor in the proposed transition from septic to sewer.
- Recent installation of a new water system has effectively reduced the level of nitrates in 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 10:40 a.m.

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