

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 31, 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 Deputy Engineer Amy Zwick, Alex Winters, Sr., Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
10:00 a.m., March 31, 2016**

10:00 Public Hearing, Request to Vacate Nellie Carrothers Road  
10:15 Dawn Rauch, Community Action – Transit Route Change  
1:30 Susan Tilton & Carolyn Ditchendorf, Board of Dev. Disabilities – Ewing/WASCO Updates

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Resolution – Vacating Nellie Carrothers Road  
Letter to ODOT Requesting Deviated Fixed Transit Route

**INFORMATION**

RSVP Open House, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., **Tuesday**, April 5, at O'Neill Senior Center  
Benefits & Wellness Fair, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., **Wednesday**, April 6, at Juvenile Center  
Opening of Sealed Bids for Courthouse Roof Project, 10:00 a.m., **Thursday**, April 7  
1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on Transit Bus Route Change, 2:00 p.m., **Thursday**, April 7  
Annual CEBCO Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, April 8, in Columbus  
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, April 12, at County Home  
Public Viewing of Unnamed Alley in Vincent, 11:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, April 12

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Request for Release of Funds for CDBG Project

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

**RE: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR CDBG PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Request for Release of Funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project in the Village of New Matamoras, in the amount of \$45,900.00, as prepared by Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Request.

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

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST TO VACATE NELLIE CARROTHERS ROAD**

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners held a Public Hearing on a request from Alex Winters, Sr., to vacate a portion of Decatur Township Road 96, commonly known as Nellie Carrothers Road. Attending were the Commissioners, Deputy Engineer Amy Zwick, Alex Winters, Sr., Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

The Clerk said a petition signed by twelve Decatur Township residents was received by the County Commissioners in February 2016, and a Public Viewing was conducted on March 29, 2016 at the site. He noted 911 Coordinator Rich Hays said there are no houses numbered on the road, and he offered no objection to the request. The Clerk also said the Decatur Township Trustees and neighboring residents were notified, and no comments were received.

Commissioner White said Mr. Winters has maintained this road, which serves no public purpose. He said he believes it to be in the best interest of the County to vacate it.

Mr. Winters noted the road and his property have been abused over the past several years, and his desire is to eliminate and prevent the abuse. He said vacating the road will allow him to proceed with appropriate measures to do this.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve vacating a portion of Decatur Township Road 96, commonly known as Nellie Carrothers Road, as requested by Alex Winters, Sr., and legally described as follows:

*The following is the general route and termini of said road:*

*Beginning at*

*Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Washington, Township of Decatur, and being a part of Sections 30 and 36, Town 6 N, Range 11 and being more fully described as follows:*

*Beginning at the point of previous road vacation, said point being in the center of Decatur Township Road No. 96, Nellie Carrothers Road, approximately 2,300 feet Northerly from its intersection with the northerly Right of Way of County Road No. 3 (Two Mile Run Road), said point being the northeasterly most line of a 98.125 Acre tract of land owned by Errol K. Male as described in Official Record Volume 493, Page 152 of Washington County Records;*

*Thence in a Northerly direction approximately 3,200 feet through the lands of Alexander Winters Sr. and Daniel & Pamela Hedges, to a point where Township Road 96 intersects the Southerly Right of Way of County Road No. 59 (Big Run Road) and there to end.*

*The Southerly approximate 2,300 feet of Township Road No. 96 was previously vacated as recorded in Commissioners Journal 71, Page 96. It is the intention of this description to vacation the remaining portion of Township Road No. 96, such that all portions of Township Road 96 are vacated.*

*This description was prepared by the Washington County Engineer's Office.*

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

#### **RE: TRANSIT BUS ROUTE CHANGE**

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, explained to the Commissioners a proposed change in transit bus route, which must be approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation. She said changing two county routes to a deviated route will likely produce an increase in ridership, but the County and Community Action must conduct a trial period of six months and public hearings must be held.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation to allow transitioning two county transit bus routes to a deviated route on a trial basis for a six month period.

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

#### **RE: USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM**

At the request of Sheriff Larry Mincks, the Commissioners agreed the ground floor conference room in the courthouse will be reserved for his use from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

#### **RE: PRIVATIZATION OF WASCO**

Superintendent Susan Tilton from the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities updated the Commissioners on the upcoming privatization of WASCO. Also attending were Director of Human Resources and Safety/Loss Control Darla Miller and Randy Barengo from Peoples Insurance.

Ms. Tilton informed the Commissioners:

- WASCO will become a separate entity on July 5, 2016.
- Medicaid reimbursement is driving this transition of operations.
- Medicaid requires separation of entities developing a plan for services from entities providing those services.
- The Board of Developmental Disabilities will continue to provide services, but will not employ providers.
- All Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities are taking similar action.
- Jobs at WASCO will be abolished by the Board of Developmental Disabilities effective July 4, 2016, with a vast majority of workers to be offered jobs at WASCO as "carryover employees".
- Carryover employees can elect to continue contributing to OPERS, which would require continuation of contributions by the Board of Developmental Disabilities for those individuals.
- The Board of Developmental Disabilities will cease to provide transport by bus for adults to WASCO, but will continue to provide bus service for students at Ewing School.
- Bus routes will decrease from 8 or 9, to 6.
- The Board of Developmental Disabilities intends to remove five buses from its fleet, with one being transferred to WASCO and four being disposed of.
- Employees of WASCO will no longer be covered on the County's professional liability insurance policy.
- 40% of funding for WASCO will come from the Board of Developmental Disabilities, with Medicaid contributing the remainder.

- The Prosecutor is currently reviewing a draft of an agreement for WASCO to lease the workshop.
- This separation from WASCO is mandated by 2024, but “the sooner the better” is warranted.
- A goal of this transition is to improve services for disabled adults, now numbering about 140.
- Titles for buses may be transferred to the Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- Building and contents insurance is currently with CORSA, but contents may be removed from the County policy after July 4, 2016.
- A “Triple Net” lease arrangement is being considered for WASCO to continue to operate out of the current facility.

Mr. Barengo offered to help write specific language for a lease agreement with WASCO, specifically addressing insurance matters in it. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Tilton for the update, and she said she will continue to keep the Commissioners well-informed as the project moves forward.

**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 2:26 p.m.

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