

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MAY 2, 2011, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CORA A. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT, TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, VICE PRESIDENT, AND STEVEN W. WEBER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also in attendance were Clerk Rick Peoples, Administrator Paul Cunningham, Sheriff Larry Mincks, and Madison County Sheriff James Sabin.

## **COMMISSIONERS AGENDA**

### **Special Meeting**

**May 2, 2011**

10:00 James Sabin, Madison County

### **NEW BUSINESS**

AEP Retail Electric Contract  
Road Vacation

Set Date to View Three Un-named Alleys in Germantown  
Set Date for Public Hearing

### **RE: MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESENTATION**

Madison County Sheriff James Sabin presented to the Commissioners the method of operation for the Madison County Dog Warden functions. He revealed that upon his recommendation, in 2005 the County's Dog Warden position was re-assigned from the Commissioners to the Sheriff's Department. The Ohio Revised Code allows for a Deputy to serve as the Dog Warden, but not the Sheriff. Madison County has a population of approximately 44,000.

Sheriff Sabin provided the Commissioners with some operational procedures of their Dog Warden operation.

- The Dog Warden is required to be a certified Deputy.
- The Dog Warden wears a BDU uniform, and drives a marked vehicle.
- The Dog Warden is available to do other Sheriff's Department duties, as required.
- The Sheriff maintains the Dog & Kennel fund.
- All Dog Warden expenses come from D&K fund, including salaries and benefits, via an annual transfer of funds.
- Supplies and vehicle purchase and operating expense are paid from the D&K fund.

The Sheriff indicated that as a result of the transition in Madison County:

- The sales of dog tags, and therefore overall revenues, dramatically increased.
- The public relations of the county's dog warden operation greatly improved.
- The professionalism of the position improved.
- The Dog Warden makes presentations to area schools, clubs, and organizations.
- There is an annual carryover of approximately \$100,000.

The Madison County Dog Warden can be called out in emergency situations for (1) dog biting of humans, (2) dog attacking livestock, or (3) dog seriously injured. There is no financial contribution from area cities, villages, and townships. In that county, the Dog & Kennel fund maintains the Humane Society facility, and provides an annual stipend to the Society.

The Sheriff said it has been very helpful for the Dog Warden to:

- Use informational door hangers.
- Have current license data on computer in his truck.
- Issue friendly warnings for license purchase/renewal.
- Look and act professional at all times.

He believes the transition in 2005 in Madison County was very smooth, and that it has proven to be a change for the better.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Sheriffs Sabin and Mincks for the information they provided and the questions they answered.

**RE: AEP RETAIL ELECTRIC CONTRACT**

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that Ms. Marshall has signed on behalf of Washington County a Power Sales Agreement for the purchase of electricity from AEP Retail Energy Partners, LLC. Administrator Paul Cunningham explained that AEP Retail offered the best price and that he has been working with several companies to get to this point of signing an agreement. The Commissioners had agreed on April 21, 2011 to enter into a contract with the company offering the best rate.

**RE: REQUEST FOR VACATING ROADS**

Upon the receipt of a Public Road Petition dated March 2, 2011, requesting vacation of three (3) unnamed alleys in the Village of Germantown, submitted with fifteen signatures, Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to fix the time of viewing of the alleys, near 6390 Germantown Road, at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2011, and the time of public hearing for the request to vacate at 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2011, at the office of the Commissioners.

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

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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