

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 11, 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. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Ashley Rittenhouse of *The Marietta Times*, Clerk Rick Peoples, and IT Director Eric Skomra.

### **COMMISSIONERS AGENDA**

August 11, 2011

9:00 Minutes  
9:30 Bill McFarland - Auditor of State Proposal for Services  
9:45 Jack Brum  
10:00 Andrew Brossart, CPA, Fifth Third Securities  
10:30  
11:00 \*\*\* *BSSA District Meeting on the Valley Gem* \*\*\*  
1:30  
2:00  
2:30 Greg Sturm & Eric Householder, USDA  
3:00

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Engineer Request to Dispose of Old Tax Map Copies  
Family & Children First Council Service Agreement for Computer Maintenance  
Auditor of State LEAP Fund Proposal

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution - Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company Anniversary  
Additional Appropriation - Sheriff  
Additional Appropriation - WCBDD (2)  
Transfer - WCBDD  
Transfer - Family & Children First (2)  
Then & Nows  
Travel - JFS (2)  
Travel - FCF  
Travel - Commissioners (2)  
Travel - CSEA  
Travel - Auditor  
Request for Permissive Sales Tax  
Draw Down - CHIP  
Public Officials Bonds  
Agreement between JFS and Washington State Community College  
Agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.  
Agreement - Help Me Grow Subsidy  
Letter to Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills  
Engineer - Notice of Commencement, CR 9 Resurfacing  
Engineer - Notice of Commencement, CR 344-138 Paving  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts Letter to County Auditor

#### **RE: AGENDA**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to accept the agenda with the following amendment:

Add: Additional Appropriation - Juvenile Court  
Delete: Jack Brum appointment at 9:45 a.m.  
Change: Bill McFarland appointment to 9:50 a.m.

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

#### **RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the August 4, 2011 minutes, and approve them as submitted.

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

**RE: FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to return to the table the request from Family & Children First Council to enter into agreement with Pioneer Computing for the repair and diagnosis of computer software and equipment at Family & Children First.

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

The Clerk distributed to the Commissioners a memo from Cindy Davis dated August 10, 2011, indicating that she and her staff had met with the IT Department and, while she looks forward to working with the County's IT Department in the future, she requests the Commissioners to contract with Pioneer Computing for services this year, at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed 18 hours.

Mr. Skomra stated that his department is willing and able to provide not only comparable services to Family & Children First, but enhanced services as well. In addition to maintaining and actively monitoring computer systems, the IT Department could elevate Family & Children First to a higher level of expertise. The IT Department currently provides service for more than 250 computers throughout the County, and would like to add Family & Children First.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to not enter into agreement with Pioneer Computing to provide computer service to Washington County Family & Children First Council.

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

**RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from various departments.

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

**RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HAESSLY HARDWOOD LUMBER COMPANY**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

***Whereas**, Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company was founded in the year 1941 by Norman, Sr., and Dorothy Haessly, who at that time operated the business in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio with a portable sawmill and a team of horses; and*

***Whereas**, Norman, Jr., (Jack) Haessly started working in the family business in 1954 and eventually took over the management, development, and ownership of the company; and*

***Whereas**, Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company moved into its current location outside Marietta in 1961; and*

***Whereas**, Jack's sons, Mark and Steve, now work with him to manage the family-owned and operated business; and*

***Whereas**, Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company has become one of the largest hardwood mills in Ohio, and is well-known throughout the industry for its excellent product, its high standards, and its stellar workforce, consisting of more than seventy dedicated employees committed to providing excellent service and quality product; and*

***Whereas**, Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company is proud to be a part of the Washington County business community ; and*

***Whereas**, Washington County is indeed fortunate to have Jack and Mary Haessly, their family, and Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company in our community and serving our community.*

***Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, extends to Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company, its owners, its operators, and its customers, our **Congratulations** and **Best Wishes** on this seventieth (70<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of business operations.*

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following additional appropriations:

215-0393-53000	Contract Service	\$ 5,941.51
200-0620-57403	Donations	\$ 28,605.28
215-0620-55300	Capital Improvements	\$ 8,025.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the following transfers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
200-0620-57403	200-0620-51001	\$ 9,005.28
602-2033-53202	602-2033-55204	\$ 419.20
602-2034-53000		\$ 919.72
	602-2034-52000	\$ 60.00
	602-2034-55204	\$ 859.72

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

**RE: THEN AND NOW'S**

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer	400-0113-5-3000	AEP	\$ 278.89
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-5-3403	Wash. St. Community College	\$ 371.75
EMA	215-0866-5-3000	Karen Ann Morris/Kam Contracting	\$10,091.88

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine 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 2011, and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Job & Family Services

Debi Humphries: One-day trips to Vienna and Parkersburg, WV, to pick up school clothes vouchers, from August 22 through August 26, 2011.

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend the Prevention Programming Workgroup on August 10, 2011.

Commissioners

Cora Marshall and Susan Burkhart: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CORSA Annual Meeting on August 26, 2011.

Rick Peoples: One-day trip to Gallipolis to attend County Commissioners' Clerks & Engineers' Administrative Professionals Association of Ohio meeting on August 26, 2011.

CSEA

Lori Schott and Barb Tergolina: One-day trip to Summit County CSEA to attend OCDA Canton/Cleveland District Innovative Committee Meeting on August 29, 2011.

Auditor

Paul Beach: One-day trips to Nelsonville to attend training on August 17 and 18, 2011.

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

**RE: REQUEST FOR PERMISSIVE SALES TAX**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the following request for Permissive Sales Tax funds:

Newport Township	Various Vendors	\$ 39,000.00
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Cora Marshall aye, Timothy Irvine aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

**RE: DRAWDOWN FOR CHIP PROGRAM**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Drawdown request for CHIP funds in the amount of \$38,766.00, and to allow Ms. Marshall and Mr. Weber to sign the form, as requested by Gerry Spencer, Community Action.

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

**RE: OFFICIALS' BONDS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the following public officials' bonds:

- Brian L. Hesson, Interim Superintendent of Washington County Juvenile Center, \$10,000.00, August 16, 2011 to August 16, 2012.
- Thomas E. Ballengee, Director of Washington County Job & Family Services, \$25,000.00, September 4, 2011 to September 4, 2012.

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

**RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN JFS AND WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Subgrant Agreement between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Washington State Community College to provide funding to the College for technical assistance and training of students, as requested, in a variety of academic programs during the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as requested by Washington County JFS.

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

**RE: AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS, INC.**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to table the request to enter into agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., to provide energy-related services relating to the proposed electric aggregation question scheduled to be on the November 8, 2011 ballot, pending review of the document by the County Prosecutor.

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

**RE: HELP ME GROW SUBSIDY AGREEMENT**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Subsidy Agreement between the Ohio Department of Health and Washington County Commissioners, Administrative Agent for and on behalf of the Family and Children First Council of Washington County for the Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$192,466.00, payable by the Ohio Department of Health to the Washington County Family and Children First Council in quarterly installments of \$48,116.50, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the Agreement, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family and Children First Council.

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

**RE: LETTER TO MISTY CASTO, BUCKEYE HILLS**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to send the following letter, as requested by Terry Tamburini, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority:

*August 11, 2011*

*Ms. Misty Casto, Executive Director  
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District  
P.O. Box 520  
Reno, Ohio 45773*

*Dear Misty:*

*If Appalachian Ohio is to become truly competitive as our national economy emerges from its temporary repose, projects such as the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority's Ingenuity Center (IC) are going to be in the forefront.*

*Envisioned as a reasoned response to the emerging culture of innovation surrounding the temperature controlled container industry, the IC will become the first of what will be many efforts by Washington County to nurture and sustain its already diverse economy.*

*Local development opportunities must be pursued persistently and aggressively if Southeastern Ohio is to assert itself and join in our State's renaissance.*

*We hope to have your support.*

*Thank you!*

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*/s/ Cora A. Marshall, President  
Timothy C. Irvine  
Steven W. Weber*

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

#### **RE: NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the following Notices of Commencement of Public Improvement, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the forms, as requested by County Engineer Bob Badger:

- Washington CR 9-0492 Resurfacing Project, Contractor Shelly & Sands, Inc.
- Washington CR 344-138 Paving Project, Contractor Shelly & Sands, Inc.

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

#### **RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS LETTER**

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to send a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland certifying delinquent sewer account amounts and authorizing him to add the amounts to account holders' property taxes: Curt Rhodes, Mike Higgins, James & Heather Hensley, Raymond Lefebvre, Darren Cox, Bertha & James Kattel, Shelly Hughes, Dan Turner & BAP, Jason Knisley, Brian & Rhonda Steele, Billy Duty, Angela Parker, Steven Rood.

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

#### **RE: STATE AUDITOR PROPOSAL**

County Auditor Bill McFarland and Ohio State Auditor Representative Michelle Allen presented to the Commissioners a proposal from the Auditor of State to provide Local Government Services (LGS) to the Washington County for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013, with an annual estimate of 600 hours at the hourly rate of \$50, not to exceed \$30,000 each of the three years.

#### **RE: BOND REFINANCING**

Andrew Brossart, Vice President and Public Finance Manager with Fifth Third Bank, discussed with the Commissioners and Auditor Bill McFarland the possibility of refinancing two existing outstanding bond issues of Washington County: the 1996 Job & Family Services bond issue, and the 1998 Juvenile Center bond issue. He suggested that if the County refinances these bonds, it could save an estimated \$175,000 (\$96,000 for the JFS, and \$79,000 for the Juvenile Center) over the remaining life of the bonds. This represents an annual net savings, after expenses of bond counsel, printing, appropriate agency fees, etc., of \$22,000. Mr. Brossart commented that this is a good time to lock in rates, as the market is currently very volatile, and it would be to the advantage of County taxpayers to pursue refinancing.

Mr. Irvine indicated he will consult with Job & Family Services to determine if, and how much, their rental payments to the County will change if bonds are refinanced.

#### **RE: COYOTE CONTROL**

Dog Warden Greg Sturm and USDA Wildlife Technician Eric Householder shared with the Commissioners their concerns about the number of coyote attacks in Washington County, resulting in the loss of livestock and pets. Mr. Householder noted the economic impact of coyote attacks, and also black vulture attacks, as some farmers have lost multiple head of livestock. After discussion of options available to the Commissioners, such as implementing a bounty system, or requesting the State of Ohio to reinstate coyote damage claims, or utilizing private contractors to remove unwanted coyotes and vultures, it was determined that Mr. Householder will provide some statistics of losses for Washington County and other options which might be pursued.

#### **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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