

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 25, 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 Lloyd Booth and Clerk Rick Peoples.

The following joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. for the bid opening:

Myron Callihan, Albert Allard, Harold Carpenter, Tim Huck, Judy Mercer, Becky Tolliver, Grant Schooley, Dave Bowen, Robert Prystasz, Melissa Zoller

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA
August 25, 2011

9:00 Minutes
9:30 Bid Opening - Highland Ridge Water
9:41 Cindy Styer, OSU Extension
10:00 Eric Prall - Ross, Sinclair & Assoc.
1:00 Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy
1:30 Eric Skomra

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Request to Dispose of Old Tax Map Copies
Auditor of State LEAP Fund Proposal
Buckeye Energy Aggregation Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution - Designation of CCAO Voting Member
Resolution - Suicide Prevention Week
Additional Appropriation - Commissioners
Additional Appropriation - Dog & Kennel
Additional Appropriation - Sewer
Additional Appropriation - Clerk of Courts
Additional Appropriation - EMA
Transfer - EMA
Transfer - Clerk of Courts
Then & Nows
Travel - Sewer
Travel - JFS
Travel - Clerk of Courts
Requests for Permissive Sales Tax
Appointment to LEPC
Reappointments to Mid Ohio Valley Regional Airport Authority (2)
Decline of LEAP Funding from Auditor of State
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders
Letter to County Auditor Certifying Delinquent Sewer Account Amounts
Letter to County Auditor Reversing Delinquent Sewer Account Amount

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Contracts with United Sealing, Inc. (2)

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 18, 2011, and the August 24, 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: 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: DESIGNATION OF CCAO VOTING MEMBER

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following resolution designating Ms. Marshall as the Official Voting Representative of Washington County at the Annual Meeting of CCAO or any special meeting of the Association, and Mr. Irvine as the Alternate:

Whereas, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

Whereas, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

Whereas, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of County Commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, that Cora A. Marshall, President, Washington County Commissioners, is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Washington County.

Be It Further Resolved that Timothy C. Irvine, Vice President, Washington County Commissioners, is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Washington County.

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

RE: SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following resolution designating as "Suicide Prevention Week" the week of September 4 through 10, 2011, as requested by Anita Meek, L & P Services, Inc.:

Whereas, suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

Whereas, suicide is now the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the state of Ohio and the 2nd leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15 to 24; and

Whereas, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 15.2 minutes; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 4.6 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

Whereas, 50.2% of people who die by suicide use a firearm, and guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection; and

Whereas, the suicide rate for those 15 - 24 years old has more than doubled since the mid-1950s and the suicide rate remains highest for adults 75 years of age and older; and

Whereas, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide; and

Whereas, countywide and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

Whereas, organizations such as the American Association of Suicidology, the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Washington County, which are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths and the pain of survivors affected by suicides of loved ones, urge that we:

1. Recognize suicide as a national, state, county and city problem and declare suicide prevention to be a priority;
2. Encourage initiatives based on the goals contained in the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*:
 - A. Promote awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable.
 - B. Develop broad-based support for suicide prevention.
 - C. Develop and implement strategies to reduce the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention services.
 - D. Develop and implement community-based suicide prevention programs.
 - E. Develop and implement community-based suicide bereavement support services.
 - F. Promote efforts to reduce access to lethal means and methods of self-harm.

- G. Implement training for the recognition of at-risk behavior and for the delivery of effective treatment.
- H. Develop and promote effective clinical and professional practices.
- I. Increase access to, and community linkages with, mental health and substance abuse services.
- J. Promote and support research on suicide and suicide prevention, and

Whereas, a great many suicides are preventable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County do hereby designate September 4 - 10, 2011, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

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:

100-0109-53100	Electric	\$ 15,000.00
200-0363-54400	Equipment	\$ 8,000.00
400-0113-53000	Contract Service	\$ 15,000.00
400-0113-53100	Electric	\$ 10,000.00
200-0233-54400	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
210-0320-53000	Contract Service	\$ 5,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100-0230-51001	100-0230-51110	\$ 3,415.20
100-0101-57100	200-0315-49100	\$ 10,000.00

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JFS	200-0720-5-7400	Ohio Dept. of Commerce	\$ 325.50
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	John Yoca	\$ 138.65
Commissioners	400-0113-5-3100	AEP Retail Energy	\$ 284.50
Commissioners	400-0113-5-3100	AEP Retail Energy	\$ 856.62
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3100	AEP Retail Energy	\$ 650.21
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3100	AEP Retail Energy	\$ 7,320.18
JFS	200-0720-5-3400	Vickie Kelly, R.N.	\$ 250.00
Commissioners	200-0364-5-3000	ATT	\$19,834.80

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:

Sewer Department

Craig Barker: One-day trips to Zanesville to attend training sessions on September 14 and 15, 2011.

Job & Family Services

Connie Anderson: One-day trip to Athens for Quarterly Fraud Control Meeting on October 5, 2011.

Clerk of Courts

Brenda Wolfe: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Clerk of Courts Association Executive Meeting and Fall Education Seminar on September 21 and 22, 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:

Adams Townshiop	Shelly Materials	\$ 3,000.00
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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: APPOINTMENT TO LEPC

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Valentine to the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee for the period August 15, 2011 through August 14, 2013, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the Application for Appointment.

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

RE: RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to re-appoint Terry Tamburini and Kenyon Cox to the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Authority for two-year terms beginning September 25, 2011.

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

RE: DECLINE OF LEAP FUNDING FROM AUDITOR OF STATE

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to return to the table from Unfinished Business the proposal from the Auditor of State to provide LEAP funds for a Washington County performance audit.

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

Mr. Weber then moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to decline the offer of funds from the LEAP Program of the Auditor of the State of Ohio to fund a performance audit, the results of which might be used in considering the consolidation of County departments, and to send the following letter to the Chief Auditor of the Performance Audit Section of the State Auditor's office:

August 25, 2011

*James Penning
Chief Auditor, Performance Audit Section
Auditor of State of Ohio
Lausche Building
615 Superior Ave., NW
Twelfth Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1801*

Dear Jim:

We appreciate very much being selected to participate in this first round of LEAP funding. As we are making significant progress in our internal review of consolidating agencies in Washington County, we do not intend to contract with you for a performance audit at this time. We understand that your funding for our project will not be deferred, and that we are eligible to apply for funds in subsequent rounds.

Thanks again for your interest in working with us.

Sincerely,

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*/s/ Cora A. Marshall, President
/s/ Timothy C. Irvine
/s/ 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: LETTERS TO DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve sending letters to sewer account holders Lesley Vanoster, Sherry Rice, and Gary Cast, notifying them that their

accounts are delinquent and that immediate payment must be made to avoid further collection action.

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

RE: LETTER TO COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFYING DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland notifying him that the following sewer accounts are delinquent and requesting that he add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Patricia Eagle, Cynthia McClay, Randy & Stephie Johnson, Michael Cameron, Joshua Kunz, Timothy Myers.

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

RE: LETTER TO COUNTY AUDITOR REVERSING CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland notifying him that the following sewer account holders previously certified as delinquent have subsequently paid their accounts, and requesting him to not include the amounts on property tax bills: Jason Knisley, Darren Cox.

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

RE: CONTRACTS WITH UNITED SEALING, INC.

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve contracts with United Sealing, Inc., for the following projects, as recommended by County Engineer Bob Badger:

\$19,916.00	Milling and Paving of CR-10
\$ 1,588.40	Paving Deck and Approaches to Bridge T-281-0151, Robinson Hill Road

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

RE: BID OPENING, HIGHLAND RIDGE WATER ASSOCIATION CDBG PROJECT

At 9:30 a.m. Ms. Marshall welcomed those attending the opening of sealed bids for the Highland Ridge Water Association Community Development Block Grant Project.

Four bids were opened as follows:

Kendrick Excavating	\$184,491.00
Cyrus L. Bowen Construction	\$170,724.81
Little Creek Construction	\$165,255.50
B.P. Pipeline	\$182,206.00

Melissa Zoller explained that she will review the bids with the Project Engineer, and they will forward a recommendation to the Commissioners at a subsequent meeting.

RE: 2011 FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Cindy Styer, OSU Extension Program Assistant, talked with the Commissioners about the Summer Food Service Program offered through the 2011 Family Nutrition Program. Having offered 37 classes to children in eleven locations, with a total headcount of 293, she considers it a successful program and appropriate use of allocated funds. The children and parents were very receptive to her programs. She'll begin to contact site managers in March of 2012 to schedule next summer's courses.

RE: BOND REFINANCING

Eric Prall, Director, Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC, 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 \$185,037 (\$96,746 for the JFS, and \$88,291 for the Juvenile Center) over the remaining life of the bonds. This represents an annual net savings, after necessary expenses, of approximately \$26,434. Mr. Prall commented that his proposal does not include the expense of preparing an Official Statement, as he doesn't consider it necessary due to the good financial condition of the County and the relatively small amount to be refunded. He indicated this is a good time to refinance, as current interest rates for Treasury Bonds are very favorable.

RE: BUCKEYE ENERGY PROPOSAL

Tom Bellish and Art Deininger of Buckeye Energy talked with the Commissioners, the County Administrator, and Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn about their proposal to contract with

Washington County to provide consulting/facilitation services for the proposed county-wide electric aggregation program, which will be a question on the November 8, 2011 ballot. They indicated that:

- The Commissioners don't have to sign an agreement for the services they provide prior to the election, but they would prefer that, as it would allow them to gather pricing information to share with voters and they could assist in the "education" process.
- Other entities have signed such an agreement before the election. If the question on the ballot fails, the County has lost no investment because there is no cost to the County.
- Signing this agreement with Buckeye Energy does not suggest, in their minds, that the Commissioners and/or County are promoting the issue.
- Buckeye Energy has worked with approximately 35 entities on utility aggregation programs, most of which signed agreements with them prior to the election.
- They don't believe the County needs to publicly advertise for bids for such services, even if the annual benefit to Buckeye Energy exceeds \$25,000, because the County isn't paying anything to them.
- They don't know exactly how much Buckeye Energy will earn from this arrangement if the issue passes in November, as they don't know how many County residents will participate. It could be, though, as high as \$36,000 per year.
- Most of their County clients did not seek competitive proposals. One that did, though, was dissatisfied with the services they received, and then entered into agreement with Buckeye Energy.
- Although they are requesting a 3-year contract, it could be for 1 year or for 5 years. When the initial agreement ends, another contract could be negotiated.

Assistant Prosecutor Cauthorn recommended that if an agreement is made with Buckeye Energy prior to the election, language should be inserted in the contract and on all written communication(s) pertaining to the issue of electric aggregation that the Commissioners/County are not promoting a vote for or against the issue on the ballot. She also considers it important for the Commissioners to be able to state that, if they enter into agreement, they are receiving the "best" services available, and so it would be advisable to solicit other proposals before committing to any one proposal. She has reviewed the contract and will have a few changes if and when it proceeds to signature.

RE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

IT Director Eric Skomra updated the Commissioners on several ongoing projects in Information Technology, including:

- The Horizon easement agreement to place a shelter building on County property on Colegate Drive is nearly complete, and the County is receiving good value in consideration of this arrangement. Mr. Irvine requested that Eric provide a sketch of exactly where the building will be placed on the property, as he doesn't want it to interfere with access to the building and/or property. Eric indicated the easement will likely be permanent and that is something to consider if the County ever disposes of the property.
- Another company has made a presentation on the Wireless Internet Service Provider project, but they request other users be blocked from using the MARCS towers. Eric indicated that while he continues to be hopeful this WISP project can move forward, response to the RFP has not been encouraging.
- Eric is working on a system to equitably charge back to departments appropriate costs for computer services.

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 1:55 p.m.

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_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk

