

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 6, 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 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Administrator Paul Cunningham and Clerk Rick Peoples.

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

October 6, 2011

At the Assembly Room, 223 Putnam Street, Marietta

9:00 Bills from Various Departments
Additional Appropriations - County General (2)
Transfer - County Home
Transfer - FCF
Transfer - Probate/Juvenile
Transfer - Auditor
Transfer - County General
Transfer - Developmental Disabilities
Then & Now's
Ohio EPA Permit-to-Install Approval/Application
9:30 Heath Angus, Brewer-Garrett Co.
10:00 Terry Tamburini, SeOPA
11:00 Dr. Brad Ebersole, President, Washington State Community College
12:00
1:00
1:15 Ted Williams, County Home
1:30 Larry Richcreek, Chief Building Inspector

At the Cutler Community Center, 4550 Two Mile Run Road, Cutler

6:30 Regular Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Request to Dispose of Old Tax Map Copies
Buckeye Energy Aggregation Agreement
Dental / Vision Insurance
Dog Warden Firearms Policy
Resolution Application for OPWC Funds for County Road Improvements
Engineer - Letter Requesting Certified copy of Resolution

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Resolution - 1% Permissive Sales Tax to Townships
Resolution - Sewer System Policy
Travel - CSEA
Travel - FCF
CDBG Grant Agreement, Ingenuity Center
Cost Allocation Plan by Maximus Consulting Services
Insurance Claim to Westfield Insurance Company
Engineer - Contract with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc.
ODOT Contract - Elderly & Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program
Letters to County Residents (3) Informing Them of Sewer Tap Requirement
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders

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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

100-0101-57000 Roof Replacement \$ 3,365.28

100-0109-53200 Telephone \$ 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: TRANSFERS

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

County Home

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
200-0630-51001	200-0630-53000	\$ 40,000.00

Family & Children First

602-2034-54000	602-2034-55204	\$ 467.50
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Municipal Court

100-0240-51000	100-0240-51001	\$ 6,000.00
100-0240-57511	100-0240-51102	\$ 1,500.00
100-0240-57512	100-0240-51102	\$ 500.00

Probate/Juvenile Court

100-0210-51001	100-0220-51001	\$ 1,512.00
100-0210-51001	100-0220-51101	\$ 22.00
100-0210-51001	100-0220-51102	\$ 212.00

Auditor

100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 13,372.74
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Developmental Disabilities

200-0620-51001	200-0620-52000	\$ 5,000.00
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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: 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>
MR/DD	215-0622-5-3000	Havar Inc.	\$ 6,377.55
MR/DD	200-0620-5-2000	Therapy Tech Inc.	\$ 349.44
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	Clemans Nelson & Associates	\$ 2,058.20
Maintenance	100-0109-5-3000	Cam Refrigeration	\$ 637.84
Independence Township	100-0570-5-3000	Mar-Zane, Inc.	\$ 618.00
Independence Township	100-0570-5-3000	Mar-Zane, Inc	\$ 748.00

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

RE: OEPA PERMIT-TO-INSTALL/PLAN APPROVAL APPLICATION

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Ohio EPA Permit-to-Install/Plan Approval Application for the Woodlawn Acres Sanitary Sewer Improvements project in Belpre Township, as prepared and requested by John Grosse, Consulting Engineer, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the application.

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

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, specifically the compensation of Washington County employees, and to invite County Administrator Paul Cunningham to attend.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Cora Marshall aye, Timothy Irvine aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed, and at 9:15 a.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:30 a.m.

RE: ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to direct County Administrator Paul Cunningham to determine the cost for a one-time payment of between \$500 and \$1,000 to those employees of Washington County who have not had increases in their pay since 2009. Mr. Cunningham was also instructed to notify judges and other elected officials of any personnel changes of which he receives notice.

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

Ms. Marshall commented that she is very disappointed that some of the County's elected officials have awarded pay increases to some or all of their employees this year, specifically in the offices of the Engineer, the Clerk of Courts, Probate/Juvenile Court, and the Auditor. These actions, taken after the Commissioners had asked all officials to not award increases due to anticipated reductions in revenues and increases in expenses, are making it impossible to monitor and control the county's budget, create dissatisfaction among employees not receiving the benefit, and create the risk of future lay-offs. Mr. Irvine noted that departmental budget hearings are soon to begin, and these issues will have to be addressed during these meetings so that the Commissioners can put together a realistic, responsible budget for next year.

RE: BREWER-GARRETT COMPANY

Heath Angus of the Brewer-Garrett Company met with the Commissioners to introduce his company and the services it offers, mechanical and energy consulting services. Experienced primarily in working with public schools, his company offers a "guaranteed" savings. The process would be for Brewer-Garrett to review a year's history of utility bills, conduct a walk-through of facilities by one of their engineers, and present a preliminary analysis to the Commissioners. With the Commissioners' acceptance to proceed, then, Brewer-Garrett would do an in-depth study of how the County could reduce energy costs by investing to become more efficient. The company estimates the savings that would be realized if their plan is implemented. If those savings aren't attained, Brewer-Garrett makes up the difference to the County. The company is a full-service business, from engineering, to design, to installation. Brewer-Garrett has had much success in public school systems, averaging 25-30% savings in utility costs.

Ms. Marshall informed him that the County had undergone a similar study approximately 4 to 5 years ago, but the Commissioners will consult with Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty and that Mr. Angus is welcome to contact the Clerk in about two weeks for an update on that discussion.

RE: SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) Executive Director Terry Tamburini updated the Commissioners on projects:

- He has requested the Commissioners appoint Dr. Brad Ebersole to the SeOPA Board.
- There are now three gas wells being constructed in Monroe County, which will provide some insight to Washington County on what to anticipate relative to roads, security, jobs, etc. Marietta College is working to develop training programs with Washington State Community College, Zane State College, and Washington County Career Center. The College is investigating ways to expand/enlarge/construct facilities to accommodate more students in its Petroleum Engineering program.
- With nearly all funding in place, SeOPA is proceeding with the development of the Ingenuity Center. Two probable tenants are experiencing growth that might cause them to need more space than the Center will provide.
- SeOPA is continuing to promote two Washington County areas for use as a "Cracker Site", which requires between 250 and 500 acres, and access to river, highway, railway, and utilities. One site is near Eramet and the other near Newbury Road.
- The multi-county Economic Development sub-committee will meet next week, with representatives from each of the four counties.
- SeOPA is facilitating a \$6M loan application for the Eramet Outfall Project.
- The ODNR open house generated much interest.
- The Commissioners should anticipate having a role in the upcoming tax incentive proposal for cogeneration plants, along with Belpre Township and Warren Schools.

RE: COUNTY HOME

County Home Administrator Ted Williams shared with the Commissioners a sketch of a proposed concrete slab on County Home property, prepared by the Soil & Water Conservation District. He has received an estimate of approximately \$6,750 from a contractor. The Commissioners requested that he obtain at least one more quote for the job, and then proceed with the lowest and best-qualified contractor.

RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Chief Building Inspector Larry Richcreek talked with the Commissioners about extending his office's services into additional neighboring counties. He also requested the Commissioners to consider adding travel time to his contractual agreement with the County, and increasing his mileage rate.

The Commissioners indicated they would consider his requests and inform him of their decision.

The meeting continued at the Cutler Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Attending were the Commissioners, the Administrator, the Clerk, Ashley Rittenhouse, Jim Irvin, Terry Mayle, Mike Brant, Bruce Kelbaugh, Buffy Ruble, and Emily Smith. Ms. Marshall opened this portion of the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Ms. Marshall welcomed those attending the meeting from the Cutler area, and thanked them for their hospitality in hosting the Commissioners' regular weekly meeting. She then introduced the Commissioners, the Administrator, the Clerk, and Ashley Rittenhouse from *The Marietta Times*.

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Pay Request #1, Zemba Brothers, Inc.

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 September 29, 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: RESOLUTION, 1% PERMISSIVE SALES TAX

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Commissioners may allocate a portion of the 1% Permissive Sales Tax revenues to Townships in Washington County, for the maintenance and repair of Township roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the current policy for the request and disbursement of these funds by the Townships is time-consuming and cumbersome; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Commissioners wish to streamline the process and give the townships more flexibility in using these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County that, beginning in fiscal year 2012 and continuing thereafter, 1% Permissive Sales Tax funds allocated to Townships in Washington County will be paid directly to the Townships in three approximately equal installments, during the months of April, July, and October. The 1% Permissive Sales Tax funds allocated to Townships shall be used for the repair and maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and will include road construction contracts, materials, equipment, equipment repair, and supplies used for the repair and maintenance of Township roads and bridges. Each Township shall file an annual report with the Clerk of the County Commissioners, on or before January 31, detailing the Township's prior year's expenditures of 1% Permissive Sales Tax funds. At a minimum, this report will include the vendor name, amount paid, and item(s) purchased.

Any current remaining balance in a Township's 1% Permissive Sales Tax fund will be paid to the Township prior to the end of fiscal year 2011.

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

RE: RESOLUTION, SEWER SYSTEM POLICY

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

Whereas, the Washington County Commissioners manage, on the behalf of citizens of Washington County, a sewer system; and

Whereas, accounts are maintained to record financial activity of customers of the County's sewer system; and

Whereas, appropriate policies and procedures are necessary to maintain these accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Washington County Commissioners that the following procedures will be observed in management of Washington County's sewer system accounts:

- Residential sewer account holders will be assessed a monthly fee of \$56.00. The Sewer Department Billing Clerk (Clerk) will mail, on or about the last day of the month, invoices for that month, payable on or before the 15th of the succeeding month.
- Payments received will be posted to appropriate accounts, and all receipts will be paid in to the Washington County Treasury in accordance with requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Accounts not paid by the 15th of the month following the month of service will be considered delinquent, and will be assessed a 15% late payment fee. If the 15th of the month falls on a weekend or Washington County-recognized holiday, the due date will be the next business day. Late payment fees will be assessed to unpaid accounts for up to an additional two months.
- Accounts not paid within 90 days of the end of the month of service will be considered seriously delinquent, and the Clerk will send via Certified U.S. Mail Service a notice to the account holders that payment must be made, in full and including the late payment fee(s), within 30 days.
- If payment of those seriously delinquent sewer accounts is not made by the established due date, the Clerk will notify the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners will then notify the Washington County Auditor that the amounts are deemed uncollectible by the Sewer Department, and request that the Auditor place the amounts owed on appropriate real property tax bills for the properties served by the sewer connection.

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:

CSEA

Denise Hinton, Betty Lynch, Barb Tergolina: Three-day trip to Dublin for OCDA Fall Conference, October 19-21, 2011.

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: Two-day trip to Columbus for Ohio Family & Children First Annual Meeting, October 26-27, 2011.

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

RE: CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT, INGENUITY CENTER

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Grant Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of Development, and Washington County, Grant Number B-D-11-1CY-1, in the amount of \$250,000.00, for the Ingenuity Center Project of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, from the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, for the period September 30, 2011 through November 30, 2012, as recommended by Melissa Zoller, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the agreements.

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

RE: COST ALLOCATION PLAN BY MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Certificate of County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan establishing an acceptable method of allocating appropriate costs to Federal awards for the fiscal year 2010, as recommended by County Administrator Paul Cunningham, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the certificate (copy on file in the Commissioners' Office).

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

RE: INSURANCE CLAIM, WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve an invoice to Westfield Insurance Company in the amount of \$10,601.43 for expenses the County incurred as a result of water damage to building and contents on August 5, 2011, as recommended by Safety &

Loss Control Coordinator Susan Burkhart.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH BOB LANE'S WELDING, INC.

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the contract with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., for the landslip repair of WAS-CR 544-0220, in the amount of \$53,199.45, as recommended by County Engineer Bob Badger.

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

RE: ODOT CONTRACT, ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Grant Contract between the Washington County Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation, Contract No. EHTA-0084-012-121, in the amount of \$7,870.00 from the Elderly & Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, to offset the farebox loss incurred during calendar year 2010 as a result of offering a reduced fare to the elderly and people with disabilities, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the contract.

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

RE: LETTERS TO COUNTY RESIDENTS INFORMING THEM THEY MUST TAP INTO COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following Washington County residents who live within 200 feet of an existing sewer line, notifying them that they must tap into that line within 90 days, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the Washington County Sanitary Service Lateral Material and Installation Guide, a copy of which will accompany the letter of notification, and that they must complete a Sewer Permit and notify the Commissioners when installation is complete, and that they will begin receiving monthly invoices for sewer services from the date of connection to the system.

Sherry Rice, 4957 State Route 60, Marietta, Ohio 45750
Gary Casto, 4961 State Route 60, Marietta, Ohio 45750
Lesley Vanoster, 4963 State Route 60, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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 the following Washington County residents notifying them that their sewer accounts are delinquent and that payment must be made within 30 days: Alvie & Sally Turner, Kelly Offenberger, Christopher & Patty Carver, Dan Turner & BAP, Madesta Stanley, Tim Anderson, Kelly Ollom, Debra Wingrove, Norm Dowler, Kelly Lang, Kevin Reeder (for 30 Mill Street, 10 Mill Street, and 20 Mill Street), Jean Yost, Theresa Hescht, Richard Rohr, Jr., Ted Williams, David Carpenter, Paula Holsinger & Jason Knisley, Chad & Jennifer Rowley, Kristy Haynes, Jeremy Brandjes, Larry Carney, David Burns, Thomas Hart, Ernest Cornell, Josh Seebruger, John Walsh, Tom Sabol, John Holdren, Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, John & Joann Edwards, Ronald Carver, Kathy McKitrick.

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

RE: PAY REQUEST #1, ZEMBA BROTHERS, INC.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve Pay Request #1 for Zemba Brothers, Inc., for work completed on the Devola Lift Station and Force Main Improvements Project, in the amount of \$175,337.80, as recommended by County Administrator Paul Cunningham, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the request.

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

RE: RESOLUTION, APPLICATION FOR OPWC FUNDS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to return to the table from Unfinished Business discussion of the resolution authorizing the application for Ohio Public Works Commission funds for county road improvements and the County Engineer's request for a certified copy of that resolution.

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

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following resolution, as requested by County Engineer Bob Badger, and to allow Ms. Marshall to sign the application:

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to eligible public infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is planning to make capital improvements to County Roads 4, 32, 102 and 109; and,

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements to County Roads 4, 32, 102 and 109 are considered to be a priority need for the community and are qualified projects under the OPWC programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, that Cora Marshall, President, is hereby authorized to apply for OPWC funds for improvements to County Roads 4, 32, 102 and 109 and that Cora Marshall is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

RE: CERTIFIED COPY OF OPWC APPLICATION

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to direct the Clerk to certify a copy of the resolution authorizing the application for Ohio Public Works Commission funds for the improvements to County Roads 4, 32, 102 and 109 to the Washington County Engineer.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Ms. Marshall invited guests to speak:

Bruce Kelbaugh thanked the Commissioners for moving some of their meetings out into the County, especially to Cutler.

Mike Brant asked the following questions:

- Is the Dog Warden Firearms Policy going to be discussed this evening? *Mr. Weber indicated that this policy has been drafted to establish appropriate procedures for the Dog Warden to handle a firearm, most of which are current practice. The policy is still being reviewed, and will be considered at a later date.*
- Is the County going to hire a trained law enforcement officer as Dog Warden? *Mr. Weber stated that while the County is not now looking for an Assistant Dog Warden, it has been discussed that if and when one is hired there may be certifications required.*
- In recent years the cost for a dog license has gone from \$7, to \$10, to \$12, and now it is \$16. My six dogs are costing nearly \$100. What was the need for these increases? *Mr. Weber responded that periodic increases are necessary to maintain the level of services the County currently provides, including the Dog Warden, a vehicle for the Dog Warden's official business, the assistance by the Humane Society when needed, etc.*
- According to the County Auditor's office, the Dog Warden is paid about \$50,000 per year, plus benefits. Is that true? *Mr. Cunningham noted that the Dog Warden is currently paid \$11.00 per hour, plus benefits. He suggested that the report from the County Auditor was for a period of time during which there were two employees in the Dog Warden's office, and that accounts for the \$50,000.*
- The Humane Society is paid \$60,000 each year by the Commissioners. Are they under the control of the Commissioners? *Mr. Weber said the Commissioners have no control over the Humane Society, other than when they are contracted to assist the Dog Warden, and that the Society has their own Board of Directors.*
- What does the Dog Warden do to get more people to buy dog licenses? *Mr. Weber indicated that with only one person to handle such a large territory, it is difficult to add things for him to do. They County does, though, allow residents to purchase dog licenses during certain times in their communities, and the County Auditor allows them to be purchased via mail.*
- Why don't people have to license their cats? *Mr. Weber noted that the Ohio Revised Code doesn't allow for the licensing of cats by counties.*
- What is on the Commissioners' agenda for the next six months that might increase or decrease costs to citizens of Washington County? *Mr. Irvine stated that it is very difficult to predict what is going to happen next week, let alone six months down the road! He made it clear that the Commissioners are trying very hard to maintain good services for the citizens of Washington County while keeping costs down. Ms. Marshall said this is especially difficult because the State has reduced funding to local governments.*
- Why can't I get a discount because my dogs are spayed/neutered? *Mr. Weber commented that while this is an interesting proposal that he favors, the Ohio Revised Code makes it very difficult to implement. He is hopeful that the Commissioners can*

consider this and determine whether it is feasible for Washington County.

RE: BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE

Ms. Marshall informed those attending the meeting from the Cutler area that she is encouraged by recent response to a broadband internet service project that the Commissioners are pursuing, allowing residents in remote parts of the County access to high-speed internet. Some proposals from service providers are not affordable, but there is one vendor that is interested in starting in the western portion of the County, and then working into other areas as funds and equipment become available. That proposal is currently under review. If acceptable, residents in the Cutler/Decatur area will in the near future have access to high-speed internet service.

RE: ROOF REPAIR

Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve repair of the 223 Putnam Street building roof at an approximate cost of \$3,550.00, and to allow Building and Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty to enter into a contract with the lowest and best vendor, as requested by County Administrator Paul Cunningham.

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

RE: ROAD REPAIR, HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENTRYWAY

County Administrator Paul Cunningham reported that the entry roadway to the County Health Department is in need of repair. Ms. Marshall referred the matter to the County Engineer to determine who owns the property, and thus who is responsible for its upkeep.

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 7:30 p.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk

