

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 28, 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 Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Mike Webber, Hannah Chenerski from WTAP News, Austin James from WMOA Radio , and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., April 28, 2016**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Major Brian Schuck – Jail Water Softener
11:00 Ray Smith, Ohio Public Defenders – Annual Contract

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annual WIOA Subgrant Agreement and Data Share Agreement
Proposal for Architectural/Engineering Services, Jail Security Screens Project

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – National Day of Prayer
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (2)
Additional Appropriation – Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)
Then & Now's
Travel – EMA
Travel – Auditor
Travel – Job & Family Services
Travel – Family & Children First
Applications to Serve on Local Emergency Planning Committee (2)
Healthier Buckeye Grant Pilot Program Forms, Family & Children First
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor
Engineer – Change Order #1, Barnett Bridge Repair Project
Engineer – 2016 Asphalt Paving Program Bids
Engineer – Contract for 2016 Asphalt Paving Program
Sewer Rate Change Discussion

INFORMATION

Annual Township Trustees Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Today**, at Lowell
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 10, at County Home
Public Viewing of Wesley Township Road 303, 11:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 10
Public Hearing on Request to Vacate Wesley Township Road 303, 10:00 a.m.,
Thursday, May 12

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Lift Station Repair, Sewer Department
Letter of Support to ODOT, Transit Program

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting.

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

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the list of bills from various

departments for payment, as prepared by the County Auditor.

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

RE: RESOLUTION, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the first Day of Prayer was declared in 1775 when the Continental Congress "designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation"; and*

***WHEREAS**, George Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, February 19, 1795; and*

***WHEREAS**, Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional resolution of March 3, 1863, which called for a day of fasting and prayer during the Civil War; and*

***WHEREAS**, a bill proclaiming an annual National Day of Prayer was unanimously passed by both Houses of Congress, and signed by President Truman on April 17, 1952; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1988 a bill was introduced to Congress which fixed the annual National Day of Prayer at the first Thursday in May and, having received broad bipartisan sponsorship and support, became Public Law 100-307; and*

***WHEREAS**, on our National Day of Prayer it is our hope, then, that we join together as people of many faiths to petition God to show us His mercy and His love, to heal our weariness and uphold our hope, that we might live ever mindful of His justice and thankful for His blessing.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, do hereby designate Thursday, May 5, 2016, **Washington County Day of Prayer**. On that day we ask all who believe to join with us in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings He has bestowed on this land and the protection He affords us as a people. Let us join together before God, fully aware of the trials that lie ahead and the necessity for divine guidance. With unshakeable faith in God and the liberty which is our heritage, we as a free people will surely survive and prosper.*

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

Commissioner Feathers noted there will be a local National Day of Prayer ceremony on the Courthouse steps at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following requests for Additional Appropriations:

Sheriff	200-0382-54401	\$	2,500.00
Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)	200-0106-57400	\$	6.49

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Maintenance	100-0109-53600	CORSA	\$ 256,185.00
Prosecutor	210-0335-53000	AT & T	\$ 200.00
Board of Dev. Disabilities	200-0620-53000	WASCO	\$ 2,319.04
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Canterbury Electric	\$ 250.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Canterbury Electric	\$ 157.00
Debt Service	700-0114-56200	U.S. Bank	\$ 23,737.50
Debt Service	700-0720-56200	U.S. Bank	\$ 9,367.50

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White 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 2016 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

EMA

Jeff Lauer: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Emergency Management Spring Conference;

April 26-27, 2016 (retroactive).

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Legislative/Executive meeting; May 2, 2016.

JFS

Tom Ballengee, Candy Nelson: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend CCMEP meeting; May 5-6, 2016.

FCF

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Wooster to attend meetings on youth in placement; May 11, 2016.

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO LEPC

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Camron Stover and Greg Dotson, both currently employed by Eureka Midstream, to the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the period August 14, 2015 through August 15, 2017, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Applications.

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

RE: HEALTHIER BUCKEYE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM FORMS, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Required Grantee Information and Certifications Form and a Location of Business Form for the Healthier Buckeye Grant Pilot Program, as prepared by Cindy Davis, Washington County Family & Children First Council, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the forms.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending notice to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on their accounts: Robert Strong, Brandon Leasure, Linda Lorentz, H. Clifton Spencer II, Christopher Marshall, Melinda Hapney, Kimberly Hammond, Andrea Bolen, Julie Maze, Michael and Jessica Webb, Kathy McKittrick, Stacy Day, Michelle Wiltse, John and Joan Edwards, Mario Puccio, Joseph and Desiree Sigman, Richard Hoff, Randy Norris, Christopher and Patty Carver, Dan Turner, Michelle Higgins, Richard and Karen Best, Brian and Sherry Ogden, Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, Michael and Johnna Barrett.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS TO COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve certifying the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: John Church, Charles Randolph, James Rhodes, Cynthia McClay, Dawn Rachell Yost, Brian and Sherry Ogden, Brad Merritt.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ODOT FOR TRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending the following letter of support to the Ohio Department of Transportation:

April 28, 2016

*Chuck Dyer, Administrator
Ohio Department of Transportation
Office of Transit
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223*

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Dyer:

The Washington County Commissioners support ODOT's pursuit of the 5339(b) funding opportunity in order to fund vehicles for 2018. As a small rural system, funding for vehicle purchases has been difficult to obtain. Washington County is in transition with respect to the current service offerings and will be looking to purchase vehicles in the next couple of years.

The 5339(b) funding opportunity will be beneficial for our transit system and for our riders. Additional transit vehicles will provide our transit service greater flexibility and increase rider capacity.

We hope ODOT is successful in obtaining these resources for Ohio, and we support the application for funds.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, BARNETT BRIDGE PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Barnett Bridge Project, adding \$420.00 to the original contract amount of \$8,394.00 for a new contract amount of \$8,814.00, contractor Bob Lane's Welding, due to adjustment of height to meet field conditions, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: 2016 ASPHALT PAVING PROGRAM BID RECOMMENDATION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept County Engineer Roger Wright's recommendation to award contract to Shelly & Sands, Inc., for the 2016 Asphalt Paving Program Project, for the amount of \$648,448.00, the only sealed bid received and opened, which is within the Engineer's estimate of \$938,291.13.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH SHELLY & SANDS, INC. FOR 2016 ASPHALT PAVING PROGRAM

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract with Shelly & Sands, Inc., for the 2016 Asphalt Paving Program, in the amount of \$648,448.00, as prepared and recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: LIFT STATION REPAIR

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve contracting with Larry Lang Excavating, Inc., to repair the Napoli's Lift Station, for the amount of \$13,120.00, as recommended by Craig Barker, Wastewater Supervisor.

The Clerk noted Mr. Barker received two quotes for the project:

Larry Lang Excavating, Inc.	\$ 13,120.00
Doug Lowe Construction	\$ 14,474.72

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

RE: SEWER RATES

Commissioner Feathers initiated discussion of the County's sewer rates. He reported the current sewer rate of \$62.00 per month will not adequately fund the program for next year. He said recent rate increases from the City of Belpre (4%) and the City of Marietta (7.7%), and payment of debt obligations, require an increase in the County's sewer rate. Mr. Feathers said it is important to preserve a fund balance of approximately \$200,000, which would be available for (1) cash flow, and (2) emergency replacement or repair of equipment. He said the lift stations are aging, and replacing one would cost approximately \$100,000. Mr. Feathers said a \$2.50 increase in the monthly rate, to \$64.50, will stabilize the Sewer Fund for a year, at which time the Commissioners will review and adjust as necessary.

Commissioner White said he supports the adjustment of \$2.50, as that amount is the lowest in the range of options considered by the Commissioners. He said the Commissioners are reviewing available resources and anticipated needs, in conjunction with fund balance, each year in order to keep the monthly rates as low as possible.

Mr. Feathers noted the Commissioners borrowed internally from the Capital Projects Fund in order to

pay a debt obligation, but that amount, plus interest, must eventually be paid back from the Sewer Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. President Walters said once this debt is paid, the Sewer Fund balance will be unacceptably low. He said this warrants an adjustment in the monthly rate.

Commissioner Feathers said any rate change this year will be effective July 1, 2016. Commissioner White suggested action must be taken within the next few weeks in order to effectively communicate the change in monthly rate, if any.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table consideration of a change in monthly sewer rate.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mike Webber thanked the Commissioners for adopting the Resolution designating May 5, 2016 as Washington County Day of Prayer, and for allowing the community to use the Courthouse steps for a public ceremony.

Glen Pawloski distributed a copy of a newspaper article suggesting that Governor Tomblin will likely ask to use of a portion of the State of West Virginia "rainy day" fund to fill a growing hole in that state's current year budget. He remarked how fortunate West Virginia is to have that pocket of funds available for such use. He encouraged the Commissioners to set up a rainy day fund as well. Mr. Pawloski reminded the Commissioners he had recently asked them to terminate the proposed sewer project in Devola, as it is not needed, not feasible, and not desired. He said such an unwise investment would result in serious financial hardship to many Devola residents.

RE: JAIL FACILITY NEEDS

Major Brian Schuck from the Sheriff's Office shared with the Commissioners two facility issues at the Washington County Jail:

Use of hard water over an extended period of time has resulted in deteriorating pipes and valves, requiring regular repair of pumps and plumbing. Major Schuck said contractor Pioneer Pipe recommends installation of an EasyWater No-Salt Conditioner for use at the jail, for the price of \$11,890.00. Additionally, he said, the contractor recommends installation of a small water softener on the hot water line serving the kitchen area, for the price of \$4,750.00. Commissioner White asked Major Schuck to consult with other facility directors who have used the EasyWater system, as this is an investment in technology that is innovative, but relatively new on the market. The Commissioners agreed with Major Schuck that there needs to be a long-term remedy for the deterioration of pipes and valves at the jail, but want assurance this proposed solution will be effective and efficient. President Walters advised Major Schuck to keep in mind that water condition in this region may not be comparable to other locations where the EasyWater system is being used.

Poor condition of boiler and VAV box valves requires immediate attention. Major Schuck said he recommends repair of eleven leaking valves by Pioneer Pipe for the price of \$16,780.00.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve contracting with Pioneer Pipe to repair two boiler valves and nine VAV box valves at the county jail, utilizing Capital Project funds, as requested by Major Schuck from the Sheriff's Office.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Attorneys Ray Smith, Randall Jedlink, and Shawna Landaker presented the annual contract and budget for the Ohio Public Defenders Office in Washington County for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Smith said the amount of the contract is \$375,728, representing a 1.5% increase from current year. He said the contract for next year includes:

A 2.5% increase in salaries for attorneys and staff.

An Administrative Allocation of \$22,030, the County's proportionate share of administrative costs for the Columbus and Athens offices.

Application of \$12,327 in Carryover & Reserve from the County's 2016 projected fund balance.

Reimbursement rate of 48% from the State.

Mr. Smith said representative(s) from the State's Office of the Ohio Public Defenders are scheduled to meet with the Commissioners on May 5, 2016 to continue discussion of the contract.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk