

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 9, 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, PRESIDENT, AND CORA A. MARSHALL, VICE PRESIDENT. MEMBER STEVEN W. WEBER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. 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*, Washington County Township Trustees Association President Gene Morris, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

January 12, 2012

9:00 Minutes
9:30 Gene Morris
9:45 Jim Schneider, Prosecutor
10:00 Chris Pederson, Air Evac.
2:00 Jerry Bibbee & Eric Skomra, IT Director
3:30 Dawn Rauch, Community Action

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Request to Dispose of Old Tax Map Copies
EMA Memo of Understanding
Dental / Vision Insurance

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution - New Fund CDBG Highland Ridge Water & Sewer
Additional Appropriation - Municipal Court
Additional Appropriation - Building/Grounds
Additional Appropriation - Clerk of Courts
Additional Appropriation - 2010 CDBG
Additional Appropriation - CDBG Water & Sewer Fund
Additional Appropriation - FCF
Additional Appropriation - County General
Minus Appropriation - CSEA
Transfer - Soil & Water
Transfer - Health Department
Transfer - Veterans
Transfer - CSEA
Then & Now
Travel - Engineer
Draw Down - Community Action
JFS - County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan for 2012
Satisfaction of Mortgage - 114 Putnam Howe Dr., Belpre, Ohio
Westfield Insurance Claim - Water Intrusion Incident in Courthouse
FCF - Contract with HAVAR, Inc. for 2012
LEPC Appointment Letters (4)
Credit Card Approval - Maintenance, Sewer, Dog Warden, 911
Letter from Ohio Public Works - Woodlawn Acres
EPA - Plan Approval Application
Warren Township Trustees - Frost Law
FCF - Lease with Ely Chapman Education Foundation
Safety/Loss Coordinator - Retrospective Reserve Account for Workers Comp
Elected Officials' Salaries Notification to County Auditor
Agreement to Hire Outside Law Firm for Tax Appeals Matters
FCF - Projected Expenditures Form for 2012

RE: AGENDA

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the January 5 and January 9, 2012 minutes, and approve them as submitted.

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

RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Marshall 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: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye.

RE: RESOLUTION CREATING NEW FUND, CDBG HIGHLAND RIDGE WATER & SEWER

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Office of the Washington County Auditor’s Office has advised the *Commissioners of funds that need to be established by resolution, and*

WHEREAS, *the fund be established for Washington County, and*

WHEREAS, *funds requested by the Fiscal Office are as follows:*

210-0869 CDBG Highland Ridge Water & Sewer Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Washington County Commissioners to hereby add the foregoing funds to the financial system of Washington County.

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

200-0351-51104	Insurance	\$	72,000.00
100-0109-51001	Salaries	\$	6,240.00
100-0109-51101	Medicare	\$	90.00
100-0109-51102	PERS	\$	874.00
100-0230-51000	Salaries	\$	3,120.00
100-0230-51101	Medicare	\$	45.24
100-0230-51102	PERS	\$	436.80
210-0823-58000	Sewer	\$	44,957.00
210-0869-58000	Sewer	\$	142,000.00
602-2032-55000	Career	\$	12,175.00
602-2032-53500	Mentoring	\$	1,801.30
602-2032-53400	FCSS	\$	5,456.01
100-0101-57200	Advances - Out	\$	40,000.00

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following minus appropriation:

200-0730-57400	Cost Allocation	\$	(10,993.42)
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRANSFERS

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

Soil & Water

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100-0107-57100	200-2040-49100	\$ 85,000.00

Health

100-0101-57200	601-2000-49200	\$ 75,000.00
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Veterans

100-0700-54400	100-0700-51105	\$ 73.00
100-0700-54400	100-0700-57401	\$ 8,927.00
100-0701-57400	100-0701-51105	\$ 73.00

CSEA

200-0730-51001	200-0730-51104	\$	1,768.21
200-0730-51101	200-0730-51104	\$	25.64
200-0730-51102	200-0730-51104	\$	247.53
200-0730-57400	200-0730-51104	\$	6,318.58

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

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

Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Elizabeth Ault	\$	100.24
Children Services	200-0740-5-2000	Sally Ferguson	\$	138.44
Children Services	200-0740-5-2000	Dave Copen	\$	115.72
Children Services	200-0741-5-2000	Christy King	\$	119.04
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Dieatra Dearth	\$	127.38
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Karen Seagraves	\$	120.12
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Tonya Kidder	\$	119.68
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Sabrina Buchanan	\$	172.48
Children Services	200-0743-5-3000	Carol Hare	\$	220.00
Children Services	200-0740-5-3000	Dody Yost	\$	180.00
Children Services	200-0740-5-3000	Angela Hughes	\$	580.00
Children Services	200-0743-5-1104	Tonya Kidder	\$	1,500.00
Children Services	200-0740-5-7000	PCSAO	\$	1,714.05
Children Services	200-0740-5-3100	At&T	\$	582.66
Children Services	200-0740-5-7000	At&T	\$	296.02
Children Services	200-0740-5-3401	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$	2,017.00
Commissioners	100-0101-5-7400	Miller Communications	\$	412.50
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	Eric Fowler	\$	480.00
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	Eric Fowler	\$	196.00
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	Eric Fowler	\$	180.00
Commissioners	400-0113-5-2000	Craig Barker	\$	275.87
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3000	Otis Elevator	\$	9,833.64
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3000	Otis Elevator	\$	4,025.16
Commissioners	200-0364-5-3000	CMI	\$	11,756.00
Commissioners	100-0870-5-3002	Small Bus. Dev. Ctr.	\$	2,000.00
Commissioners	400-0113-5-3100	AEP	\$	332.72
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	AEP	\$	504.56
Sheriff Dept.	100-0384-5-3500	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$	250.00
Sheriff Dept.	100-0381-5-3000	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$	561.00
CSEA	200-0730-5-1104	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	\$	1,147.50
CSEA	200-0730-5-7403	OCDA (Oh. CSEA Dir. Assoc.)	\$	3,465.00
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	AEP	\$	504.56
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	Anita Newhart	\$	244.00
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3400	Word for Word	\$	192.50
Commissioners	100-0361-5-3000	Montgomery Co. Coroner	\$	1,200.00
Commissioners	300-0113-5-3000	Zimba Brothers	\$	295,259.47
Commissioners	300-0113-5-3000	Stantec	\$	22,914.13
Commissioners	300-0113-5-3000	Randy Church	\$	1,985.00
Commissioners	300-0113-5-3000	Insituform	\$	287,735.67
Veteran Service	100-0700-5-7401	Gummer Wholesale	\$	576.89
Veteran Service	100-0700-5-7401	Super 8 Motel	\$	589.50
Veteran Service	100-0700-5-7401	Shoney's Restaurant	\$	197.05
Common Pleas Ct.	100-0209-5-3000	Michael Buell	\$	190.00
Common Pleas Ct.	100-0209-5-3000	Barbara Danford	\$	166.25
Common Pleas Ct.	100-0209-5-3000	Shoshanna Brooker	\$	285.00
FCF	602-2030-5-3201	AT&T	\$	236.60
Commissioners	100-0101-5-3301	SR Properties	\$	1,500.00
Commissioners	100-0109-5-4000	Apex Feed & Supply	\$	199.99
Commissioners	100-0109-5-4000	Ace Lock	\$	230.50
Juvenile Center	100-0330-5-7400	AT & T	\$	123.21
Marietta Municipal Ct.	200-0350-5-3500	Independent Supply	\$	123.40
Marietta Municipal Ct.	200-0350-5-3500	Oh. Alcohol Monitoring Serv.	\$	310.00
Marietta Municipal Ct.	200-0351-5-3000	Patrick Brockmeier	\$	21.69
Marietta Municipal Ct.	200-0351-5-3000	Mahone Tire Services	\$	30.95
Marietta Municipal Ct.	200-0351-5-3000	Verizon	\$	929.27
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$	3,253.44
MR/DD	200-0620-5-4000	B&B Vending	\$	2,073.04
MR/DD	200-0620-5-3500	Mr. Rooter	\$	885.08
MR/DD	215-0620-5-3000	Therapy Tech	\$	653.76
MR/DD	215-0620-5-3000	Suddenlink	\$	199.95
MR/DD	210-0621-5-3000	Suddenlink	\$	129.95
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	AT & T	\$	446.22
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	Security Electronics	\$	1,250.00
Recorders	100-0150-5-4000	Iron Mountain Records Mgmt.	\$	271.37
Commissioners	100-0190-5-3000	Mancan	\$	147.25
Commissioners	400-0113-5-2000	Operator Training Comm. Of Ohio	\$	285.00
Sheriff Department	100-0384-5-3403	Washington Co. Commissioners	\$	125.00
Sheriff Department	100-0381-5-3403	Washington Co. Commissioners	\$	584.48
Sheriff Department	100-0381-5-3405	Washington Co. Commissioners	\$	240.06
DJFS	200-0720-5-7400	Verizon	\$	175.70
Commissioners	210-0821-5-6000	Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$	1,830.00
County Home	200-0630-5-4000	Swank	\$	439.21
County Home	200-0630-5-4400	Baker & Son	\$	2,450.00
Sheriff Department	100-0381-5-4200	Washington Co. Commissioners	\$	1,468.28
County Home	200-0630-5-3000	Hobart	\$	111.25
Commissioners	200-0364-5-3000	CMI	\$	17,764.00
Commissioners	200-0364-5-3000	CMI	\$	22,607.20
Commissioners	100-0109-5-2000	Josh Armstrong	\$	215.05
DJFS	200-0720-5-7400	Verizon	\$	255.05
DJFS	200-0720-5-7400	Oh. JF Service Directors Assoc.	\$	6,223.99
DJFS	200-0720-5-2000	Thomas Ballengee	\$	129.03

DJFS	200-0720-5-2000	Exxon	\$ 380.29
DJFS	200-0720-5-7400	EMAR	\$ 350.00
DJFS	200-0720-5-9000	Beverly Heights, LTD	\$ 314.00
DJFS	200-0720-5-9000	Thomas Burroughs	\$ 500.00
DJFS	200-0720-5-9000	Mitcham Group	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	400-0113-5-3100	AEP	\$ 119.16
Commissioners	400-0113-5-3000	Dreier & Maller, Inc.	\$ 1,620.00
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Debbie Hatfield	\$ 112.88
Children Services	200-0743-5-2000	Pam McKenna	\$ 112.64
Children Services	200-0740-5-2000	Pam McKenna	\$ 146.24

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Ms. Marshall 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 2012 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Engineer

Bob Badger, Roger Wright: Two-day trip to Worthington to attend Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio Annual Conference; February 8 & 9, 2012.

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

RE: DRAWDOWN REQUEST

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following drawdown request for the CHIP program, as requested by Gerry Spencer, Community Action:

B-C-10-1CY-1 \$ 8,293.00

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

RE: COST ALLOCATION PLAN, JFS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the County-wide Cost Allocation Plan for 2012 for Washington County Department of Job & Family Services, as follows:

PROGRAM	CODE	AMOUNT	MONTHLY
Shared Cost	010-20	\$28,066.00	\$2,338.83
Income Maintenance	020-20	27,885.00	2,323.75
Social Services	030-20	<u>(15,829.00)</u>	<u>(1,319.08)</u>
TOTAL		\$40,122.00	\$3,343.50

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

RE: SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to certify the Satisfaction of Mortgage by Separate Instrument for Dennis Kessel and Reta Bobo, 1414 Putnam Howe Drive, Belpre, as requested by Dawn Rauch, Community Action.

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

RE: INSURANCE CLAIM RELEASE

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Westfield Insurance Release and Discharge of E.W. Drake, Inc., and all other persons, firms, or corporations from further liability for the water damage caused during roof replacement of the courthouse annex on or about August 7, 2011, in consideration of the payment to the County of \$9,043.42, and to allow Mr. Irvine to sign the Release, as requested by Safety & Loss Control Coordinator Susan Burkhart.

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

RE: FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST CONTRACT WITH HAVAR, INC.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the contract with Havar, Inc., to provide in-home support services at the rate of \$19.00 per hour, and respite care services at the rate of \$288.00 per day, during the period January 1 through December 31, 2012, as requested by Washington County Family & Children First Council.

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the period January 6, 2012 through August 15, 2013, and to allow Mr. Irvine to sign the Applications for Appointment:

Robert Frank
Leonard Wiggins
David Ferguson
Ernest Clevenger

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

RE: CREDIT CARD APPROVAL

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the use of Speedway/Marathon credit cards for the purchase of gas and vehicle maintenance, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 301.27, by the following departments, as requested by County Administrator Paul Cunningham:

Maintenance
Sewer
Dog Warden
911

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

RE: OHIO PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING FOR WOODLAWN ACRES

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated January 3, 2012, from Michelle Hyer of Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District notifying the Commissioners that the request for funding under Round 26 of the Ohio Public Works Commission SCIP/LTIP for the Woodlawn Acres Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project was not approved, and to send the following letter requesting a 0% loan for the same amount:

January 12, 2012

*Michelle Hyer
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District
P.O. Box 520
Reno, Ohio 45773*

Dear Michelle:

We received your letter dated January 3, 2012 regarding our request for funding of Woodlawn Acres Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

Please accept this as our request for 100% of our Ohio Public Works Commission funding (\$895,872.00) to be in the form of a 0% loan.

Respectfully,

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: SR 550 SANITARY SEWER PROJECT APPLICATION FORMS FOR OHIO EPA

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Permit-to-Install/Plan Approval Application Form A, the Permit-to-Install Supplement to Form A, the Antidegradation Addendum, and the Supplement to Antidegradation Addendum for the State Route 550 Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project, in conjunction with an ODOT project at the same location, and to allow Mr. Irvine to sign the documents, as requested by Consulting Engineer John Grosse.

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

RE: RESOLUTION, FROST LAW FOR WARREN TOWNSHIP ROAD, 2012

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to acknowledge the following Frost Law Resolution adopted by the Warren Township Trustees on December 30, 2011, and approve the provisions in it:

Robert Lemasters moved, seconded by Nelson Benedict that the Warren Township Trustees request that Warren Township be included in the Washington County Frost Law effective the same dates as set by the Washington County Commissioners for the year 2012 with the exemption of .6 mile on Hanna Road from State Route 7 to the hill above Pioneer Pipe and River Lane. Vote on the motion: Jeff Knowlton, yes; Nelson Benedict, yes; Robert Lemasters, yes.

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

RE: FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST CONTRACT WITH THE ELY CHAPMAN CENTER

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the contract with The Ely Chapman Education Foundation for use of the facility for their Strengthening Families Program sessions during the period January 11 through February 22, 2012, for the weekly rate of \$50.00, not to exceed \$350.00 for the period, as requested by Family & Children First Council.

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

RE: RETROSPECTIVE RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR WORKERS COMP

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept the recommendation from Safety & Loss Control Coordinator Susan Burkhart to lower the Retrospective Reserve Account to \$100,000, and to direct County Administrator Paul Cunningham to facilitate that change.

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

RE: SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to send a list of Washington County elected officials' salaries for the year 2012 to Auditor Bill McFarland, as follows:

William McFarland	Auditor	\$68,390.00
Dorothy Peppel	Treasurer	\$53,214.00
Cora Marshall	Commissioner	\$55,524.00
Timothy Irvine	Commissioner	\$55,524.00
Steven Weber	Commissioner	\$55,524.00
Tracey Wright	Recorder	\$50,203.00
James Schneider	Prosecutor	\$115,703.00
Timothy Williams	Probate/Juvenile	\$11,120.04
Brenda Wolfe	Clerk of Courts	\$53,214.00
Robert Badger	Engineer	\$90,174.00
Larry Mincks	Sheriff	\$69,372.00
Paul Bertram III	City Solicitor	\$16,500.00
Susan Boyer	Common Pleas	\$11,120.04
Edward Lane	Common Pleas	\$11,120.04
Kenneth Leopold	Coroner	\$41,165.00
Janet Welch	Municipal Court	\$25,300.00

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

RE: USE OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the use of outside legal counsel as needed specifically to prosecute actions before the Board of Tax Appeals and the Court of Common Pleas, as needed by the Washington County Auditor and/or the Washington County Board of Revision, during the period January 12, 2012 through December 31, 2012, as requested by County Auditor Bill McFarland.

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

RE: PROJECTED EXPENDITURES FORM FOR FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Projected Expenditures Form for Family-Centered Services and Supports Funds for Washington County Family & Children First Council, indicating total allocation and expenditures of \$32,834.00, and to allow Mr. Irvine to sign the Form, as requested by Cindy Davis.

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

RE: GOOGLE AGREEMENT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Google Apps for Government via Reseller Agreement (on file in the Commissioners' Office), and to allow Eric Skomra to sign the Agreement, as requested by IT Director Eric Skomra.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR GENE MORRIS

Washington County resident Gene Morris introduced himself as the newly-appointed President of the Washington County Township Trustees Association, and invited the Commissioners to attend the next meeting of the Association on January 27. He also informed the Commissioners that his township (Watertown) will likely need to change their polling place to the volunteer fire department. As a result, work will have to be done to make the new location accessible. Ms. Marshall recommended that he pursue funding through the Community Development Block Grant program. Mr. Irvine thanked him for visiting, and encouraged him to regularly meet with the Commissioners.

Entering the meeting room at this time were Prosecutor Jim Schneider, Treasurer Dorothy Peppel, Auditor Bill McFarland, Engineer Bob Badger, Clerk of Courts Brenda Wolfe, and Recorder Tracey Wright.

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR JIM SCHNEIDER

Mr. Schneider informed the Commissioners he had two points to share with them:

1. The recent announcement and award of a \$0.50 per hour increase for county employees who did not receive an increase in 2011 was poorly handled, and was outside of the authority of the Commissioners. He noted that the Commissioners do not have the right to dictate pay rates and raises for employees of other Washington County elected officials. Furthermore, he considers it very inappropriate for commissioner(s) to discuss with courthouse employees options for pay changes before they were announced. Mr. Schneider informed the Commissioners that during the next budget cycle he will not include individual employee salaries in his request, and will merely expect a percentage increase in the salary line item so that he can distribute that increase as he sees appropriate. An announcement to the press of the \$0.50 increase for county employees does not allow elected officials to effectively and properly do their jobs as managers.
2. The Commissioners must stop lying to elected officials, county employees, and the press. Mr. Schneider noted that on the one hand the Commissioners announce a pay increase of \$0.50 per hour, and then immediately after that they allow an even larger increase to certain employees, including those in the Child Support Enforcement Agency, the Sheriff's Office, and the Engineer's Department. He commented that courthouse employee morale is extremely low, markedly worse than before.

Mr. Irvine said he agreed, and that going forward he intends to do a better job of communicating.

Entering the meeting room were Air Evac representative Chris Pederson and Safety & Loss Control Coordinator Susan Burkhart.

RE: AIR EVAC

Chris Pederson, representing Air Evac, shared with the Commissioners the membership program his company offers to public entities such as Washington County. He told of the history of his company, and of its value in times of emergency. He noted that his company participates in safety training and other community events and activities. With the number of full-time employees at approximately 451, the annual membership cost to the County would be about \$20,000. Adding part-time employees would cost an additional \$5,000 per year. Memberships include employees and family members. Ms. Burkhart indicated that the County Sheriff is currently considering the program offered by Air Evac.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Pederson for the information.

Commissioner joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Entering the meeting room were Bret Allphin and Michelle Hyer of Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, Benj Foor and Bart Winegar of ConnectOhio, Darlene Lukshin of OSU Extension, Terry Tamburini of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, Jim Meagle of Settlers Bank, Jerry Bibbee and David Hannum of New Era Broadband Services.

RE: NEW ERA BROADBAND

IT Director Eric Skomra re-introduced to those attending the concept of providing access to

high-speed internet service to remote parts of Washington County, particularly in those areas not currently served by a wireless internet service provider (WISP). The project has been lengthy, not much progress has been made, and few vendors are willing and able to assume the task. He then introduced representatives of New Era Broadband (New Era).

New Era has comparable projects underway or under consideration in Meigs and Vinton Counties, utilizing a variety of resources and agencies. They suggest the only way this project can be accomplished is by collaborative effort. They commented that it was especially noteworthy that everyone in attendance has a sense that not only *should* this project happen, but it *can* happen. They reviewed their work on other projects, and noted the difficulty they're having in putting a project proposal and business plan together for Washington County due to its large size, sparse population, and rough terrain. One key ingredient, though, is the apparent availability of MARCS towers and water towers throughout the County at low cost. New Era is interested in determining how many County residents would be customers if service was available. To do that, suggestions were:

- Conduct a mail survey, at a cost possibly as high as \$30,000.
- Have newspaper, TV, or radio stations do a survey.
- Ask Washington State Community College and/or Marietta College if they have students available to conduct a survey, as a learning experience.
- Utilize yard signs to promote the project and the survey.
- Work through and with township trustees in applicable parts of the County.
- Utilize the extensive mailing list and services of OSU Extension Office.

New Era commented they'll need financial help to secure equipment and possibly additional towers. Suggestions for resources include:

- CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)
- ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission)
- USF (Univeral Service Fund)
- Appalachian Broadband Committee
- President Obama's national broadband initiative
- Low-interest loan from local financial institutions

Mr. Meagle, speaking on behalf of financial institutions, said he considers this to be not only a critical project, but also a viable one. As long as the lending "load" can be shared among several financial institutions, he encouraged the group to move forward as quickly and responsibly as possible.

RE: URBAN TRANSIT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following:

- The on-line application for 2012 Capital and Operating Funds from U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (allowing Mr. Irvine to proceed with the application).
- The Fee for Service Contract for Transit Services 2012.
- The Uniform Report of DBE Commitments/Awards and Payments (allowing Mr. Irvine to sign the Report).
- The Urban Transit Program Federal Capital Reimbursement Invoice 5307/5309 in the amount of \$69,440.00 (allowing Mr. Irvine to sign the Request).
- A Resolution supporting the submission of the Housing Stability Program Application prepared by Washington Morgan Community Action to the Ohio Department of Development.

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

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marshall 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 3:45 p.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk

