

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 14, 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, Karen Doan, Glen Pawloski, Hannah Kittle from *The Marietta Times*, Hannah Chenerski from WTAP News, Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., July 14, 2016**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Jamie Vuksic, Alice Stewart, Sherri Tucker – Children Services Budget Status
10:30 Wei Sheng – Development of *Outdoor Heaven* in Washington County
11:30 Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Department – Mosquito Control in Washington County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request to Dispose of Bus by Transfer to WASCO

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution Changing Fund Name
Additional Appropriation – Auditor
Additional Appropriation – Children Services
Transfer – Auditor
Transfer – Child Support
Transfers – Commissioners, Maintenance, I.T.
Transfer - Sewer
Then & Now's
Travel – Sewer
Travel – Building Department
Request to Vacate Lawrence Township Road 535 (Bowersock Road)
Request to Dispose of Surplus Items at County Jail
Contract with Buckeye Hills – Hocking Valley Regional Development District for CDBG Admin.
Change Order #1, 2015 Village of Beverly CDBG Project
Refund from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation
Engineer – Contracts for 2016 Bridge Deck Paving Projects (4)

INFORMATION

Eastern Ohio Development Alliance, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, July 15, onboard Valley Gem
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 19
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 19
Township Trustees Assoc. Meeting, 7:00 p.m., **Thursday**, July 28, at County Engineer's Office

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Travel – EMA
Transfer – Developmental Disabilities
Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Budgets
Change: 11:30 Dr. Richard Wittberg, to 11:00 Dr. Richard Wittberg

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 July 7, 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 CHANGING FUND NAME

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to make the following change in fund name, at the request of the County Auditor:

From: 200-0747 Legal Counsel Services
To: 200-0747 VOCA Training

The Clerk explained "Legal Counsel Services" has been an inactive fund for quite some time, and Children Services requested to use the same fund number, but with a different title, to accommodate a new grant.

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Unclaimed Monies	200-0106-57400	\$ 150.00
VOCA Training	200-0747-52000	\$ 2,101.00
	200-0747-57000	\$ 700.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following requests for Transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 2,699.55
Child Support	200-0730-57403	200-0730-55200	\$ 2,000.00
Commissioners	100-0100-51006	100-0100-51001	\$ 1,970.00
Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0109-51001	\$ 3,150.00
I.T.	100-0190-51006	100-0190-51001	\$ 1,893.00
Sewer	400-0113-51006	400-0113-51001	\$ 750.00
Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-51120	200-0620-51110	\$ 2,000.00

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:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Tammy Wiley	\$ 390.00
CDBG	210-0827-53000	Iddings Trucking	\$ 352.94
CDBG	210-0827-53000	Iddings Trucking	\$ 131.72
CDBG	210-0827-53000	Iddings Trucking	\$ 593.82
CDBG	210-0827-53000	Iddings Trucking	\$ 350.60
CDBG	210-0827-53000	Iddings Trucking	\$ 228.61
\$5 Perm Tax	600-0583-57900	City of Marietta	\$ 54,000.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Brady's Pest Control	\$ 250.00
911	200-0364-54000	Bizchair	\$ 599.98
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Bestway Equipment	\$ 601.90

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:

Sewer

Craig Barker: Two-day trip to Deer Creek Lodge for OTCO's Annual Class III and IV Workshop; August 2-3, 2016.

Building Department

Chris Wilson: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend Significant Changes to NFPA 72 Impacting the Code Official, Designer & Contractor Course; August 10, 2016.

EMA

Jeff Lauer: One-day trip to Parkersburg to discuss Everbridge system with Chemours; July 12, 2016 (retroactive).

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

RE: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 TAX BUDGETS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the fiscal year 2017 tax budgets for Washington County and Washington County Family & Children First Council.

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

RE: RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE OF VIEWING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST TO VACATE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ROAD 535

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

***WHEREAS**, a Petition signed by at least twelve freeholders of the County residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement has been presented to this Board of County Commissioners requesting said Board to vacate Lawrence Township Road 535 in Washington County, a Public Road as described therein.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 10th day of August 2016, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., be fixed as the date when we will view the proposed improvement, on which date we will meet at the intersection of Washington County Road 9 and Lawrence Township Road 535, and go over the line of said proposed improvement; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 11th day of August 2016, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., be fixed as the date for a final hearing thereof, which hearing will be at the office of the Board; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to give notice of the time and place for both such view and hearing by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Marietta Times, a newspaper published and having general circulation in the County, which said notice shall also state briefly the character of said proposed improvement.*

The Clerk noted a request and petition for this vacation request was received and reviewed by County Engineer Roger Wright. He said the County Engineer recommended approval of the vacation of Lawrence Township Road 535 (Bowersock Road), which currently has a major landslip on it.

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

RE: REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF ITEMS AT THE COUNTY JAIL

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve disposal of worn out, obsolete, or little-to-no value items at the county jail, either by transfer to another jail facility or destruction, including inmate uniforms and shoes, bed sheets and blankets, mattresses, and laundry bags, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH BUCKEYE HILLS TO ADMINISTER 2015 CDBG PROGRAM

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District to administer the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for fiscal year 2015, during the period September 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, as prepared by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Contract.

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, 2015 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY CDBG PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the 2015 Village of Beverly Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project, contractor Mike Babcock Fence Company, adding \$1,600.00 to the original contract amount of \$9,700.00, for a new contract amount of \$11,300.00, adding one 4' swing gate to the project, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Change Order, as prepared and requested by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional

Development District.

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

RE: REBATE FROM BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve disbursement of \$24,356.66 to Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), and \$48,713.32 to the Washington County Budget Stabilization Fund, having received \$73,069.98 from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) as rebate.

Commissioner Feathers said this rebate represents 300% of the amount JFS has paid to BWC for Public Worker Relief Employees during the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2014. He said JFS has received guidance that the entire rebate amount should be forwarded to JFS, as these are federal funds which they in turn will need to remit to the State.

Commissioner White questioned whether this entire amount must be paid to JFS, as that is not what is indicated in a letter from BWC accompanying the disbursement to the County. He said he would like to have time to make inquiry as to required disposition of this rebate check before acting on this motion.

Amending his motion, Commissioner Feathers moved to table consideration of disbursement of a rebate check from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$73,069.98, pending receipt of additional guidance.

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

RE: CONTRACTS FOR 2016 BRIDGE DECK PAVING PROJECTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following contracts for 2016 bridge deck paving, as recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Amount</u>
United Sealing	CR 56 Bridge Mill & Pave	\$ 8,910.00
United Sealing	CR 56 Dust Strip	\$ 23,331.00
United Sealing	CR 174 Bridge Mill & Pave	\$ 10,972.00
United Sealing	CR 102 Bridge Mill & Pave	\$ 3,925.00

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

Karen Doan said she is concerned about lack of effective security throughout the courthouse, especially on the upper floors. Commissioner Feathers asked her to bring that to the attention of the Sheriff, as he is in charge of security in the courthouse.

Building Official Chris Wilson reported a recent FEMA conference he attended provided good information. He said he believes there is a need to get more local people, organizations, businesses and entities informed and involved before the next disaster hits this region.

RE: UPDATE ON CHILDREN SERVICES BUDGET

Jamie Vuksic and Sherrie Tucker from Children Services updated the Commissioners on the agency's budget and financial condition. Also attending was Children Services Board Member Mike Webber.

Ms. Tucker distributed a financial summary for the first six months of the fiscal year, reflecting a cash balance of \$521,985. She said she was pleased to report revenues for the month of June exceeded expenses.

Mr. Vuksic reported that placement costs for the month of June were slightly lower than the previous month, but project for the year is still very high.

Thanking them for the update, Commissioner Feathers said it appears Children Services administration and Board are doing what they can to ensure appropriate use of public funds.

RE: OUTDOOR HEAVEN

Wei Sheng and Donald Quicksall, W.E. Quicksall & Associates, Inc., shared with the Commissioners their plans to develop property into "Outdoor Heaven".

Mr. Sheng said his intent is to develop approximately 103 acres of his property between State Routes 821 and 60, along Arendt's Ridge Road outside Marietta, into an outdoor entertainment and recreation destination. He said the area will eventually include:

Amphitheater
Convention and Business Center

Indoor Pool
Hotel
Restaurant
Cabins
Zip Line
Lake
Indoor Shooting and Archery
Camping
Shopping

Mr. Sheng said he has investors for this innovative project estimated to cost up to \$150,000,000 for Phase I. He said he is working with Mr. Quicksall on securing funding for a sewer line, which would extend from the site to the existing force main off State Route 60. Mr. Quicksall estimated total cost for sewer line to be \$3 to \$3.5 M. As this would be a county line, he asked the Commissioners to be actively involved in the pursuit of available grants and loans. Mr. Sheng said other businesses along State Route 821 are interested into tapping into the line as well, and the City of Marietta has indicated it has enough capacity to handle the additional flow. Mr. Sheng said Highland Ridge Water Association has indicated it can provide sufficient water to the site.

Commissioner Feathers said the Board is very much interested in economic development. Mr. Sheng estimated this particular project would require 100 to 150 workers during construction, and 500 once it is up and running.

Mr. Sheng proceeded to share his vision for the project, hoping it will eventually prompt others throughout the State to be resourceful and innovative.

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan expressed concern the installation of a major sewer line along State Route 821 might encourage the Ohio EPA to ramp up its efforts to require transition from septic to sewer in the communities of Devola and Oak Grove in Muskingum Township. Mr. Sheng said this new sewer line would generate additional revenues for the City of Marietta, so that should alleviate some pressure from them to proceed with the Devola sewer project.

Commissioner White said he is conceptually not opposed to the project, and that he agrees the sewer line will need to be county-owned and maintained.

President Walters said the Commissioners will wait to see the financing package yet to be assembled by Mr. Quicksall and Mr. Sheng before committing support for the project. He encouraged them to proceed to seek out grants and low-interest loans available not only for sewer projects, but also economic development projects.

RE: MOSQUITO CONTROL

Washington County Health Commissioner Richard Wittberg provided to the Commissioners a copy of a letter dated July 5, 2016 he received from the Director of the Ohio EPA. He said the Director responded to questions he had asked pertaining to review of permits, groundwater sampling, *E. coli* sampling, and contribution of nitrates from agricultural areas versus septic systems and drywells. Mr. Butler said the Ohio EPA will present results of surveys and sampling at an open information system, to which Devola residents will be invited.

Dr. Wittberg said the Health Department has received a small grant to provide surveillance and elimination of mosquitos throughout Washington County. He said a portion of that grant, approximately \$11,500, is intended to purchase equipment to spray pesticides in appropriate locations. He asked the Commissioners if they would suggest someone to (1) help purchase the equipment, and (2) help administer the pesticides. While he doesn't believe the Zika virus will arrive in this region this year, Dr. Wittberg said it is important to be ready if and when it does arrive.

Glen Pawloski expressed concern over the use of pesticides, and the impact of those products on humans. Dr. Wittberg stressed the importance and value of having only licensed applicators working with the pesticides.

Commissioner White said he will consult with County Engineer Roger Wright to see if it is appropriate and feasible for highway department workers to help with this program.

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 11:25 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

