

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Breckin Wells from *The Marietta Times*, Glen Pawloski, Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., September 15, 2016**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Cindy Davis, Family & Children First – Placement of Child  
10:00 Jamie Vuksic, Children Services – Program Update  
10:30 Dawn Rauch, Community Action – 2017 Transit Program Application  
11:00 Public Hearing, Request to Vacate Unnamed Alley in Decatur Township

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution, Accepting Amounts and Rates for Tax Levies  
Additional Appropriation – JFS (3)  
Additional Appropriation – Children Services  
Minus Appropriation – Common Pleas Court, County General  
Minus Appropriation – Unexpected Emergencies, County General  
Transfer – Maintenance, County General  
Transfer – I.T., County General  
Transfer – Juvenile Center, County General  
Transfer – Family & Children First  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Family & Children First (2)  
Travel – Job and Family Services (5)  
Union Agreement, Developmental Disabilities  
Lease Agreement with Developmental Disabilities  
Request from Sheriff to Dispose of Vehicle  
Follow-up Letter from Chief, SE District Office, Ohio EPA  
Change Order #1, Westview Salt Building Project

**INFORMATION**

Township Trustees Association, 7:00 p.m., **Thursday**, September 15  
"End of Summer Bash" at WASCO, 11:00 a.m., **Friday**, September 16  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, September 19  
Monthly Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, September 20  
Budget Hearings Begin, **Monday**, September 26

**RE: AGENDA**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White 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, Ron Feathers aye, David White

aye. Motion passed.

**RE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES**

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

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

Revised Code, Sec. 5705.34, - .35.

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, met in Regular session on the 15th day of September, 2016, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

Rich Watters  
Ron Feathers  
David White  
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Mr. Feathers moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Washington County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mil tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the amounts and rates. As determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

**SCHEDULE A**

**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSON, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

FUND	Amounts to be Derived from Levies Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amounts to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Rate to be Levied--Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Rate to be Levied--Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	2,709,270.00		2.30	
Bond Retirement Fund	353,380.00		.30	
County Home		2,077,270.00		2.00
BD OF DEV DIS Fund		3,480,120.00		3.60
Senior Citizens Fund		951,060.00		.85
PUBLIC LIBRARY		1,093,490.00		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,062,650.00</b>	<b>7,601,940.00</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>7.45</b>

**SCHEDULE B**

**LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES**

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:</b>		
County Home levy authorized by voters on 11/3/15 for not to exceed 5 year-expires TY2019	2.00	2,077,270.00
BD OF DEV DIS levy authorized by the voters on 5/6/03 for not to exceed continuing years	3.60	3,480,120.00
Senior Citizens levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/11 for not to exceed 5 years-expires TY2015	.85	951,060.00
PUBLIC LIBRARY levy authorized by the voters on 11/3/15 for not to exceed 5 years-expires TY2019	1.00	1,093,490.00

And be it further:

RESOLVED, That the Administrator of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr. W. White seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Rick Walters  
Mr. Ron Feathers  
Mr. David White

Adopted the 15th day of September, 2016.

Rick Peoples

Administrator of the Board of County Commissioners of  
Washington County, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY  
ORIGINAL ON FILE**

The State of Ohio, Washington County, ss.

I, Rick Peoples, Administrator/Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within and for said County, and in whose custody the files and records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original resolution now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature this 15th day of September, 2016.

Rick Peoples  
Clerk of Board of County Commissioners

A copy of this resolution must be certified to the County Auditor before the first day of October, or at such later date as may be approved by the Department of Taxation of Ohio.

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

JFS	200-0720-57401	\$ 50,000.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	\$ 275,000.00
JFS	200-0720-59001	\$ 300,000.00
Title IV-E	200-0743-53000	\$ 180,000.00

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

**RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following request for Minus Appropriation of funds:

Common Pleas Court	100-0201-53400	\$ (10,000.00)
Unexpected Emergencies	100-0102-57401	\$ (15,000.00)

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maintenance	100-0109-53200	100-0109-53202	\$ 320.00
I.T.	100-0190-53000	100-0190-54400	\$ 15,000.00
Juvenile Center	100-0330-51001	100-0330-51110	\$ 550.00
Family & Children First	602-2032-56000	602-2032-57200	\$ 10,000.00
	602-2032-56000	602-2032-57400	\$ 5,000.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ron 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>
Juv Ctr Fel Delq Care Base	215-0344-58217	Gail Rhymer & Assoc.	\$ 625.00
Juv Ctr Fel Delq Care Base	215-0344-58105	Wash. Co. Children First Council	\$ 25,000.00
Senior Levy	200-0703-53000	Treasurer, City of Belpre	\$ 13,500.00
Commissioners	100-0100-53000	Mancan	\$ 473.85
Sewer	400-0113-57400	Treas., State of Ohio	\$ 200.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Berdine's Auto Service	\$ 426.79

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ron 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:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Athens to attend Ohio Children's Defense Fund "Ohio's Appalachian Children at a Crossroads: Community Roundtables on Solutions for Ohio's Appalachian Children"; September 23, 2016.

Cindy Davis, Andrea Nichols: One-day trip to Guernsey County to attend Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Data and Monitoring Road Show for Help me Grow Early Intervention; October 5, 2016.

JFS

Candy Nelson, Chris Buchanan: One-day trip to Tuscarawas County to attend Shared Services meeting; September 15, 2016.

Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Marysville to attend Readiness Meeting for Ohio Benefits; September 20, 2016.

Debi Humphries: One-day trip to Vienna and Parkersburg, WV, to deliver 2016-2017 school clothes checks and pick up gift cards; September 29, 2016.

Candy Nelson, Michelle Brown: Two-day trip to Cambridge to attend Canton District Directors' Association Conference; October 3-4, 2016.

Kelly Bauerbach, Deanna Green, Stephanie Canfield: One-day trip to Muskingum County to attend a Child Care Type B Monitoring Training; October 25, 2016.

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

**RE: UNION AGREEMENT, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve an Agreement between the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Chapter 763, AFL-CIO, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, as requested by Susan Tilton, Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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

**RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Lease Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Washington County and the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to lease the building located at 340 Muskingum Drive in Marietta, during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, with monthly rent of \$950.00 payable by the Board of Developmental Disabilities to the Board of County Commissioners, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Agreement.

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

Commissioner White said he is very pleased this Agreement is now in place, and expressed his appreciation to Assistant Prosecutor Nicole Coil for preparing it. He said he considers it to be a “win-win” for all parties to the Agreement.

**RE: REQUEST FROM SHERIFF TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLE**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a request from Sheriff Larry Mincks to dispose of the following vehicle no longer used or needed by the Sheriff’s Department, by donation to the New Matamoras Police Department:

2007 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FMEU72E86UB70390

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

**RE: FOLLOW-UP LETTER FROM CHIEF OF THE SE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE OHIO EPA**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the following letter dated September 6, 2016 from Holly Tucker, Chief, Southeast (SE) District Office, Ohio EPA. The Clerk noted the letter includes responses to questions asked at a prior meeting Ms. Tucker had with the Commissioners on August 18, 2016.



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Craig W. Butler, Director

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REVIEWED BY  
R. FEATHERS   
R. WALTERS   
D. WHITE

September 6, 2016

Washington County Commissioners  
223 Putnam Street  
Marietta, OH 45750

Re: General Correspondence  
Site Assessment  
Washington County

Dear Commissioner White and Commissioner Walters:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on August 18<sup>th</sup>. I greatly appreciated the open conversation regarding historical and current concerns with Ohio EPA and the environment in general. Below is additional information regarding several topics that were discussed, which I hope is helpful to you.

1. Do conventional wastewater treatment processes address nitrates?

*Conventional wastewater treatment will not remove much, if any, nitrate. Nitrates can be removed from wastewater treatment plants if additional steps, such as denitrification, are added to the treatment process.*

2. What are the necessary criteria/conditions for harmful algal blooms to occur?

*Factors that can contribute to HABs include sunlight; low-water or low-flow conditions; calm water; warmer temperatures; and excess nutrients (phosphorus or nitrogen). The primary sources of nutrient pollution are runoff of fertilizers, animal manure, sewage treatment plant discharges, storm water runoff, car and power plant emissions and failing septic tanks.*

3. Are there any reports/studies covering the impacts of nutrients from agricultural activities compared to nutrients from sewage wastes?

*As mentioned during the meeting, water quality studies of the Little Miami River watershed in 1998 and 2011 provide analysis of water quality data including the potential impacts of nutrients from agricultural activities and sewage wastes. Please see the Supplemental Information portion of the "Little Miami River (upper) Watershed page on the following link <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/tmdl/LittleMiamiRiver.aspx#118205920-supplemental-information>.*

4. Are water quality reports still completed by ORSANCO for the Ohio River?

*Water quality reports produced by ORSANCO are available at: <http://orsanco.org/pubsdocuments>.*

5. Will the nitrates affecting the Shriner's well eventually impact the Marietta water supply wells?

*Two collapsed sewer lines discovered in August 2013 were the most likely source of elevated nitrates affecting ground water in the vicinity of the Marietta Shrine well. As the collapsed sewer lines were repaired in September 2013, no additional nitrates from these lines should be entering the ground water. Entry point samples collected annually for the City of Marietta PWS have consistently had nitrate concentrations <2.0mg/L.*

6. How can we tell the difference between nitrates from sewage waste and that from lawn care application?

*Sampling the ground water for multiple parameters, in addition to nitrate, allows for differentiation between ground water impacted by sewage versus lawn care fertilizers. Constituents such as chloride, bromide, boron, pharmaceuticals and constituents in personal care products are more likely to be associated with sewage than lawn care fertilizers.*

7. What funding opportunities are available for sewer projects and how are the amounts of principal forgiveness determined?

*Kevin Spurbeck of Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental Financial Assistance would be able to discuss the various funding opportunities and specifics regarding principal forgiveness with you. Please contact Kevin at [Kevin.spurbeck@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Kevin.spurbeck@epa.ohio.gov) or 614-644-3645.*

Understanding environmental issues that concern you and your community is fundamental to Ohio EPA's vision of being a trusted leader and environmental steward. Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 740-380-5239.

Sincerely,



Holly Tucker  
Chief, Southeast District Office

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**RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, WESTVIEW SALT BUILDING PROJECT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Westview Salt Building Project, contractor Miller Builders, LLC, adding \$700.00 to the original contract amount of \$173,514.00 for a new contract amount of \$174,214.00, due to addition of expansion joint filler, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR**

Mike Webber informed the Commissioners the new Chaplain volunteer program is progressing well, with ongoing appropriate training and indoctrination.

**RE: RESIDENTIAL/PARENTAL PLACEMENT, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the placement of a juvenile, a matter required to be confidential due to age of child.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ron Feathers aye, David White aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. President Walters invited the following individuals to attend: Cindy Davis, Elaine Corbitt, Jennifer Powers, and Allen Brokaw from Washington County Family & Children First; Jamie Vuksic and Mike Webber from Washington County Children Services; mother of juvenile.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 9:50 a.m.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

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

Miscellaneous, County General	100-0101-57100	\$ 35,000.00
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ron Feathers aye, David White aye. Motion passed.

**RE: TRANSFER**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miscellaneous, County General	100-0101-57100	602-2031-44000	\$ 35,000.00

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

**RE: CHILDREN SERVICES UPDATE**

Jamie Vuksic and Alice Stewart from Washington County Children Services updated the Commissioners on the financial condition of their department. Also attending was Mike Webber, a member of the Children Services Board of Directors.

Mr. Vuksic summarized year-to-date financial activity as follows:

Cash Balance at end of July 2016	\$ 531,010.49
Revenue for August	234,123.55
Expenses for August	(270,062.11)
Cash Balance at end of August 2016	\$ 495,071.93

Mr. Vuksic said placement costs of \$116,176.00 in August were the highest ever, and September costs are expected to be even higher. He said placement costs are driving the day-to-day activities of the agency, to the extent of postponing building and grounds maintenance issues.

Commissioner Feathers noted the agency has an approximate cash balance of \$500,000, but is now asking for an additional \$180,000. He asked why the cash balance can't be drawn upon before asking for additional funds from the Commissioners. Mr. Webber said the current cash balance is about \$300,000 less than just a few months ago, and this trend suggests at least \$180,000 will be needed to get through the fiscal year. Agreeing, Mr. Vuksic said cash flow requires rather significant cash balance to be maintained at all times. He said the \$180,000 isn't all needed at this time, and suggested his agency might be able to get by with a third of that amount each month, and reassess the situation during that time.

President Walters observed that negative cash flow for the agency is averaging about \$36,000 per month.

Commissioner Feathers said increasing appropriations to Children Services will likely result in reduction of appropriations to other departments. He said the consideration of a budget for next fiscal year will include anticipated reductions in revenues and increases in expenses. As a result, he said county and township infrastructure may suffer.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Vuksic to continue to closely monitor his financial condition and to return with a request for a lower amount, if necessary.

**RE: RURAL TRANSIT APPLICATION**

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, presented to the Commissioners a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2017 Rural Transit Program in Washington County, with accompanying assurances and documents. She said the proposed budget for 2017 includes:

\$ 136,500	Federal Operating
125,000	Federal Capital
55,000	State Operating
37,000	Local, City of Marietta
<u>54,500</u>	Local, Washington County
\$408,000	Total

The Commissioners noted this is a decrease of about \$5,000 from current year allocation. Ms. Rauch reported about 80% of ridership is elderly and/or disabled. She said the buses generate approximately \$15,000 in annual fares.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the President to execute and submit application and accompanying documents to the Ohio Department of Transportation for a grant to assist in the operations of the Rural Transit Program in Washington County in fiscal year 2017.

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

**RE: FLOOD INSURANCE FOR FAIRGROUNDS MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING**

Richard Henthorn, Treasurer for the Washington County Fair Board of Directors, delivered to the Commissioners an invoice for mandatory flood insurance for the multi-purpose building at the Washington County Fairgrounds, for the period October 23, 2016 through October 23, 2017. He noted the premium of \$1,461.31 is much less than the current premium and that in previous years. He asked the Commissioners to consider, in light of this significant reduction in cost, financial support of a loan pay-off for that facility. He said the current outstanding loan balance is approximately \$224,000, payable at \$2,943 per month, which includes interest at 5.00%.

**RE: ENERGOV**

Building Official Chris Wilson informed the Commissioners the “go-live” date for the recently-installed EnerGov software system in the Building Department is Tuesday, September 20, 2016. He said his staff has been diligently working with representatives from Tyler Technologies to implement this new system. He noted he will run two systems, as necessary and appropriate, until the new system is fully functional and can be relied upon.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_, President

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_, Member

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk