

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 1, 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 Hannah Kittle from *The Marietta Times* and Clerk Rick Peoples.

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., December 1, 2016

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Public Hearing – Proposed Transit Service Deviated Route
11:00 Jim Black, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority – Establishing a TIF (Tax Increment Financing)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reappointment of Board Members – Washington Co. Board of Dev. Dis.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Children Services
Additional Appropriations, Various Funds (6), for CEBCO Payment
Additional Appropriations, Various Funds (6), for PERS Payment
Transfer – Commissioners
Transfer – Board of Elections
Transfer – County General (2)
Transfer – Children Services
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Travel – County Home
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency
Consideration of Request for Additional Funds from Health Department
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor
Engineer - Change Order #1, 2016 Centerline Striping Project
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement with Triad Hunter

INFORMATION

Courthouse Open House, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., **Friday**, December 2
CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, **Sunday – Tuesday**, December 4 - 6
Joint Solid Waste Meeting, 12:00 p.m., **Monday**, December 12, Lori's Family Restaurant
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, December 13, at County Home
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, December 13

RE: AGENDA

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

Change: Additional Appropriations, Various Funds, for CEBCO Payment, from (6) to (5)
Additional Appropriations, Various Funds, for PERS Payment, from (6) to (5)
Add: 9:30 Bill McFarland, County Auditor – Budget Discussion
Additional Appropriation – JFS
Minus Appropriation – JFS
Transfer – JFS
Transfer – Sewer
Appointment of Special Prosecutor

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. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the November 23, 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. 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, 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:

Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-53030	\$ 759.00
Children Services	200-0743-57400	\$ 20,000.00
Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-51104	\$ 20,902.64
Soil & Water	200-2040-51104	\$ 0.20
County Home	200-0630-51104	\$ 738.78
MVGT	200-0540-51104	\$ 991.20
CSEA	200-0730-51104	\$ 1,386.68
Children Services	200-0740-51102	\$ 2,339.81
	200-0744-51102	\$ 289.58
	200-0741-51102	\$ 1,707.07
Behavioral Health	200-0610-51102	\$ 579.78
Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-51102	\$ 1,502.08
JFS	200-0721-57401	\$ 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: MINUS APPROPRIATION

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

JFS	200-0720-57401	\$ (45,000.00)
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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: 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>
Commissioners	100-0100-53700	100-0100-53203	\$ 1,145.00
	100-0100-53500	100-0100-53203	\$ 1,401.00
Bd. of Elections, Co. General	100-0160-53700	100-0160-53000	\$ 10,000.00
	100-0160-51002	100-0160-53000	\$ 8,000.00
Miscellaneous, Co. General	100-0101-51001	100-0140-51102	\$ 295.28
	100-0101-51001	100-0230-51102	\$ 1,524.52
	100-0101-51104	100-0140-51104	\$ 1,600.00
	100-0101-51001	100-0140-51104	\$ 155.85
	100-0101-51001	100-0220-51104	\$ 826.67
Children Services	100-0101-51001	100-0230-51104	\$ 2,275.17
	200-0743-51104	200-0741-51001	\$ 34,820.00
JFS	200-0743-51104	200-0744-51001	\$ 2,045.00
	200-0720-59000	200-0720-51104	\$ 6,438.02
Sewer	200-0720-59000	200-0720-51102	\$ 12,541.19
	200-0720-59000	200-0720-51001	\$123,000.00
	400-0113-53102	400-0113-53100	\$ 3,000.00

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

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Athens to attend SETICC meeting; December 6, 2016.

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: One-day trips to Parkersburg to take residents to physicians; December 1 & 5, 2016.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle, Denise Hinton: One-day trip to Columbus to attend OCDA Fiscal Training; December 5, 2016.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Attorney Thomas Webster as special prosecutor for Washington County in the prosecution of matter(s) in which the Prosecutor's Office may have a conflict of interest and for the purpose of avoiding even the appearance of impropriety, as requested by Prosecutor Kevin Rings.

Commissioner White noted this action has been requested by the Prosecutor specifically for possible legal action pertaining to a former employee of the Washington County Board of Elections.

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

RE: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a request from Dr. Richard Wittberg, Washington County Health Commissioner, for contribution of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017 to offset expenses relating to accreditation of the Health Department. The letter request said anticipated annual costs leading up to accreditation are \$20,000, and that annual amount will most likely be needed to maintain that accreditation. Dr. Wittberg, in his letter, said he would "much prefer for other health departments to consolidate with us as opposed to us being forced to consolidate with them". He wrote that he was asking the Commissioners for financial support so the Health Department can "control its own destiny".

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to send letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting immediate payment on those accounts: Richard and Andrea Bolen, Michael Williamson, Mike and Ashley Matheny, Allen Fleming, Jean Yost.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to certify the following seriously delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, asking him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Timothy Vaughn, Larry Carney, Ernest Cornell, Chand and Jennifer Rowley, David Carpenter, John Raber, Richard Rohr, Jr., Theresa Hescht, Zachary and Jamie Ankrom, Patricia Eagle.

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

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, 2016 CENTERLINE STRIPING PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the 2016 Centerline Striping Project, contractor Dura Mark, Inc., lowering the original contract amount of \$60,547.05 by \$650.75, to \$59,896.30, due to lesser miles striped than indicated in the bid document, 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: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE TERMINATION AGREEMENT, TRIAD HUNTER

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement with Triad Hunter for project Triad WM-1, roadways including Rinard Mills, Pryor-Glass, Halls, Early Ridge, and Hutchison Roads, due to Triad Hunter not using the roads for the project after November 22, 2016, 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: BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY AUDITOR

The Commissioners and County Auditor Bill McFarland discussed the budget outlook for Washington County for fiscal year 2017 and beyond. Mr. McFarland indicated it is too early to project anticipated

revenues and current year unencumbered balances, but those estimates will be available very soon. The Commissioners noted budget requests for next year far exceed anticipated available resources, and drastic measures may need to be implemented to maintain fiscal conservancy and responsibility.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TRANSIT SERVICE DEVIATED ROUTE

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposed transit service deviated route. Attending were the Commissioners, the Clerk, and Kenneth Vigneron and Dawn Rauch from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program. The Clerk noted Washington-Morgan Community Action Program is the service provider for Washington County's public transit service.

Ms. Rauch said the deviated route has been in place for at least the required six-month trial period, and there have been no negative comments received about the service. She said the County was prompted to institute a deviated route system as a result of a transit program Technical Assistance Review, which revealed the County's paratransit service did not mirror the fixed route service. She noted the deviated route service allows for prior day reservations for pick-up and delivery within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile off the fixed routes. Mr. Vigneron said this deviated route service is available to everyone, including paratransit riders. He said he hasn't noted significant challenges to the drivers, the routes or the schedules due to this deviated route service.

The Commissioners asked Ms. Rauch to draft a letter to the Ohio Department of Transportation requesting transit route modification to accommodate deviated route service.

RE: ESTABLISHING A TIF, SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

Jim Black, Executive Director of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, talked with the Commissioners about establishing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts in Washington County. He described advantages of TIF districts. He said he recommends the Commissioners consider adopting a "commercial district TIF" in areas off State Route 7, north and south. He noted the TIF districts would serve as revenue generators for the County, would provide funds in those areas for infrastructure improvements, and would exclude residential properties. Commissioner Feathers said he would approve these commercial TIF's, but only if impacted schools and townships are fully in agreement. President Walters said this would create a good partnership between the County, schools and townships.

The Commissioners agreed to the commercial TIF concept, and asked Mr. Black to proceed with development of plans to proceed. Mr. Black said he will prepare a draft letter of support for the project for the Commissioners to consider.

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 11:30 a.m.

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_____, Clerk