

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

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

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Travel – Family & Children First
Travel – Engineer
Agreement with Humane Society of Ohio Valley

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)
Minus Appropriation – Family & Children First
Transfer – Board of Elections (3)
Transfer – Prosecutor
Transfer – Maintenance
Transfer – Commissioners (2)
Transfer – Dog & Kennel
Transfer – Auditor (3)
Transfer – Real Estate Assessment
Transfer – Veterans
Transfer – Children Services (2)
Then & Now's
Travel – County Home
Travel - EMA
Travel – Job and Family Services
Request from Port Authority for Allocation of Funds
Agreement with ODOT for 2017 Rural Transit Program Funding
Letter to ODOT Requesting Transit Route Deviation
Satisfaction of Mortgage
Contract with Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center for Bed Rental for Juvenile Offenders
Request for New Hire – Job and Family Services
CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement for 2017
Request to Re-appoint Members to Children Services Board of Directors (2)
Request from Sheriff to Reassign Space in Annex

INFORMATION

Courthouse Closed for Christmas, **Monday**, December 26
Special Commissioner's Meeting, 4:00 p.m., **Friday**, December 30

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. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the December 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. 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.

Jeff Lauer: One-day trip to Logan to attend Southeast Emergency Management meeting
December 20, 2016.

JFS

Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Noble County to attend Program Operator meeting;
December 20, 2016.

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

RE: REQUEST FROM PORT AUTHORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve payment of \$25,000.00 to the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority.

The Clerk said the Port Authority, in a letter to the Commissioners dated December 12, 2016, informed the Commissioners they achieved their goal of at least \$25,000 in funding from other sources for the year ending December 31, 2016, above and beyond their original goal of \$75,000. Commissioner White said in December 2015 the Commissioners challenged the Port Authority to collect more financial support from the local business community this fiscal year. He said the Commissioners agreed to award \$25,000 to the Port Authority if they met this challenge, which is in addition to the \$75,000 allocation for the year. The Clerk said the \$25,000 will be encumbered for payment from this year's funds, but actual payment can't be made until mid-January 2017.

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

RE: AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR 2017 RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve and authorize the President to sign the 2017 Grant Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Rural Transit Program, contract no. 088-RPTF-17-0100, allowing for payment of the following for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

Federal Funds
\$136,500 Operating
125,000 Capital
State Funds
\$ 55,000 Operating
Total Federal and State
\$316,500

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

RE: LETTER TO ODOT REQUESTING TRANSIT ROUTE DEVIATION

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve sending the following letter to the Ohio Department of Transportation requesting to implement the route deviation for the Community Action Bus Line (CABL) that has been under trial for a six-month period:

December 15, 2016

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

Re: SIX MONTH ROUTE DEVIATION TRIAL

Dear Mr. Dyer:

Washington County has successfully implemented the six month route-deviation trial that was approved by your office on April 4, 2016. The information that you requested following the six month trial is as follows:

1) Service Information

Washington County implemented on May 1, 2016 this service on the two County routes that operate on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Miles traveled on these two routes average 1,750 per month. Route maps and service hours are included in the attached brochure. Ridership statistics for the six months prior are below:

Six months prior to deviation: November 2015 through April 2016 = 318

New Matamoras: 166 passengers

Belpre/Parkersburg: 152 passengers

2) Advertising

Washington County worked with the transit operator to educate the public on the deviation trial. The transit operator added the deviation announcement to the front page of the transit website as well as communicated with the riders on the county routes that deviation services were now available. The CABL brochure has been updated to reflect the changes to the county routes. A public hearing was held on December 1, 2016 to discuss the six month deviation trial. A screenshot from the transit website, an updated brochure and flyer for public hearing that was posted on buses are attached for review.

3) Ridership Statistics – Deviation Trial

Six months during deviation: May through October 2016 = 370

New Matamoras: 174 passengers

Belpre/Parkersburg: 196 passengers

Deviation Requests

During the deviation trial we had five requests for deviations. These deviations were made within the ¾ mile and the route exited and returned to the fixed route at the initial point of deviation. We expect as riders become more aware and experienced with the deviated route availability that requests will increase.

Washington County feels that the six month deviation trial was a success and plans to continue offering the service for the two county routes. Washington County appreciates ODOT's assistance with implementing this valuable service for the citizens of our County.

Please contact Rick Peoples at 740-373-6623 or rpeoples@wcgov.org if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

RE: SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to discharge the mortgage deed and promissory note of Julia Cochran, 704 Main Street, New Matamoras, as payoff amount of \$2,782.80 has been received by the Commissioners.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH MULTI-COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Juvenile Court and the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center (the Center) to house Washington County juvenile offenders at the Center, during the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, at the daily rate of \$95.00, as requested by Judge Timothy Williams.

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

RE: REQUEST FOR NEW HIRE AT JFS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Jenna Williams as Eligibility Specialist II at the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, with a start date of January 9, 2017 and an hourly rate of \$16.73, as requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT AGREEMENT FOR 2017

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement for 2017, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Agreement, as requested by Court Witschey, Washington County Wellness Coordinator.

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

RE: REQUEST TO REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table a request from Doug Mallett, Chair of the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors, to reappoint Kenneth Leopold to the Board for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, and a request from Mary Barnas, Vice Chair of the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors, to reappoint Doug Mallett to the Board for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, to allow for more time to consider these recommendations.

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

RE: REQUEST FROM SHERIFF TO REASSIGN OFFICE SPACE IN COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to table a request from Sheriff Larry Mincks to reassign space on the ground level of the Courthouse Annex currently used as the County employee fitness room to the Sheriff's Department, to allow for more time to consider the request.

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

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan said he is very pleased to have received notice from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) that Muskingum Township is among the twelve finalists for grant funding of its roadway project. He said the Township had applied for \$130,000 in funding from OPWC to stabilize a township road along Muskingum River. He noted Darlene Lukshin of the OSU Extension Office was very helpful during the application process.

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 9:40 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk