

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON JANUARY 9, 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RICK G. WALTERS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RONALD FEATHERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WHITE LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Building and Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**AGENDA  
2017 Organizational Meeting  
9:00 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2017**

Election of Officers  
Meeting Day and Time  
Off-Site Meetings  
Office Hours  
Appointments

Apiary Inspector  
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional District General Policy Council (6)  
CCAO Official Representative and Alternate  
Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council  
Buckeye Hills RC & D Member-at-Large  
Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) Board of Directors

Assignments of Commissioners  
2017 Projects, Priorities and Initiatives

**RE: AGENDA**

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

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

**RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Feathers as President of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County for the year 2017, beginning immediately.

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

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Mr. White as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County for the year 2017, beginning immediately.

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

*At this time Mr. Feathers assumed the position of President, and led the remainder of the meeting.*

**RE: MEETING DAY AND TIME**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to set the day and time for Regular Meetings of the Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. each Thursday during 2017, excepting holidays.

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

**RE: OFF-SITE MEETINGS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to periodically conduct off-site regular weekly meetings at public high schools outside of the City of Marietta, to allow for easier access to public meetings for Washington County residents and to provide a governmental experience for students, if practicable and feasible for selected schools.

Commissioner White said he believes it to be a rewarding opportunity for area high school students. Commissioner Walters said he'd like to conduct three regular Commissioners' meetings outside of Marietta during 2017.

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

Walters aye. Motion passed.

The Commissioners directed the Clerk to try to make arrangements with three public schools to conduct regular business meetings at those locations.

**RE: OFFICE HOURS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to set the office hours for the Commissioners' Office to be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during 2017.

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

**RE: APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Mike DeVaughn to serve as the 2017 Washington County Apiary Inspector for the approximate season March 15 to October 31, weather permitting, for total compensation of \$3,100.00.

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

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to re-appoint Derrick Wetz and Jeremy Barton as private sector representatives to the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District General Policy Council for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

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

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner David White to the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District General Policy Council for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, and to serve on the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Rick Walters as alternate on the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee during the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

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

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to designate Commissioner David White as the Official Representative to the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), during 2017, allowing him to vote at any annual or special CCAO meeting, and Commissioner Rick Walters as the Alternate Voting Representative of Washington County.

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

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner David White to the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Advisory Council for the Agency on Aging, and to appoint Commissioner Ronald Feathers as Alternate, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to re-appoint Pamela Lankford to the Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC & D) Executive Council as Member at Large for the term beginning January 1, 2017 and extending through December 31, 2019.

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

**RE: ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to assign Commissioners to boards, commissions and committees as follows:

**2017 Commissioners' Assignments**

Mr. White

Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council  
Apiary Inspector

Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC & D) Council  
Washington County Council on Aging  
Integrating Committee (alternate)  
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee  
Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) Board of Directors  
The Caring Connection  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)  
Family & Children First Council  
Washington County Resource Team  
Wood-Washington-Wirt (WWW) Interstate Planning Commission

Mr. Walters

Records Commission  
Integrating Committee/Issue II  
Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce  
Beverly-Waterford Chamber of Commerce  
Duck Creek Partnership Association  
Re-Entry Committee  
Prevailing Wage Coordinator  
Board of Revision  
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee (alternate)  
Washington County Emergency Medical Association (alternate)  
Marietta/Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Authority

Mr. Feathers

Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council (alternate)  
Law Library Board  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Sewer Department Operations  
Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)  
Washington County Emergency Management Services  
Washington County Emergency Medical Association  
Washington-Morgan Community Action Program

Shared

Budget  
Buildings and Grounds  
Community Development  
County Home  
Emergency Management Agency  
Health and Property Insurance  
Investment Committee  
I.T.  
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SEOPA) – rotate attendance  
Joint Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors  
Washington County Planning Commission  
Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

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

**RE: INTERIM EMA COORDINATOR**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Lori Price as Interim EMA Coordinator, at the hourly rate of \$14.00, effective January 6, 2017.

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

**RE: PROJECT, PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES**

The Commissioners identified and discussed the following list of projects and initiatives for 2017:

Complete the transition of phone system to voice-over-IP  
Continue to review the feasibility of accepting credit cards in courthouse offices  
Acquire equipment to enhance the 911 system, utilizing 911 levy funds

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty said his prioritized list of projects to be funded from Capital Projects Fund is:

Replacement of Baltimore air coil heat exchanger for heat pumps and HVAC ... \$35,000  
Courthouse rooftop skylight replacement or repair, including dome and rotunda  
.\$20,000  
Replacement of clay sewage drain with pvc drain at Health Dept. complex ...\$20,000

Mr. Marty also identified several projects he intends to complete utilizing funds from his departmental budget.

**RE: COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT**

Commissioner Walters thanked Commissioners Feathers and White for their loyal support and diligent work during 2016. He said he looks forward to continuing the work of the Board, but now as a “member” rather than as President. He wished the newly elected officers well in their

duties and responsibilities.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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

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