

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RICK G. WALTERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. FEATHERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Building Official Chris Wilson, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Glen Pawloski, Sam Shawver from *The Marietta Times*, Austin James from WMOA Radio, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., January 12, 2017**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Alan Craig, ODOT – Statewide Bike Route Designations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution Recognizing Retirement of County Employee
Additional Appropriation – Auditor
Transfers – County General (2)
Then & Now's
Travel – Job & Family Services (2)
Change to Wash. Co. Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan - JFS
Agreement for Services (6) - Family & Children First
Annual Report of Uncollected Fees from Sheriff
Request to Use Credit Cards – Family & Children First
Engagement Letter from Auditor of State for Audit of Fiscal Year 2016
Projected Expenditures Form – Family & Children First
Re-appointments to Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board of Directors
Engineer – Specifications and Bid Notice for Lowell T-Bridge Project (re-bid)

INFORMATION

Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 16, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 17
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, January 23

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Travel – Building Department (3)
Resolution in Support of Clean Ohio Grant Application, Belpre Township

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 5 and January 9, 2017 meetings.

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

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Walters 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: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF CONNIE GRIMM

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

WHEREAS, *Connie Grimm began her service to Washington County on December 9, 1984, as a Data Entry Operator at the Department of Job and Family Services; and*

WHEREAS, *Connie Grimm was appointed as Account Clerk for the Department of Job and Family Services on August 18, 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *Connie Grimm was assigned as Clerical Specialist on August 6, 1989; and*

WHEREAS, *on April 26, 1992 Connie Grimm began service as Income Maintenance Worker 3; and*

WHEREAS, *Connie Grimm became a Typist 1 on April 18, 1993; and*

WHEREAS, *on May 1, 1994 Connie Grimm was named Income Maintenance Aide, a position she currently maintains; and*

WHEREAS, *in all of these capacities, Connie Grimm has served with diligence, continually demonstrating her knowledge of the position to which she was assigned; and*

WHEREAS, *after thirty-two years of service to Washington County, Connie Grimm is retiring from public service on January 31, 2017.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that we, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, congratulate Connie Grimm on her retirement from public service in Washington County, having served the public for thirty-two years.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that we extend our thanks and appreciation to Connie Grimm for serving the citizens of Washington County very well, in a variety of capacities, exhibiting throughout her years of service professionalism, compassion, expertise, dedication and enthusiasm.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that we, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, wish Connie Grimm the very best in her retirement years.*

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

RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BELPRE TOWNSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

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

**Endorsing a Clean Ohio Grant Application
Submitted by Belpre Township
for the
Little Hocking River Park Project**

WHEREAS, *Belpre Township seeks to provide Township residents with access to quality parklands to connect with our natural environment and to have high quality outdoor recreation opportunities; and*

WHEREAS, *funding through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund will allow Belpre Township to acquire an identified 63+/- acre parcel with frontage along the Little Hocking River that will serve as a new riverfront natural park for the community; and*

WHEREAS, *the County Commissioners of Washington County support the efforts of Belpre Township to expand public outdoor recreation for our residents;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio:*

Approves and endorses the application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Clean Ohio Conservation Program funds by Belpre Township for the purpose of acquiring certain real property in Belpre Township, Washington County, Ohio for future use as a public riverfront park, and encourages the NRAC District 18 to recommend Belpre Township's grant application for funding.

Commissioner White noted the request from Kent Whitehead, representing Belpre Township, was for this Resolution to read, in part: "the County Commissioners of Washington County support the efforts of Belpre Township to protect our environment and expand public outdoor recreation for our residents". He said the adopted Resolution excludes "protect our environment", as the revised language more accurately reflects the belief of the Board.

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

RE: APPROPRIATIONS

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

Auditor (Unclaimed Funds)	200-0106-57400	\$	77.44
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Indigent Application	200-0213-57100	\$ 15,500.00
	200-0213-57700	\$ 3,500.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County General	100-0101-57100	200-0207-49100	\$ 10,133.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0520-49100	\$ 15,201.00
	100-0101-57100	210-0335-49100	\$ 7,304.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0315-49100	\$ 39,461.00
	100-0101-57100	602-2030-44700	\$ 20,250.00
	100-0101-57100	700-0720-49400	\$ 11,740.00
County General	100-0107-57100	200-2040-49100	\$ 67,500.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now's:

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	Stephen Campbell & Assoc.	\$ 2,500.00
County Home	200-0630-53500	John Miller	\$ 297.00
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	DDTI	\$ 2,850.00
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	DDTI	\$ 700.00
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	DDTI	\$ 5,456.00
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	DDTI	\$ 4,478.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53600	CORSA	\$ 157.43
Commissioners	100-0190-53202	Verizon	\$ 286.58
Commissioners	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 1,762.74
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Horizon	\$ 100.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 260.76
County Sheriff	100-0381-53040	LEXIPOL	\$ 7,025.00
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Cardmember Services	\$ 163.95
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Cardmember Services	\$ 188.95
Commissioners	100-0101-53600	Peoples Insurance	\$ 250.00
Commissioners	100-0101-57000	Wash. Co. Dept. of JFS	\$ 1,121.76
Commissioners	100-0101-53301	SR Properties	\$ 1,500.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 420.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 401.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 420.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 420.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	400-0113-53100	AEP	\$ 158.39
County Sheriff	100-0380-53010	Fishel Hass, Kim Albrecht Downey	\$ 630.84
County Sheriff	200-0363-53000	Belpre Animal Clinic	\$ 193.34
Commissioners	400-0113-53100	AEP	\$ 197.62
County Sheriff	100-0380-53500	Poynter's Best Products	\$ 150.32
Commissioners	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 3,686.36
Commissioners	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 125.62
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Sudden Link	\$ 159.95
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Sudden Link	\$ 209.90
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 408.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Ferguson Livery	\$ 388.00
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 199.95
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 169.90
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 469.79
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 169.90
County Sheriff	100-0384-53130	AT & T	\$ 457.03
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	William Krampe/Krampe Cleaning	\$ 724.00
Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	National Church Residences	\$ 3,361.70
Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Ohio Valley Cab	\$ 7,375.00
Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Crowne Plaza Columbus	\$ 135.90
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Otis Elevator	\$ 11,275.44
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Otis Elevator	\$ 4,730.40
Commissioners	600-3005-57000	Marietta/Washington CVB	\$ 2,643.14
County Sheriff	200-0363-52000	First National Bank Omaha	\$ 103.10
Commissioners	100-0870-53000	SEOPA	\$ 16,875.00
Co. Board of Development Diab.	215-0620-53420	Amazon.Com	\$ 1,037.50
Co. Board of Development Diab.	200-0620-53000	M.E.O.R.C.	\$ 748.00
County Sheriff	100-0385-52000	First National Bank of Omaha	\$ 3,837.55
Family & Children First	602-2035-53000	CAP of Wash./Morg. Counties.	\$ 34,186.17
County Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Wash. Co. Career Center	\$ 4,593.68
County Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Wash. Co. Career Center	\$ 837.83
County Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Board of Education/Marietta.	\$ 290.03
County Dept. of Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Board of Education/Marietta	\$ 227.18
Commissioners	100-0100-53000	Mancan	\$ 391.36
Commissioners	200-0369-53200	AT & T	\$ 489.80
Commissioners	100-0100-57501	CCAO	\$ 360.00
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Rodney Beebe	\$ 2,600.00
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	B&N Coal	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Judith A. Diruzza	\$ 500.00
Law Library	200-0520-54000	Wolters Kluwer Law& Business	\$ 815.00

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Law Library	200-0520-54000	Wolters Kluwer Law& Business	\$ 951.00
County Sheriff	100-0380-54000	CDW Government	\$ 235.31
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Jack Blakeslee	\$ 992.86
RSVP	210-0710-54100	Nancy Burkhardt	\$ 211.46
RSVP	210-0710-54100	Bernie Lyons	\$ 161.51
Board of DD	200-0620-53400	Wash.-Morgan CAP	\$ 239.00
Children Services	200-0740-53203	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 145.71
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Brenda Armstrong	\$ 1,005.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Deidra Cox	\$ 650.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Emily Cramer	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Elisha Davis	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Dee Dearth	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Erica Dodge	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Aleece Dye	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Mindy Dye	\$ 200.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Adria Handley	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Noelle Long	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Margaret Richards	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Michelle Richards	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Keitha Schilling	\$ 260.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Lisa Stewart	\$ 1,690.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Toni Teters	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Patrice Tornes	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Virginia Vincent	\$ 325.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Konnie Yoho	\$ 520.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Keitha Schilling	\$ 252.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Mindy Dye	\$ 250.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Allwell Behavioral Health Serv.	\$ 2,080.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Belmont Pines Hospital	\$ 4,900.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Emily Cramer	\$ 400.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Christian Children's Home of Oh.	\$ 2,990.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Family Wellness Solutions .	\$ 1,001.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	George Junior Republic	\$ 7,515.56
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Kids Count Too, Inc.	\$ 4,355.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Mended Reeds, Inc.	\$ 3,549.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	National Youth Advocate Prog.	\$ 1,126.06
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Safety Home, Inc.	\$ 5,957.38
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Sojourners	\$ 4,953.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Transitions for Youth	\$ 5,720.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Village Network	\$ 6,218.68
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Aleece Dye	\$ 138.43
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Toni Teters	\$ 122.50
Children Services	200-0741-53000	House of Samuel, Inc.	\$ 4,625.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	House of Samuel , Inc.	\$ 1,105.00
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Tonya Kidder	\$ 763.68
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Sabrina Buckanan	\$ 426.24
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Candice Gabriel	\$ 319.68
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Tamatha Downs	\$ 351.48
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Brenda Armstrong	\$ 255.74
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Stephanie Leep	\$ 198.72
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Jamie Vuksic	\$ 259.20
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Laura Seckman	\$ 111.36
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Kimberly Ensign	\$ 128.16
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Deidra Cox	\$ 104.12
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Ginger Davey	\$ 109.92

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Walters 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 2017 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

JFS

Tom Ballengee, Candy Nelson, Dawn Lucas, Ruth Burdette: One-day trip to Noble County to attend a meeting on proposed RFP for One-Stop; January 23, 2017.

Building Department

Connie Hoblitzell: One-day trip to Dublin to attend Permit Technician meeting; January 19, 2017.

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 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 2017 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

JFS

Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Tuscarawas County to attend WAVE II Shared Services meeting; January 26, 2017.

Building Department

Chris Wilson, Russ Metz, Rick Dostal, Connie Hoblitzell, David Haught: Three-day trip to Dublin to attend annual mandatory OBOA Conference; February 5-7, 2017.

Chris Wilson, Connie Hoblitzell: Four-day trip to San Antonio, Texas to attend Tyler Connect 2017 Conference; May 7-10, 2017.

Commissioner White said a part of the cost savings in this year's budget was to remove the expense of travel for Mr. Wilson and Ms. Hoblitzell to travel to San Antonio for the annual Tyler Connect 2017 Conference. President Feathers agreed this trip was removed from the budget due to financial constraints, and a trip for two people costing nearly \$4,000 isn't justified at this time.

Mr. Wilson said the reason for asking to attend is (1) the value received by work sessions and networking at the event, and (2) the discounts made available for early registration. He said his attendance at last year's conference was invaluable.

Subsequent to this discussion, Mr. Wilson revised his request to reflect:

- Change of conference attendees and travel from two to one (Chris Wilson)
- Removal of registration fee
- Removal of meal expense
- Removal of mileage/shuttle reimbursement
- Revised total of \$1,361.53

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

RE: CHANGE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY PRC PLAN

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a change in the Washington County Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan, including reference to Job Recruitment Assistance and Employment Outreach and Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program, as requested by Tom Ballengee, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following Agreements for services, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First:

- Lacey Wilson, Strengthening Families Program, \$85.00 per class, not to exceed \$595.00 during the period January 1 through June 30, 2017.

- Darylann Boley, Strengthening Families Program, \$85.00 per class, not to exceed \$595.00 during the period January 1 through June 30, 2017.

- Lashley Moser, Incredible Years Preschool Basic Program, \$50.00 per class not to exceed \$1,050.00 during the period January 1 through June 30, 2017.

- Royetta Cline, Incredible Years Basic Preschool Program, \$80.00 per class not to exceed \$1,205.00 during the period January 1 through June 30, 2017.

- LeAnn Welch, Incredible Years Basic Preschool Program, \$80.00 per class not to exceed \$1,205.00 during the period January 1 through June 30, 2017.

- Tonya Davis, Teen Career Awareness and Building Bridges to Careers, \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed \$31,200.00 during the period January 1 through December 31, 2017.

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

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED FEES

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of an Annual Report of Uncollected Fees from Sheriff Larry Mincks for the year 2015, reflecting a total of \$148,307.55 in uncollected fees. The Clerk noted the Ohio Revised Code requires the Sheriff to annually report fees uncollected for one year or more, and therefore this particular report is for the year January 1 through December 31, 2015.

RE: REQUEST FROM FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST TO USE CREDIT CARDS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the use of the following credit cards by staff of Family & Children First for legitimate authorized expenses during the year 2017, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First:

- Visa, for staff travel and appropriate program supplies and materials
- Speedway, for gas cards to give to deserving families

Commissioner Walters noted this is a continuation for Family & Children First, and there apparently have been no problems associated with this practice in place at the agency.

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

RE: AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve an Engagement Letter from the Auditor of State for services to be performed during audit of financial records of fiscal year 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$86,100.00, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the letter.

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

RE: PROJECTED EXPENDITURES FORM

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Projected Expenditures Form for Family-Centered Services and Support Funds, reflecting an anticipated expenditure of \$43,775 by June 30, 2017, and the amount of \$12,172 requested in excess of fiscal year 2017 allocation, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the form, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Washington County Family & Children First Council.

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

RE: REAPPOINTMENTS TO SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to re-appoint the following individuals to the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board of Directors for the term February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2021, as recommended by Tom Webster, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board of Directors:

Steve Keiser
David Haas
Nathan Long
Bradley Ebersole

Commissioner Walters noted that Jack Haessly's term expires January 31, 2017, and he will be appropriately recognized and honored for his service to the Port Authority.

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

RE: SPECIFICATIONS AND BID NOTICE, LOWELL T-BRIDGE PROJECT

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve specifications and bid notice for the Lowell T-Bridge Project, with an estimate of \$364,377 and a sealed bid due date of February 7, 2017, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Glen Pawloski shared his concern that a recent appointment to the newly-created Washington County Septic Tank Appeals Board might present a conflict of interest. He said he was disappointed to learn at the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health members had already been appointed to serve on the Appeals Board. Mr. Pawloski said he was prepared to submit a name of an interested candidate for the position, but was told by Dr. Wittberg the slot was filled with an appointment by Probate Judge Tim Williams. Mr. Pawloski said he believes the appointment of Steve Elliott was inappropriate and ill-advised, as Mr. Elliott currently serves as the Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Marietta. Mr. Pawloski said he is upset about this appointment because Mr. Elliott likely is unduly influenced by the Ohio EPA, and the County currently is awaiting resolution of issues with both the City of Marietta and the Ohio EPA. He said he fears Devola residents may not get an impartial hearing when coming before the Septic Tank Appeals Board. Mr. Pawloski asked the Commissioners to support his view, on behalf of the informal Ad-Hoc Committee for Reasonable Drinking Water Solution in the Devola community. He said he considers it very important to appoint members to the Appeals Board who are vetted by the Washington County Township Trustees Association processes and understanding.

Commissioner White reminded Mr. Pawloski that the Commissioners have no authority – by role, voice or seat – over the Washington County Board of Health. He said, however, that although he too has concerns of the recent appointment by Judge Williams, it very well might be that the Judge knows Mr. Elliott has the appropriate credentials and experience to fill the seat on the Appeals Board. Mr. Pawloski said he is afraid Mr. Elliott may not have that unbiased opinion to serve as a member of that particular Board.

Mr. Pawloski said he will also share his concerns with the township trustees.

RE: STATEWIDE BIKE ROUTE DESIGNATIONS

Alan Craig, District 10 Planning Engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), asked the Commissioners to designate specific routes through Washington County as State Bike Routes. Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, County Engineer Roger Wright, Sam Shawver from *The Marietta Times*, and Austin James from WMOA Radio.

Mr. Craig said ODOT is in the process of creating designated bike routes connecting the seventeen largest population areas of the State of Ohio. Using existing roads and trails, he said, will result in no construction and no cost to the County. He noted State Bike Route 85 would come from Guernsey County to Marietta, where it will connect with State Bike Route 20, which continues to Xenia. Mr. Craig said this plan is to utilize State Route 821, and then County Road 375 (Glendale Road) to the Marietta City corporation line.

In his presentation, Mr. Craig noted:

The State Bike Routes were identified in collaboration with bicycle advocates and local planning organizations.

The projection is for ODOT to identify five (5) U.S. bike routes and eighteen (18) state bike routes across the State of Ohio, creating with other states a network of trails across the country.

Intended users of the State Bike Routes will be experienced long-distance bicyclists.

The routes will be identified by number (SBR 85, SBR 20), and included on county and state maps, web sites, marketing materials, etc.

There will undoubtedly be economic benefit as a result of creating these trails.

The County may be eligible to score additional points on grant applications if bike trails are created throughout the County.

Commissioner White expressed concern about any future maintenance, upgrade and/or new construction of bike trails. President Feathers said Glendale Road is not particularly suited for bike traffic, as the road is narrow and curvy, with many blind spots. Agreeing, Commissioner Walters said this may be creating a health and safety hazard, and he isn't particularly interested in creating a more dangerous environment for both vehicles and bicycles. He said, if approved, appropriate signage might help riders and drivers. Commissioner White said with the creation of bike routes comes the expectation those routes are safe, but on a narrow and hilly road like Glendale Road it simply cannot be considered "safe".

Muskingum Township Trustee said there are many bike riders through his township, and he is "totally against bikes on roads". He said it creates a very dangerous situation when both vehicles and bicycles share the same roadway.

President Feathers suggested the State Bike Route might be better placed along State Route 821 all the way to State Route 60. He said the road is wider, the sightline is greater, and the road surface is better.

County Engineer Roger Wright said his department will work with ODOT to install appropriate signage along the bike routes, if approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Craig assured the Commissioners they'd be able to re-designate or un-designate the bike routes in the future.

President Feathers asked the County Engineer to coordinate a meeting with the Warren, Muskingum and Marietta Township Trustees, ODOT, and the Commissioners, to further discuss this request from ODOT.

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 10:12 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk