

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT. COMMISSIONER RICK G. WALTERS, MEMBER, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. 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 Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Karen Doan, Mike Webber, County Engineer Roger Wright, 911 Coordinator Rich Hays, Chief Deputy Mark Warden from the Sheriff's Office, Noble County Commissioner Ty Moore, Peyton Neely from *The Marietta Times*, Clerk Rick Peoples, and the following representatives of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board of Directors:

Mike Beardmore  
David Browne

James Raney  
Charles Pridgeon

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., February 2, 2017**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 David Browne and Behavioral Health Board – Consideration of Levy  
10:00 Roger Wright, County Engineer – Bike Path

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriations - Various Funds, for Audit Cost Share  
Additional Appropriation - JFS  
Additional Appropriation - Clerk of Courts  
Transfer – Veterans (2)  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Family & Children First  
Travel – EMA (4)  
Travel - Auditor  
Lease Agreement for Office Space at Armory - Veterans  
County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan – Job and Family Services  
Agreement with City of Marietta for Dog Warden Services  
Agreement with City of Belpre for Dog Warden Services  
Proposal from Creative Microsystems, Inc. for 911 Equipment  
Consideration of Electric Rate Options from Buckeye Energy Brokers  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor

**INFORMATION**

Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, February 14  
Community Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., **Thursday**, February 16, at Marietta College  
Public Hearing for 2017 CDBG Allocation, 10:00 a.m., **Thursday**, February 16  
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, February 20, Presidents' Day  
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, February 21

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Unclaimed Funds  
Travel – County Home  
Sub Merchant Agreement – Building Department  
Delete: Additional Appropriation - JFS

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald 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 January 26 meeting.

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

**RE: APPROPRIATIONS**

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

EMA	200-0315-53401	\$	9.00
Behavioral Health	200-0610-53401	\$	991.00
County Home	200-0630-53401	\$	740.00
Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-53401	\$	2,038.00
Sewer	400-0113-53401	\$	686.00
Prosecutor DTAC	200-0141-53401	\$	41.50
Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-53401	\$	1,774.00
Law Library	200-0520-53401	\$	265.00
911	200-0364-53401	\$	5.50
Wireless 911	200-0369-53401	\$	5.50
RSVP	210-0710-53401	\$	29.00
Victim Assistance	210-0335-53401	\$	71.00
Unclaimed Funds	200-0106-57100	\$	14,500.00
Clerk of Courts Computer	200-0231-57400	\$	2,500.00

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

**RE: TRANSFER**

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Veterans	100-0700-57400	100-0700-53401	\$ 95.00
	100-0701-57400	100-0701-53401	\$ 95.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald 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:

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Commissioners	100-0190-53202	Verizon	\$ 286.32
Sheriff Department	100-0384-53130	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 291.86
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 224.77
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 499.07
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	Wash. Electric Cooperative	\$ 170.07
Board of Development Dia.	200-0620-53000	City of Marietta	\$ 104.11
Job & Family Service	200-0720-53400	Michael Lewis	\$ 298.24
Commissioners	200-2050-54000	Ace Lock	\$ 210.00
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Agland Co-Op	\$134.85
Sewer	400-0113-57400	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$ 400.00

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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 Years 2016 and 2017, and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Columbus for appointment with client at Nationwide Children's Hospital; February 8, 2017.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Executive/Legislative meeting; February 1, 2017 (retroactive).

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Athens to attend SE District CAAO meeting; February 10, 2017.

County Home

Diana Hall: One-day trips as follows.

- Resident outing to Parkersburg, WV; February 8, 2017
- Resident lunch outing to St. Marys, WV; February 9, 2017
- Pick up of activity supplies in Parkersburg, WV; February 21, 2017

EMA

Lori Price: Two-day trip to Newark for Damage Assessment Training; December 12-13, 2016 (retroactive).

Lori Price: Two-day trip to Newark for Donation and Resource Management Training; January 10-11, 2017.

Lori Price: One-day trip to Wirt County, WV, to observe and participate in full-scale exercise; February 7, 2017.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table a request from EMA Interim Director Lori Price to travel to Lewis Center to attend Introduction to Emergency Management training course on February 12-16, 2017.

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

**RE: LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE IN ARMORY, VETERANS**

The Commissioners acknowledged the Veterans Service Commission has entered into a 5-year lease agreement for office space at the Armory on Front Street in Marietta, for the monthly amount of \$500.00, reduced to \$416.75 if paid for twelve months in advance, for the period March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2022.

Commissioner White expressed his concerns that the Commissioners have had no discussions with the Veterans Services Office about this lease, and the length of the lease may not be a wise commitment. He said he intends to consult with Tom Kukulka, Director of the Veterans Services Office.

**RE: COUNTY-WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN, JFS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept responsibility for collecting indirect cost allocations from the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, as calculated by De Novo Consulting Solutions:

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Shared Cost	\$ 34,891.00	\$ 2,907.58
Income Maint.	\$ 47,707.00	\$ 3,975.58
Social Services	\$ <u>8,078.00</u>	\$ <u>673.17</u>
Total	\$ 90,676.00	\$ 7,556.33

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

**RE: AGREEMENTS WITH CITIES OF MARIETTA AND BELPRE FOR DOG WARDEN SERVICES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table agreements with the City of Marietta and the City of Belpre for Dog Warden Services, pending review of documents by the Prosecutor's Office.

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

**RE: SUB-MERCHANT PAYMENT PROVIDER AGREEMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Persolvent Payment Provider Agreement for Sub-merchant, as requested by Building Official Chris Wilson, to facilitate the acceptance of payment by credit/debit card for services provided by the Building Department, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the document.

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

**RE: PROPOSAL FOR 911 EQUIPMENT FROM CMI**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Washington County 911 Program equipment and services from Creative Microsystems, Inc. (CMI), as recommended by 911 Coordinator Rich Hays and Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy Mark Warden, as follows:

Software	\$ 316,870
Implementation & Training	28,750
Annual Maintenance Fee	<u>46,861</u>
 Total	 \$ 392,481

President Feathers noted:

Acceptance of this proposal from CMI follows about 18 months of review, discussion and comparison. A 911 levy was passed by Washington County voters in November of 2016. Proceeds from that levy are intended to buy this equipment for the County. Other Ohio counties are also seeking levy support for the purchase of this expensive equipment. An advance from one fund to another will allow this purchase to proceed in a timely manner, with repayment from levy proceeds by December 31, 2017.

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

**RE: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE OPTIONS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept the following proposals from Dynegy for the purchase of electricity, and to enter contracts for such purchase:

Accounts outside of city	\$0.0489/kWh	07/01/17 through 06/30/20
Accounts in city	\$0.0543/kWh	03/01/17 through 02/28/20

(Note: Price/kWh was subsequently reduced to \$0.0486 for accounts outside of city, and \$0.0539 for accounts inside the city. The Commissioners accepted those price adjustments that were reflected in the contracts.)

Commissioner White said it is interesting to note the in-city rate is higher, but it is still lower than the current aggregated rate offered by the City of Marietta. Mr. Feathers noted these contracts are expected to reduce annual cost of electricity by approximately \$17,000.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending notice to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting they immediately make payment on those accounts: Christopher and Patty Carver, Helen Jones, Timothy Blow, Anthony and Emma Wiley-Adams, Stephanie Snyder, Charles Seaman, Denise Vigneron, Karen Anstatt, Carol Miler (for 108 Brittigan Circle), Adam Wark, DMC Partners, Chris Dickson, Jane Cunningham, Jackie Powell, Allyson Call, Michelle Wiltse, Nathan and Melissa Arnold, Michael and Amber Moore, Steven and Donna Richardson, Jeffrey Holstein, Erica Counts, Kathryn Parsons, Angela Parker, Ernest Cottrell, Karen Weaver, Natalie Snyder, Kareem Wright, Sharon Callow, Erica Hartshorn, Dennis and Carla Pottmeyer (for 315 Snearly Drive), Harold and Sue Kesterson (for 10694 SR 550), Fred and Savannah Newlon.

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

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending a request to County Auditor Bill McFarland to add delinquent sewer account amounts to property tax bills for the following individuals: Edward Pifer, Linda Lorentz, Kimberly Hammond, Steve Rood, Christopher Marshall, Mike and Ashley Matheny, H. Clifton Spencer, Darren Witte, Robert Strong, Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, John and Joann Edward, Carline Putnam, Dan Turner (3 apartments), Sally Turner, Randy Norris, Dan Turner (service center), Salley Dickfon, Kathy McKitrick.

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

**RE: CONSIDERATION OF LEVY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

David Browne, Executive Director, and members of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board talked with the Commissioners about their proposal for an operating levy on the November 2017 general election ballot.

Mike Beardmore, noting he was speaking on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, said the Behavioral Health Board believes levy support is needed to effectively provide services and to address the increasing need for addiction recovery. He said a .5 mil levy would generate approximately

\$737,000 per year, and the Board is requesting a 5-year levy. He noted the annual cost to a taxpayer with a \$100,000 property value would be approximately \$17.50 for this levy.

Mr. Beardmore said his Board has been working with a variety of organizations and entities to determine what is needed in the form of mental health and drug rehabilitation services in Washington County. He said the Board believes additional funds are needed in order to accomplish some of these initiatives. Mr. Beardmore indicated the need for new revenues is a result of:

- Anticipated reductions in federal and state support
- Continuing reduction in financial support from the county
- Uncertainty of future of Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance
- Increasing drug and alcohol abuse and addiction

Commissioner White asked if the Behavioral Health Board could be more specific in its intended use of levy funds. Executive Director David Browne said levy funds would provide resources for:

- Detox facility
- Prevention efforts in public and private schools
- Drug court
- Treatment options
- Recovery housing
- Respite care
- Job counseling and placement

Mr. Browne said issues related to addiction and rehabilitation are huge, including integration back into society, housing, job placement, and basic necessities.

Commissioner White informed the Board members that the County cannot absorb the cost of a drug court.

Mr. Feathers noted the timing may not be right for attempting a new levy, as there are as many as nine levies on the May ballot. He encouraged them to be as specific and direct as possible in demonstrating the need for a levy.

Board member Jim Raney told the Commissioners their approval to proceed will allow them to form a campaign committee and name a treasurer, at which point campaign expenses can be incurred.

Mr. Browne noted Washington County has about half the number of mental health providers than other Ohio counties have. He said levy funds might help to attract new providers to this region.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Browne and members of the Behavioral Health Board for the information they provided in this request. They asked them to further develop the plan, and to be more specific in intended use of levy funds. Noble County Commissioner Ty Moore noted how critical it is to have parental involvement as children are raised.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table the request from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board to place a levy on the November 7, 2017 general election ballot.

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

**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 10:28 a.m.

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