

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 23, 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 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 Glen Pawloski, Muskingum Township Trustees Gary Doan and Ken Schilling, Karen Doan, Erin O'Neill from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., February 23, 2017**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Marcus McCartney, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, OSU Extension – Program Update
10:00 Wendy Dillingham, CEBCO – Annual Health Insurance Program Report Review
11:00 Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner – Annual Report Review
1:00 Kim Hinkle, CSEA – Cost Allocation Plan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Contract with City of Marietta for Dog Warden Services
Contract with City of Belpre for Dog Warden Services
Request from CSEA Director to Not Pay Shared Costs

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – Recognition of Jack Haessly
Additional Appropriation – Transit (2)
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Transfer - Sheriff
Transfer – Family & Children First
Transfer - Veterans
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Travel – Job & Family Services
Travel – Human Resources
Request for Cell Phone Reimbursement – Family & Children First

INFORMATION

Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, February 27
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Annual Meeting, 8:00 a.m., **Tuesday**,
February 28, Graham Auditorium, WSCC
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 14, at County Home

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: 9:15 County Auditor Bill McFarland and County Engineer Roger Wright – Personnel
1:30 Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn – Sublease of MARCS Towers
Travel – Family & Children First (2)
Training Registration - Sewer

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. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.

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. White moved and Mr. Walters 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 JACK HAESSLY

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

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority was created to enhance the economic environment in and around Washington County through initiatives creating and retaining jobs; and

WHEREAS, members of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority's Board of Directors are dedicated business professionals who, through their leadership, develop collaborative agreements and effective partnerships, and introduce to new businesses and industry the virtues of doing business in the Mid-Ohio Valley; and

WHEREAS, Jack Haessly, owner and operator of Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company, a local lumber business in operation for more than seventy-five years, has served as a member of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board of Directors since 2006; and

WHEREAS, over the past twelve years, Mr. Haessly has served the Port Authority in a variety of roles, including Executive Committee Member, Executive Director Search Committee, Project Director for the sale of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Tree Farm project, and chairman of various Task Force Committees; and

WHEREAS, Jack Haessly is retiring from his service as member of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that Jack Haessly is appropriately recognized for his faithful and dedicated service to the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, for his lifelong desire to improve our community, and for his boundless energy and enthusiasm in improving the economic conditions of Washington County.

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

Commissioner White said that Jack Haessly has been a real asset to the Port Authority, and deserves appropriate recognition for his service on its Board of Directors.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Transit	210-0849-53000	\$ 37,319.00
	210-0849-53000	\$ 27,217.00
Sheriff	200-0283-54003	\$ 18,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	100-0384-54003	100-0384-53030	\$ 1,612.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-57400	602-2033-55202	\$ 1,000.00
Veterans	100-0701-55200	100-0700-54400	\$ 11,000.00

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	100-0381-53010	County Risk Sharing Auth.	\$ 2,500.00
Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-55300	DLH Design	\$ 3,000.00
Treasurer	100-0130-54000	Proforma	\$ 423.34
Treasurer	100-0130-54000	Proforma	\$ 173.00
Treasurer	100-0130-57400	Co. Treasurers Assoc.	\$ 2,128.56
Maintenance	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 254.88
Veterans	100-0701-53301	City of Marietta	\$ 5,100.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	City of Marietta	\$ 496.16
Sewer	400-0113-53102	City of Belpre	\$ 25,691.00

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. 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:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: Three-day trip to Columbus to attend Healthy Families American Boot Camp; February 28 – March 2, 2017.

Jon Higgins: One-day trip to Noble County Correctional Institute to deliver yarn and pick up blankets; February 27, 2017.

Jon Higgins: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Fidelity EHR County Training; March 2, 2017.

JFS

Candy Nelson: One-day trips to Columbus to attend CCMEP Community of Practice Meetings;

February 27, 2017	March 27, 2017	April 24, 2017
May 22, 2017	June 26, 2017	July 24, 2017
August 28, 2017	September 25, 2017	October 23, 2017
November 27, 2017		

Human Resources

Kathy Thieman: One-day trip to Dublin to attend SPBR Conference; March 24, 2017.

Kathy Thieman: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Safety Congress & Expo; March 8-9, 2017.

Sewer

Craig Barker: Two-day Operator Training in Marietta; March 14-15, 2017 (payment of registration fee only).

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

RE: REQUEST FOR EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve monthly cell phone cost reimbursement in the amount of \$40.00 to eligible Washington County Family & Children First Council staff participating in the Help Me Grow Program, payable from grant funds upon submission of sufficient documentation, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

The Clerk said he believes a comparable arrangement has been made for staff in the Victim Assistance Office. Commissioner White noted approval of this request will not be additional expense to the County General Fund, as Help Me Grow funds will be used. Mr. Walters said the staff in this particular program must have adequate communication tools at all times due to the nature of their business.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan noted he recently observed several Sheriff's deputies in and around the Courthouse, and asked the Commissioners if this is necessary and appropriate. He also said there is a desk deputy driving a Sheriff's Department vehicle to and from his/her personal residence, and questioned the need for that. President Feathers referred him to Sheriff Larry Mincks to address these concerns.

Devola resident Glen Pawloski asked about the February 22 meeting the Commissioners had with the Ohio EPA. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners and representatives from the Prosecutor's Office and the Health Department met at the offices of the Ohio EPA to hear results of soil tests conducted in Devola and Oak Grove in 2016. The outcome, he reported, is a new Modified Director's Final Findings and Orders from the Ohio EPA, modifying the September 12, 2012 Orders. He noted the Modified Findings include a three-phase approach to construction of a new sewer line in Devola within two years. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners were given thirty (30) days to respond to these Orders, and have yet to consult with the Prosecutor's Office or to consider financial ramifications of the Orders. Mr. Pawloski asked the Commissioners to consider a cost/benefit analysis prior to responding to the EPA. He referred to the EPA's legal department as "ravenous", and suggested these overbearing regulations and unnecessary requirements mandated by the Ohio EPA must end.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment and compensation of a County employee.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. President Feathers invited County Auditor Bill McFarland, County Engineer Roger Wright, and Clerk Rick Peoples to attend.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 9:30 a.m.

RE: OSU EXTENSION UPDATE

Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator Marcus McCartney updated the Commissioners on several programs and initiatives, including:

- Commercial and residential certification and licensing
- Beef and livestock programs
- Boys & Girls Club Learning Garden
- Master Gardeners
- 4-H Camp and directorship
- Climate change programs

Mr. McCartney said his office is continually addressing budget challenges, and learning to work with less. He said they intend to use reserves this fiscal year to make ends meet, but staffing changes are imminent.

RE: CEBCO ANNUAL REPORT

Wendy Dillingham and Mike Kindell from CEBCO (County Employee Benefits Consortium) shared with the Commissioners the Washington County 2016 Fourth Quarter Report, noting that:

- YTD Overall Loss Ratio was 125.8%
- # of claims over \$50,000 was 13
- There were 115 “avoidable” visits to an emergency room
- Top three diagnoses were back issues, headaches, and dizziness/giddiness
- Marietta Memorial Hospital received 55.11% of plan payments in 2016 (\$1,729,706.57)
- Marietta Health Care Physicians received 42.43% of plan payments in 2016 (\$391,500.00)
- Top pharmacies used by plan members were Accredo (33.05%), Express Scripts (24.35%), and CVS (15.34%)

Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources, also attended to hear this discussion with CEBCO representatives.

Ms. Dillingham informed the Commissioners she will no longer be serving Washington County. She introduced Mike Kindell, who will assume the responsibility. She encouraged the Commissioners to continue to promote wellness programs and activities, and offered assistance in registering County employees in the on-line physician service.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Health Commissioner Richard Wittberg presented the Washington County District Board of Health Annual Report for 2016 to the Commissioners, hi-lighting specific portions of it. He said he is especially pleased with the dramatic improvement in the financial condition of the Health Department over the past few years. He then noted the status of the accreditation initiative in Washington County. He said the County is well on its way to applying for accreditation by the deadline of June 2018. He noted while the cost for accreditation preparation this fiscal year is approximately \$20,000, next year it could reach \$40,000.

RE: CSEA REQUEST TO NOT PAY COST ALLOCATION SHARE

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of a request from Director Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA), to not be required to pay a portion of the Agency’s cost share this fiscal year.

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 accept payment of \$67,566.84 in Cost Allocation Share from the Child Support Enforcement Agency, and waive the additional payment of \$34,807.16, the total of which, \$102,374.00, was determined to be the Agency’s share of fiscal year 2015 costs payable in fiscal year 2017, calculated by De Novo Consulting Services, as requested by Kim Hinkle, Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Ms. Hinkle reported:

- There is no increase in State funding for her Agency this fiscal year.
- The Agency is experiencing higher health insurance costs this year.
- Contract negotiations are beginning soon.
- If approved, the Agency will pay the federal portion of the cost allocation, but not the state portion.

The federal portion is \$67,566.84; the state portion is \$34,807.16.
The Commissioners approved her similar request in 2016.

Much discussion of this request followed, with President Feathers sharing his concern this may set a precedent. He said the County's financial condition has not improved since last fiscal year, and the outlook for next year doesn't look good. Mr. Feathers said he understands the financial dilemma CSEA is in, but he will not favor approval of the request if it is made next year. Ms. Hinkle noted the "value added" in the form of matching dollars by approving this reduction in the amount owed by CSEA. It was noted if CSEA had been able to contract with Probate/Juvenile Court, the amount received from such contract would more than cover the amount of waiver requested.

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

RE: SUBLEASE OF MARCS TOWERS

Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn talked with the Commissioners about the sublease of MARCS towers to TowerLink. She said the County recently received notice that the business and its assets have been transferred to Serenity Wireless, LLC, c/o Michael Johnson, 12540 State Route 550, Fleming. She said she is revising the contract for sublease of MARCS towers, and the contract must be signed by all parties before annual lease payment of \$9,600 is accepted from Serenity Wireless.

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 2:05 p.m.

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_____, Clerk