

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 9, 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 Trustee Gary Doan, Karen Doan, Erin O'Neill from *The Marietta Times*, Steve and Teresa Porter, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

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

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Probate/Juvenile
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Transfer - Sheriff
Then & Now's (2)
Travel – Job and Family Services (4)
Travel – County Home
Travel – Auditor
Travel – Director of Human Resources (2)
Revision to Personnel Policy Manual, Concealed Carry
Revision to Personnel Policy Manual, Use of Vacation (Auditor's Office)
Renewal of Dearborn National Term Life Insurance
Request to Hire – Job and Family Services
Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners at County Jail
Engineer – Request to Purchase Utility Trailer
Engineer – Request to Purchase Two Dump Trucks
Engineer – Bid Specifications and Notice for Hadley Bridge Replacement Project
Engineer – 2017 Liquid Bituminous Materials Bid and Recommendation
Engineer – 2017 Aggregate Materials Bids and Recommendation
Engineer – 2017 Asphalt Materials Bids and Recommendation
Engineer – Lowell T Bridge Bids and Recommendation, and Contract

INFORMATION

Daylight Saving Time Begins, **Sunday**, March 12
Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Monday**, March 13
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 14, at County Home
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, March 20
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 21

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Response to the Ohio EPA Director's Findings and Orders

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 March 2, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

County General (Juv Ctr)	100-0330-51106	\$ 1,000.00
MVGT	200-0540-55501	\$ 500,000.00
	200-0540-55502	\$ 300,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFER

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff's Commissary	200-0383-57400	200-0383-54400	\$ 13,750.00

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:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
I.T.	100-0190-54000	Cardmember Services	\$ 290.10
I.T.	100-0190-54000	Cardmember Services	\$ 200.97
Children Services	200-0741-52000	Diatra Dearth	\$ 138.12
Sewer	400-0113-52000	Operator Training Comm.	\$ 275.00
Bd. of Development Disabilities	200-0620-53000	MEORC	\$ 510.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53405	TASER	\$ 225.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 1,187.03
EMA	200-0315-53401	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 209.00
CSEA	200-0730-53503	Common Pleas	\$ 1,689.96

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:

JFS

Candy Nelson, Ruth Burdette, Dawn Lucas: One-day trip to Monroe County to view One Stop; March 15, 2017.

Peggy McElfresh: One-day trip to Noble County to attend WIOA Training; March 9, 2017.

Candy Nelson, Chris Buchanan: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Operating Design Committee meeting; April 13, 2017.

Debi Humphries: One-day trip to Vienna and Parkersburg, WV to pick up clothing vouchers; March 13, 2017.

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: One-day trip to Parkersburg, WV to transport resident to appointment with physician; March 6, 2017 (retroactive).

Auditor

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

Human Resources/Safety & Loss Control

Kathy Thieman: One-day trip to Columbus to attend annual CORSA Renewal Meeting; March 22, 2017.

Kathy Thieman, Shelly Vincent: One-day trip to Bellville to attend CLCCA Spring Meeting; March 31, 2017.

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

aye. Motion passed.

RE: REVISION TO PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, CONCEALED CARRY PROVISION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a revision to the Personnel Policy Manual, allowing Washington County employees possessing a valid license to carry a concealed handgun weapon to transport that weapon and/or ammunition in their personal vehicle on County property, stored in the locked vehicle either in the glove compartment, a lock box, or the trunk, effective March 21, 2017.

Commissioner White said this addresses a recent change in Ohio law, and the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) recommends the change in policy to remain in compliance with that law. He said employees are still prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon in County-owned vehicles and in County buildings, but can now carry them and store them in an appropriately safe manner in their personal vehicles on County property.

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

RE: REVISION TO PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, USE OF VACATION BY AUDITOR'S STAFF

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of notice that County Auditor Bill McFarland adopted a change to the Personnel Policy Manual, allowing his staff to use vacation leave in quarter-hour increments, rather than one-hour.

RE: RENEWAL OF TERM LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve renewal of term life insurance coverage for Washington County employees with Dearborn National Life Insurance Company for a two-year period beginning May 1, 2017 and extending through April 30, 2019, at the current rates, as follows:

Life	\$0.177 per \$1,000
Accidental Death	\$0.020 per \$1,000

The Clerk noted this quote was preferred over two others, and is recommended by the Schwendeman Agency.

RE: REQUEST TO HIRE TWO EMPLOYEES, JFS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Alicia Enoch as Eligibility Referral Specialist II, with a starting rate of \$16.73 and a starting date of March 13, 2017, and Norma "Lisa" Goudy as Unit Support Worker, with a starting rate of \$14.47 and a starting date of March 13, 2017, 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: MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS AT COUNTY JAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of February 2017, reflecting a prisoner count of 340 and revenues of \$180,630.00.

RE: REQUEST TO PURCHASE UTILITY TRAILER, ENGINEER

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Sure Trac Utility Trailer for \$1,560.00 from Steve's Vans and Accessories, as 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: REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO DUMP TRUCKS, ENGINEER

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two new 2018 Freightliner Model 108SD cabs and chassis for use by the Washington County Highway Department from Fyda Freightliner, utilizing the State of Ohio Purchasing Program, for \$166,800.00, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

Mr. Wright said he considered two makes of vehicles, International and Freightliner. He noted both proposals were included in the State of Ohio Purchasing Program. He said he recommends the purchase of Freightliners because:

1. His intent is to standardize the County's fleet, and he purchased Freightliners last year.
2. He has been pleased with the performance of those trucks purchase last year.
3. The Freightliners have Cummins diesel engines and Allison automatic transmissions.
4. These trucks will replace trucks that are at least 20 years old.

5. Useful life of new trucks is estimated at 30 years.
6. Freightliner trucks have a preferred aluminum cab.
7. Stainless steel dump beds will be purchased from Ace Truck and Equipment.
8. Additional cost for dump beds and equipment for each truck is estimated at \$42,842.00.

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

RE: HADLEY BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve bid specifications and notice for the Hadley Bridge Deck Replacement and Rehabilitation Project in Liberty Township, with an Engineer's estimate of \$128,007.47 and a completion date of August 11, 2017, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

Mr. Wright said this bridge is on County Road 12 and was built approximately 30 years ago. He said the bridge deck is failing and needs replaced, and he has included additional tasks in the project.

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

RE: 2017 LIQUID BITUMINOUS, AGGREGATE, AND ASPHALT MATERIALS BIDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to accept the recommendation of County Engineer Roger Wright to award contracts as follows:

Liquids Bituminous Aggregates	Asphalt Materials, Inc. Shelly Materials, Belpre Shelly Materials, Reno Mar-Zane Martin Marietta Materials Smith Concrete Price Inland Maysville Materials, Cumberland Cumberland Limestone National Lime & Stone Co. Atlas Towing Co. Shelly Materials, Derwent Shelly Materials, East Fultonham Sergeant Stone
Asphalt Materials	Mar-Zane HEI-Way, LLC

Bids received are on file in the Commissioners' and Engineer's Offices. Mr. Wright said he recommends purchasing from any and all of the above vendors, depending on the job location and proximity to materials being purchased.

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

RE: LOWELL T-BRIDGE PROJECT BIDS, RECOMMENDATION, AND CONTRACT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to award to Armstrong Steel Erectors the Lowell T-Bridge Rehabilitation Project, for the amount of \$495,590.00, the lower of two sealed bids received and opened on March 7, 2017, as recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

Mr. Wright said the other bid was received from The Righter Company, Inc., for the amount of \$694,555.00. He noted his estimate for the project is \$454,903.00.

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 approve a contract with Armstrong Steel Erectors for the Lowell T-Bridge Rehabilitation Project, in the amount \$495,590.00, as prepared and recommended 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: RESPONSE TO DIRECTOR OF OHIO EPA'S FINDINGS AND ORDERS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to direct the County Prosecutor to prepare a response to the Modified Final Findings and Orders issued by the Director of the Ohio EPA, a document unsigned and not dated.

Commissioner White said response has been requested within 30 days of the effective date of the Orders which, although received at a meeting with the EPA on February 22, 2017, are actually not dated. He said the Commissioners have several things to point out in their response to the Director.

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

Glen Pawloski noted the original Findings and Orders from the Director of the Ohio EPA were issued September of 2012, and these Modified Orders were issued in February of 2017. He read aloud Findings Item #13:

“The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with these Orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with these Orders, and its relation to the benefits to the people of the state to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes of ORC Chapter 6111.”

Mr. Pawloski said he contends the Director has, in fact, not given fair consideration to Devola residents in issuing his Orders, as the cost/benefit of the project does not warrant construction of a sewer line and abandonment of functioning septic systems. He said he recently received 65 letters from Devola residents, and 44 from Oak Grove residents, objecting to the EPA’s directive to transition from septic to sewer.

Mr. Pawloski expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for questioning the findings of soil and water tests, and for objecting to the Orders issued by the Director. He thanked them for their resolve in helping the residents of Marietta Township, and for working with the Health Department to address issues brought forward by the EPA.

Steve Porter said one of the main concerns of the EPA was the high level of nitrates in the water in Devola, but that situation has been corrected. He said he hasn’t heard any prediction of nitrate level if a sewer line is built and septic systems are removed, so he questions the validity of the EPA’s directives.

President Feathers said the EPA is concerned now about the flow of contaminants into the waters of the State, both on the surface and under the ground. He said he believes the EPA is not so much concerned about the environment, but more about regionalization. He said it is absurd that the EPA is refusing to share their results in a public meeting with the residents who will be impacted. Mr. Feathers noted he is not satisfied there is, relative to the costs involved, a reasonable benefit warranting these Orders from the EPA. He referred to the EPA’s Findings as “esoteric” and their Orders as “unrealistic”.

Teresa Porter asked if there is a septic tank inspection system now in place, since it is agreed not all septic systems are faulty. Mr. White said the systems are most likely not inspected until the property is sold or transferred. He noted many lots in Devola are not large enough to accommodate an acceptable size of leach field to be in compliance with current septic system regulations. In such cases, he said, a “mound” system might be effective, but the costs of those are high as well.

Mr. Feathers said the total cost for a new sewer line project will likely exceed \$6,000,000, with homeowners required to pay between \$8,000 and \$12,000. He said higher monthly sewer charges may be necessary to help pay for the new line. Mr. Feathers noted some Devola properties now have driveways, decks, and/or swimming pools on top of their septic systems, and they would be required to absorb the cost of system removal and repair of properties. He cautioned these estimates are very “rough”, and are very much dependent upon the number of homes and the layout of the line(s).

Mr. Feathers continued, saying about 120 Devola septic systems were recently tested, and the overwhelming majority tested low in nitrate readings. He questioned why the EPA, if they determined septic system contaminants are now flowing into the Muskingum River, is suggesting it would be better to transfer those contaminants to the City’s sewage treatment plant, and then allow those contaminants to flow from the City’s plant into the Ohio River. He said this is expensive, and doesn’t make any sense. Mr. Feathers said Josh Lane, Director of Environmental Health for the Washington County Health Department, reported he is not aware of any septic system in Devola that can’t be re-built in compliance with current standards.

Mr. Pawloski said the suggested “mound” system may not be financially viable for homeowners, and they may not be effective.

Muskingum Township Trustee said the EPA’s testing stopped at Devol’s Dam, but it may be that contaminants are flowing into the Muskingum River from farms and fields above the dam.

President Feathers brought discussion to a close.

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 9:55 a.m.

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_____, Clerk