

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 25, 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 Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Karen Doan, Glen Pawloski, Sam Shawver from *The Marietta Times*, Randy Forbes, Steve Hutchinson, Julie Dunphy from WTAP News, Sheriff Larry Mincks, Chief Deputy Mark Warden, Captain Greg Nohe, Attorney Frank Hatfield, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., May 25, 2017**

9:00 Sheriff Larry Mincks – Pending Litigation (Executive Session)  
9:30 Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner – Muskingum River Nitrates Testing  
10:00 Business Meeting  
10:30 Tom Ballengee, JFS – One-Stop Memorandum of Understanding

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposal to Study Effectiveness of Courthouse Back-Up Generator

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation - Engineer  
Transfer – Treasurer  
Transfer – County General (Miscellaneous)  
Transfer – County General (Building Dept.)  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Family & Children First  
Travel – Building Department  
Travel – Treasurer (for Treasurer-elect Tammy Bates)  
Request to Carry Over Unused RSVP Grant Funds  
Bid Specifications & Notice, County Home Timber Sale Project  
Delinquent Sewer Account Notices

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, May 29, Memorial Day  
Joint Solid Waste Meeting, Noon, **Monday**, June 12 at Lori's Family Restaurant  
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, June 13, at County Home  
Annual RSVP Recognition Dinner, 6:00 p.m., **Monday**, June 19  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, June 19  
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Wednesday**, June 21

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor

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

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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 9:03 a.m. President Feathers invited the following to attend: Sheriff Larry Mincks, Chief Deputy Mark Warden, Captain Greg Nohe, and Attorney Frank Hatfield.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 9:37 a.m.

**RE: MUSKINGUM RIVER NITRATES TESTING**

Dr. Richard Wittberg updated the Commissioners on proposed testing for nitrates in the Muskingum River. He said the Board of Health does not intend to proceed with this initiative, as the results would

not likely be of great value. He noted the community has expertise to do such a study, in particular a Chemistry professor at Marietta College, but the project would require purchasing equipment and materials. He said the Commissioners and Board of Health may want to pursue this testing in the future, but not at this time.

President Feathers said he believes there is no valid reason to do testing at this time, and the Ohio EPA and Ohio Attorney General would likely not care about the results unless they were in their favor.

*Commissioner David White exited the meeting at 9:47 a.m.*

Mr. Pawloski questioned the depth of soil borings done in Oak Grove and Devola in 2016. He said the borings would not be of value unless they extended all the way to the water table, which at some points is 35 feet deep. Mr. Doan said he was told the borings in Oak Grove were only 20 feet deep. Mr. Pawloski said this might be interest in future communication with the Ohio EPA and/or Ohio Attorney General.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Walters 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, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

Family & Children First	602-2031-53000	\$	4,000.00
MVGT	200-0540-53408	\$	10,000.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Treasurer	100-0130-51105	100-0130-51000	\$ 60.00
	100-0130-51120	100-0130-51000	22.04
	100-0130-52000	100-0130-51000	17.11
Unexpected Emerg. (Co. Gen.)	100-0102-57401	100-0130-52000	\$ 1,116.81
Building Dept. (Co. Gen.)	100-0170-51001	100-0170-53000	\$ 5,200.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer	400-0113-56100	OWDA	\$ 51,658.39
Sewer	400-0113-56200	OWDA	\$ 22,942.92
Miscellaneous	100-0101-53400	Margaret LaPlante	\$ 194.44

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

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

Family & Children First

Andrea Nichols, Liz VanPelt, Jennifer Klintworth, LeAnn Welch, Terri McGoye: One-day trip to Athens to attend training; June 5, 2017.

Building Department

Chris Wilson: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend training; May 25, 2017.

Treasurer

Tammy Bates: One-day trips as follows (retroactive):

April 6, 2017	Ohio State Treasurer's CPIM Boot Camp, Columbus
May 16-18, 2017	CTAO Spring Conference, Sandusky

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

Commissioner Walters said he is pleased to have had representation from Washington County at the County Treasurers Association of Ohio Spring Conference.

**RE: REQUEST TO CARRY OVER RSVP GRANT FUNDS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a request to carry over unused Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) funds, grant #16SRNOH005, in the amount of \$14,891.00, as recommended by Lisa Valentine, RSVP Coordinator.

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

**RE: BID SPECIFICATIONS AND NOTICE, COUNTY HOME TIMBER SALE**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve bid notice and specifications for the sale and removal of 419 trees on approximately 34 acres of Washington County Home property, as requested by Jeff Campbell, County Home Administrator, pending review and approval of documents by the Prosecutor.

Mr. Walters said this sale is appropriate and necessary due to age and condition of trees. He said Mr. Campbell worked with Natco Forestry Services to identify trees and prepare documents for sale of timber. He said public notice of sale will be made, and sealed bids will be requested.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting immediate payment on those accounts:

Michael Williamson	Nathan and Melissa Arnold	Shauna Hennen
First Settlement Physical Therapy	Erica Counts	Angela Parker
Fred and Savannah Newlon	Natalie Snyder	Kareem Wright
Michelle Wiltse		

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

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to place delinquent amounts on property tax bills:

Helen Jones	Mike and Ashley Matheny	Robert Strong
Linda Lorentz	Kimberly Hammond	Steve Rood
Tina McClung		

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

**RE: ONE-STOP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Tom Ballengee, Executive Director, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, reviewed with the Commissioners content of a Memorandum of Understanding for Local Area 15 One-Stop Center in Marietta. He said he spent a significant amount of time preparing the document, which will require approval and signatures from the Commissioners of Washington, Morgan, Monroe and Noble Counties, and many other project partners. He noted this is a two-year agreement, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, and it meets the state's goal of uniformity.

Mr. Ballengee reviewed the budget, including:

<u>One-Stop Center</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Monroe County	\$ 36,350
Morgan County	41,900
Noble County	32,243
Washington County	<u>89,626</u>
Total	\$ 200,119

Mr. Ballengee noted the Washington County One-Stop is considered a Comprehensive OhioMeansJobs center, and the others are Affiliate centers. He said that, while the budget is slightly higher than before for the Washington County Center, he doesn't expect to use the entire budget. He said he anticipates staffing and all equipment will be in place by July 1, 2017, and he looks forward to working closely with local businesses and employers, particularly small businesses.

Commissioner Walters noted this project has been in the works for the past eighteen months, and he is pleased to see it is coming to reality. He said the overall goal is to be a viable resource for both business owners and job seekers.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Local Area 15 (Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Washington Counties) Workforce Development System, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for mutually agreed upon operation and funding of the local area workforce development system and the OhioMeansJobs Centers in Area 15, as prepared and 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, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Ballengee said there is an effort to split the WIOA and TANF youth programs, which he believes will make the programs not only difficult to administer, but also challenging for participating youth and employers. He said he expects to protest if another organization is awarded part(s) of these youth programs currently managed by the Department of Job and Family Services.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walters 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 11:00 a.m.

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