

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 22, 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, Jedd Butler, Randy Forbes, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., June 22, 2017**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Shauna Cornwell, United Way – 211 Program  
10:00 Mike Kendell & Cindy McCarty – Review of CEBCO Quarterly Report  
10:30 Pooled Funding Representatives  
11:00 Dorothy K. Peppel, Treasurer – Investment Committee Meeting  
11:15 Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council – 2017/18 CDBG Program  
1:30 Jamie Vuksic & Sherri Tucker, Children Services – Placement Funds

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposal to Study Effectiveness of Courthouse Back-Up Generator  
Liquor Permit Application – Outdoor Heaven, Inc.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriations – Children Services (2)  
Then & Now's  
Travel – County Home  
Request to Change Appropriation Distribution Schedule, Children Services  
Statement of Relationship, WIOA Program  
2018 National Senior Service Corps State Subsidy Memo of Understanding  
Agreement between Sheriff and Fraternal Order of Police  
Engineer – Notice of Commencement, 2017 Asphalt Paving Program

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

County Home Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., **Today**  
Tour of Ohio River Stabilization Project w/OSU President, 9:00a.m., **Tuesday**,  
June 27, on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler  
Courthouse Closed, **Tuesday**, July 4, Independence Day

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Travel – Child Support

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 June 15, 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: THEN & NOW**

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Prosecutor	200-0311-57400	OD Security North America	\$ 23,750.00

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

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: One-day trip to Parkersburg to accompany resident to doctor; June 22, 2017.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle: One-day trip to Columbus for JCARR Public Hearing on State Allocation; June 19, 2017 (retroactive).

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

**RE: REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN CHILDREN SERVICES APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTION**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a change in the appropriation distribution schedule for Children Services, allowing the July payment to be made as soon as possible in June, as requested by Jamie Vuksic, Executive Director, Children Services.

The Clerk said this action does not change the annual appropriation from County General to Children Services, but merely the terms of distribution.

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

**RE: STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP, WIOA PROGRAM**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a State of Relationship for Jessica Neill, a relative of a Washington County employee, to participate in the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program in Washington County during the summer of 2017, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the form.

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

**RE: 2018 NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS STATE SUBSIDY MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the 2018 National Senior Service Corps State Subsidy Memorandum of Understanding with Buckeye Hills Regional Council, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, pass-through funds of \$4,163.00, 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, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

**RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHERIFF AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of an Agreement between the Washington County Sheriff and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

President Feathers noted this Agreement was negotiated and agreed upon without input from the Commissioners, but yet the Sheriff is apparently asking the Commissioners to approve it. Commissioner Walters said "it can't be undone at this point". Mr. White said the Commissioners will acknowledge receipt of it, but not approve it.

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

**RE: NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, 2017 ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Notice of Commencement for the 2017 Asphalt Paving Program for various Washington County roads, contractor Shelly & Sands, Inc., and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the Notice, 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 VISITORS**

Washington County resident Jedd Butler shared his concern of trash and garbage being discarded on and near roadways in his neighborhood. He said he found a form of identification in one of the bags, and notified the Sheriff's Office. He noted there were prescription drugs in the trash (not illegal or opiates). On a subsequent occasion he picked up the trash. On the third occasion he said he became very angry and disappointed that people would trash his neighborhood. He said he again attempted to talk with the Sheriff's Office, but had no response. He said the neighborhood is in Wayne National Forest, and he has had good experience with the U.S. Marshall on another clean-up matter, but he said he can't understand why the Sheriff's Office is ignoring him. He suggested that if he had found a marijuana plant and informed the Sheriff's Office of its location, there would have been immediate attention. Mr. Butler said this trashing took place in Independence Township. President Feathers said he will consult with the Sheriff's Office about the matter.

Washington County resident Randy Forbes provided to the Commissioners a newspaper article that suggests the Commissioners are in favor of privatizing 500 acres of Wayne National Forest.

President Feathers said the Commissioners do indeed urge the selling of a portion of Wayne National Forest, so that property taxes can be paid to the local school district. He said the school is now getting from payment in lieu of taxes much less than it would receive from property taxes.

Mr. Forbes asked the Commissioners who would pay any fine or damages that may result from litigation with the City over the County/City Intergovernmental Agreement. President Feathers said any such monetary obligation would have to be paid from the County's Sewer Enterprise Fund. Commissioner White said he doesn't anticipate any punitive damages resulting from litigation with the City. Mr. Feathers said the County has acted in good faith and demonstrated a willingness to talk with all parties over the Devola sewer issue and the Intergovernmental Agreement, so he doesn't believe the County will receive any monetary penalty either.

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan reported someone intended to cut a Muskingum Township roadway to insert a riser, but had no permit to do so. Mr. Feathers advised him to contact Sewer Superintendent Craig Barker.

#### **RE: 211 PROGRAM**

Shauna Cornwell from United Way and Jeff Welch from Settlers Bank updated the Commissioners on the Washington County 211 Program. They reported:

The "Men Cook" fund-raising event in February was very successful, and is being planned for next year as well. Ms. Cornwell said over \$5,000 was generated by that event.

The 211 system is averaging about 48 calls per month, not including crisis calls.

Most of the calls are from the cities of Marietta and Belpre. Mr. Welch said this is incentive for marketing the program in rural parts of the County.

Pathways in Newark is now used as the call center, and that is working better than the call center in Canton.

Pathways annually ensures referral data is accurate and up-to-date.

The call center in Newark is about a third of the cost of the call center in Canton.

The Commissioners are not being asked to financially support the program.

Ms. Cornwell is marketing the program via social media and at a variety of events and activities.

Commissioner Walters said there seems to be some assistance available in rural communities, which might suggest why there are very few callers from those communities. Mr. Welch said "text 211" is soon to be available.

#### **RE: SERENITY CONTRACT**

Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn informed the Commissioners she is having difficulty obtaining a signed contract from Serenity Wireless, as they haven't yet been able to secure adequate bond coverage. She noted the contract period begins July 1, 2017, so she is anxious to receive the contract.

#### **RE: CEBCO QUARTERLY REPORT REVIEW**

Mike Kendell from CEBCO and Cindy McCarty from Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield reviewed with the Commissioners and Director of Human Resources Kathy Thieman the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 report. Mr. Kendell noted:

The first quarter loss ratio (medical and prescription) is 106.8%; 12-month running loss ratio is 115.3%.

While medical claims are high, prescription payments are low.

There have been four high claimants between July 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.

With this experience, the County can expect a renewal rate increase between 10 and 15%.

Ms. McCarty noted this is a bidding year for the County's health insurance program. She said Anthem has been aggressively controlling costs, and will continue to provide good service. She noted Anthem not only negotiates good discounts with doctors and facilities, but also monitors the quality of them.

Ms. McCarty advised the County to be very aggressive in promoting health insurance cost savings opportunities to employees. For instance, she said utilizing the LiveHealth Online feature can reduce expense for both the employee and the County. Mr. Kendell said CEBCO will most likely make this on-line doctor visit no co-pay beginning January 1, 2018. On the other hand, he said utilizing an emergency room on and after January 1 will result in review by Anthem, with possible determination that the visit could have been avoided and thus doesn't warrant any insurance plan benefit. He noted Washington County employees' use of emergency room is too high.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss matters required by federal and state law to be confidential, including consideration of a minor child's placement.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed, and at 10:35 a.m. the Commissioners entered Executive Session. President Feathers invited the following individuals to attend:

Rae Ward	David Browne	Tiffany Neill	Regina Duff
Jamie Vuksic	Jon Higgins	Tina Mayer	Cindy Davis
Elaine Corbitt			

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 11:00 a.m.

**RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Washington County Treasurer Dorothy Peppel conducted an Investment Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. Attending were the Commissioners and Commissioners' Clerk. Ms. Peppel reported year-to-date interest earnings through May 31 of \$176,702.15.

**RE: 2017/18 CDBG PROGRAM**

Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, talked with the Commissioners about the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Program for Washington County. She reminded the Commissioners the allocations will be made every two years from now on, rather than each year. Total available for this year's allocation is \$187,000, with \$30,000 of that earmarked for Fair Housing and Administration.

Ms. Hyer said four applications were received, but one of them is ineligible due to failure to complete income surveys. The Commissioners talked about the other three requests, and prioritized them.

Mr. White moved allocating 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Funds as follows:

Wesley Township	\$ 24,750
Grandview VFD	117,422
Little Muskingum VFD	14,828
Fair Housing	10,000
Administration	<u>20,000</u>
Total	\$ 187,000

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

Ms. Hyer said this allocation will fund 100% of Wesley and Grandview's requests, and a portion of Little Muskingum's request. She said she will encourage Salem VFD to proceed with its income surveys, so that they can be prepared for application in the future.

**RE: CHILDREN SERVICES PLACEMENT FUNDS**

Jamie Vuksic and Sherri Tucker from Children Services shared some financial information with the Commissioners, and requested additional funds. Mr. Vuksic said the agency is trying to cut costs where feasible, but simply paying for what has already been obligated is nearly impossible. He said:

The agency is reviewing its list of foster placements, and will likely return some to parents/caregivers. The judge orders kids into the care of Children Services, but not into placement. This makes Children Services responsible for paying costs of placement.  
The agency needs a significant amount of additional funds to survive this fiscal year.

Commissioner Walters informed Mr. Vuksic and Ms. Tucker that the County's revenue stream is declining, but more and more requests for additional funds are coming in. President Feathers said something has to give, as the County cannot afford to continue at its current level of spending. He suggested that youth placed in Pennsylvania might be relocated to a Logan, Ohio facility which is funded in part by Washington County. He said the Commissioners are frustrated because they asked the Children Services Board to address the short and long-term funding issues at Children Services seven months ago. He said the Commissioners must be mindful of all county departments, not just one, and whatever is "given" to one is "taken" from another.

Mr. Feathers said the tax levy budget recently submitted by Children Services will most likely not make

it into appropriations due to the huge requested increase. In fact, he said, the agency may be looking at furloughs and/or lay-offs due to financial constraints.

Ms. Tucker said they are asking for an additional appropriation of \$550,000 from County General, and \$550,000 from Title IV-E. That, she said, should carry them through the end of the fiscal year. Otherwise, they will most likely continue to ask for "advances" on their annual appropriation.

When informed the request for \$550,000 from County funds would not be favorably considered, Ms. Tucker asked for \$100,000 in the Title IV-E Fund. President Feathers reminded the Commissioners they knew the \$1.3 M appropriation to Children Services would not be sufficient for the entire fiscal year, but he was hoping it would get them further into the year than this.

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

Children Services	200-0743-53000	\$ 100,000.00
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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