

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Erin O'Neill from *The Marietta Times*, Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., September 28, 2017

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner – Health Department Update
10:00 Larry Schwendeman - Health Insurance Proposal
10:30 Mike Kindell and Doug Foust, CEBCO – Health Insurance Proposal
11:00 Dawn Rauch, Community Action – Transit 5311 Application

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
Resolution – Emergency Management Agency Oversight and Administration
Additional Appropriation – Sewer (2)
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Transfer – Sheriff (2)
Travel – Family & Children First
Drawdown of CDBG Funds
Subgrant Agreement between Child Support and Job and Family Services
First Amendment to Subsidy Grant Agreement for Targeted Community Alternatives
Sheriff 's Request to Dispose of Vehicles by Sale at Public Auction
Contract with NF Mansuetto & Sons, Inc., for Sheriff's Office Re-Roof Project (4th St.)
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, October 9, Columbus Day
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, October 16
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, October 17, at County Home
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, October 17

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Resolution to Create New Fund
New Hire – EMA Director

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 September 21, 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 – EMA OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County desires to provide the utmost safety to the citizens of Washington County during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and the Washington County Fire Chiefs Association work jointly on several issues to the benefit of the citizens of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio hereby executes a plan for the administrative and performance oversight of the Washington County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), effective September 21, 2017, with administrative and performance oversight functions to be assigned to the Washington County Sheriff or delegate, and as such, the Sheriff's and/or delegate's recommendations will assist the Board of Commissioners in its direct oversight of the Washington County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5502.271, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio will remain the appointing authority for the Washington County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director.

Mr. Walters noted there is an attachment to the Resolution detailing who is responsible for oversight of specific EMA Director activities and initiatives.

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUND

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Resolution to create the following new fund, as requested by County Auditor Bill McFarland:

215-0208 T-CAP (Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison)

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:

Sewer	400-0113-51104	\$ 6,460.00
	400-0113-53000	\$ 4,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2030-52000	\$ 800.00
	602-2030-53201	\$ 800.00
	602-2030-54001	\$ 600.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters 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's Sales Tax	100-0384-53404	100-0384-54002	\$ 10,000.00
Sheriff's Commissary	200-0383-54201	200-0383-57400	\$ 2,000.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following request 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

Elaine Corbitt: Two-day trip to Athens to attend Trauma Informed Care Training; September 28-29, 2017.

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

RE: DRAWDOWN OF CDBG FUNDS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a drawdown of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, grant #B-F-16-1CY-1, in the amount of \$24,850.00, and to allow Mr. Feathers and Mr. White to sign the request, as prepared by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

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

RE: SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSEA AND JFS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), allowing for the payment of \$20,000.00 to CSEA by JFS, during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, as prepared by Kim Hinkle, Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

RE: NEW HIRE – EMA DIRECTOR

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to appoint Richard Hays to the position of Emergency Management Agency Director, beginning September 25, 2017 with an hourly rate of \$24.46, eligible for increase of \$0.75 per hour after ninety (90) days of satisfactory service.

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

RE: FIRST AMENDMENT TO T-CAP GRANT

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to accept a first amendment to the Subsidy Grant Agreement for Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Grant, as follows:

Amend Section 1, Part B to read: The person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony offense of violence, as defined in Section 2901.01 of the Revised Code.

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

RE: SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a request from Sheriff Larry Mincks to dispose of the following vehicles by sale at public auction, as the vehicles are no longer of any use to the Sheriff's Department:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>VIN</u>
84-61 2008 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43H58H251832
84-62 2008 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43H18H251830
84-55 2008 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43H78H251833

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH N.F. MANSUETTO & SONS, INC.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract with N.F. Mansuetto & Sons, Inc., for the Washington County Sheriff's Office Re-Roof Project at 309 4th Street, Marietta, in the amount of \$49,646.00.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

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

Steven Richardson	Kareem Wright	Natalie Snyder
Ernest Cottrell	Fred Newlon	Angela Parker
Nathan Arnold		

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

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

Diana Funk
Kimberly Hammond
Willey Fletcher

Robert Strong
Mike Matheny

Steve Rood
Helen Jones

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

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner, and Bill McFarland, County Auditor, updated the Commissioners on the financial condition of the Washington County Health Department. Dr. Wittberg noted:

The Health Department now has twice the number of employees than they had three years ago.

New initiatives include Healthy Communities programs, chronic illness identification and prevention, tobacco cessation, opioid/tobacco avoidance, teen pregnancy/abstinence, and pursuit of increasing minimum age to buy tobacco products in Washington County to 21.

Success of getting funds from a variety of sources has allowed for growth in the Health Department's general fund.

The Health Department is fortunately now in a "growth" mode rather than a "poverty" mode.

Dr. Wittberg said he worked with Mr. McFarland to determine restrictions on use and amount of carryovers. He said he intends to recommend that the Health Department Board of Directors allows him to create new funds for the following purposes:

Capital improvements
Payment of accrued sick leave and vacation
Reserve

He said he would like for the reserve fund to have at least two months of operating expenses in it.

Mr. McFarland said Dr. Wittberg has been very diligent in his review of financial data and research of reserve funding, and has communicated with others. He said this proposal to create additional funds is well planned and warranted. He noted the Board of Health hasn't asked the townships and villages for an increase in funding for at least five years, and the Board of Health has not requested an advance of funds from the Commissioners for quite some time.

Dr. Wittberg said his intent is to never ask for an increase in funding from the townships and villages. He said he does intend, though, to present his request for establishment of new funds to his Board of Health at an upcoming meeting.

The Commissioners acknowledged the good work Dr. Wittberg and Court Witschey have been doing at the Health Department, and expressed appreciation for their guidance in making the Department financially stable once again.

RE: SCHWENDEMAN INSURANCE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE

The following representatives of Schwendeman Insurance Agency updated the Commissioners on their proposal to provide health insurance and prescription coverage for Washington County employees, elected officials, and eligible dependents:

Mark Schwendeman
Larry Schwendeman
Christi Mullins
Darren Swartz

Also attending were Director of Human Resources Kathy Thieman and Mike Kindell and Doug Foust from CEBCO.

Mr. Larry Schwendeman offered to address any questions the Commissioners might have about their proposal for The Health Plan to provide insurance and prescription coverage to eligible Washington County enrollees for the year beginning January 1, 2018.

Ms. Mullins informed the Commissioners they will utilize a dual network, The Health Plan and First Health, to ensure the overall network is comparable to the County's existing network. She also hi-lighted specific features of The Health Plan's proposal, noting that some of the benefits are better than those currently provided to the County.

Mr. Mark Schwendeman said both CEBCO and The Health Plan are very good proposals for the Commissioners to consider, but The Health Plan offers better benefits at lower cost and local

engagement. He asked the Commissioners to consider contracting with his agency for local engagement even if CEBCO is the selected provider, as experience has shown that use of such service can be of great value.

Mr. Swartz described ways to entice enrollees to use the services and tools that are available to them. He said he will customize programs to meet the County's needs. He noted County employees will have access to women's health services provided by the Ohio University mobile unit.

Commissioner Walters said The Health Plan's average increase over the past years has been approximately 8.3%. Larry Schwendeman noted the Commissioners last year adjusted the benefits somewhat to lower the proposed rate increase from CEBCO. He said The Health Plan's renewals have been very competitive.

Larry Schwendeman summarized their presentation:

The Health Plan was competitive the last time they proposed to the County, and they are competitive this time as well.

Moving to The Health Plan will save the County approximately \$134,000 next year.

The Health Plan is capping renewal for 2019 at 11%.

Local agent is "just down the street", and "very hands-on".

The Commissioners thanked them for their input.

RE: CEBCO PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mike Kindell and Doug Foust from the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) reviewed with the Commissioners their proposal to provide continuing health insurance and prescription coverage to County employees during 2018. Also attending were Larry Schwendeman, Christi Mullins, and Darren Swartz from The Schwendeman Agency.

Mr. Foust said he appreciates the long-term relationship Washington County has had with CEBCO, having joined the consortium in 2009. He noted the County has received a few relatively high renewal rates over the past 9 years, but the average increase has been 6%. He said the County should develop a plan to entice more employees to participate in the County's wellness programs. He suggested the rate of participation should be 70 to 90%, rather than the 29% it is currently.

Mr. Kindell noted The Health Advocate is available 24 hours a day, and family members, parents and in-laws are eligible to use the service. He said there will be no co-pay for use of LiveHealth Online beginning January 1, 2018. He said Anthem is starting a program to discourage use of emergency rooms for non-emergency services, and will not pay for such services beginning in 2018.

Mr. Foust said CEBCO has guardrails in place to protect members in their worst times. He said this year's renewal rates for the 33 member counties range from -0.7% to 12.0%, and Washington County's is 9.8%.

The Commissioners thanked them for the information.

RE: TRANSIT APPLICATION AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the application for transit program funds in 2018, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the documents.

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, said the application allows for less funds to be received by the County in 2018 than in 2017, which may result in reduction of service hours during 2018.

President Feathers said he was very pleased to have received word from the U.S. Department of Transportation that the County's interpretation and use of the capital cost of contracting for transit service is acceptable. He reported his recent trip to Washington, DC allowed him to speak with someone about this matter.

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

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to enter into a Participation Agreement with the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and to renew its agreement with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield to provide health insurance and prescription coverage to Washington County eligible employees and dependents, during the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Commissioner White said it is not his preference to renew with the CEBCO plan, as he believes the Schwendeman plan to be not only a better product but also less expensive.

Commissioner Walters noted the average rate increase for CEBCO has been significantly less

than that of The Health Plan. He said the average rate increase over the past six years was 5.12%, and for the last nine years was 6.04%. Mr. Walters said the average rate increase for The Health Plan over the past four years has been 8.3%.

President Feathers said he “doesn’t like leaving money on the table”, but there are many other factors involved when considering renewal. He said the increase in cost to the County General fund will be about \$43,000, and that will be tough to absorb. Overall, though, he said he believes CEBCO is preferred because (1) they have a track record of relatively low annual premium increases with barriers in place to buffer extreme years, (2) continuity in service and provider are of great value to the County and employees, and (3) staff and dependents’ morale won’t be damaged by transitioning to another carrier.

Mr. White said the Schwendeman Agency has addressed pretty much every concern the Commissioners had, and there is still a large reduction in cost, so he feels the Commissioners shouldn’t pass up the opportunity.

Mr. Walters reported everyone on the Health Insurance Committee preferred to stay with the existing plan provided by CEBCO.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White no, Rick Walters aye. Motion passed.

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 11:57 p.m.

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_____, Clerk