

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 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 G. 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, County Engineer Roger Wright, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

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

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Tim Cole, Executive Director, Humane Society of the Ohio Valley – 2018 Contract

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposal to Study Effectiveness of Courthouse Back-Up Generator
Contract with Humane Society of the Ohio Valley
Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities
Appointment to Children Services Board of Directors

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Additional Appropriation – W.P. Snyder, Jr. Restoration Project, Phase III
Additional Appropriation – Children Services
Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor
Frost Law Resolution – Belpre Township
Engineer – Roadway Use, Repair and Maintenance Agreement with Triad Hunter, LLC
Engineer – 2018 Frost Law
Engineer – Lease of Property for Materials and Equipment Storage
Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Meeting to Adopt Appropriations Resolutions, 4:00 p.m., **Friday**, December 29
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 1, New Year's Day
Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 4
Organizational Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Monday**, January 8
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 9
Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 11
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 16
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **Monday**, January 22

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: IV-D Contract Amendment, CSEA
Minus Appropriations – Children Services
Minus Appropriations – CHIP CDBG 2017
Minus Appropriations – CHIP HOME 2017
Minus Appropriations – W.P. Snyder, Jr. Restoration

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 December 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

W.P. Snyder, Jr.	215-0853-53000	\$ 80,870.00
Children Services	200-0740-57200	\$109,922.23

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS

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

Children Services	200-0741-53000	\$ (195,893.83)
	200-0744-52000	\$ (7,364.13)
	200-0743-51001	\$ (4,112.47)
	200-0743-51110	\$ (2,583.20)
	200-0743-57400	\$ (908.43)
	200-0740-51102	\$ (417.68)
	200-0740-51102	\$ (2,768.59)
	200-0740-52000	\$ (9,416.12)
	200-0740-53100	\$ (1,380.63)
	200-0740-53500	\$ (3,196.57)
	200-0741-51001	\$ (28,532.73)
	200-0741-51101	\$ (772.23)
	200-0741-51102	\$ (2,198.33)
	200-0741-52000	\$ (45.28)
	200-0741-57000	\$ (1,853.96)
	200-0743-51101	\$ (5,277.46)
	200-0743-51102	\$ (383.43)
	200-0743-51104	\$ (700.00)
	200-0743-51104	\$ (43,589.74)
	200-0743-51106	\$ (92.00)
	200-0743-51120	\$ (51.25)
	200-0743-57400	\$ (183.56)
	200-0744-51101	\$ (54.06)
	200-0744-51104	\$ (805.24)
	200-0744-51120	\$ (733.00)
	200-0744-53000	\$ (1,200.00)
	200-0744-54400	\$ (289.00)
	200-0744-57000	\$ (1,525.00)
CHIP CDBG 2017	210-0807-51001	\$ (73,678.00)
CHIP HOME 2017	210-0808-51000	\$ (59,122.00)
W.P.SNYDER, JR	215-0853-53000	\$ (90.00)

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

RE: IV-D CONTRACT AMENDMENT, CSEA

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the IV-D Contract between Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and Washington County Common Pleas Court for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, allowing for FFP Reimbursement of \$18,171.47, Non-Federal Share of \$9,361.06, for a total IV-D Contract Cost of \$27,532.54, as prepared and requested by Kim Hinkle, Director, 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: CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from County Auditor Bill McFarland for the proposed Children Services Levy on the May 2018 ballot, revealing an estimate of \$817,093 to be generated annually, based upon a total tax valuation of \$1,485,624,230.

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

RE: FROST LAW RESOLUTION, BELPRE TOWNSHIP

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of notice from the Belpre Township Trustees that they intend to implement Frost Law provisions in Belpre Township, with the following exceptions, in accordance with the Frost Law of Washington County for 2018:

Arrowhead Road from SR 7 to second entrance to Plastic Masters
Drag Strip Road from SR 7 to SR 618
Orchard Drive

RE: ROADWAY USE, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Roadway Use, Repair and

Maintenance Agreement with Triad Hunter, LLC, covering approximately 5.23 miles of roadway for a drilling project in Grandview Township, Washington County, 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: FROST LAW, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the Frost Law for Washington County roads during the period January 16, 2018 through March 30, 2018, 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: LEASE OF PROPERTY BY ENGINEER FOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Lease between the Washington County Commissioners and the Liberty Township Trustees, for the Commissioners to lease, on behalf of the Washington County Engineer, from the Trustees, approximately 2.41 acres of property in Liberty Township, for the purpose of storage of materials and/or equipment by the Engineer, for a period of fifty (50) years beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2068, renewable at the desire of both parties for term(s) to be determined by both parties, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the Lease, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

Commissioner White noted there is no financial commitment by the County on this lease. He said the lease of this property will not only be convenient and efficient for the Engineer's operations, but also of great value to residents in that part of the County.

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 notice to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting they immediately make payment on those accounts:

Martin Santini	Jerry Biehl	John Edwards
Heather Mannix/Bretthauer	Russell Webster	R.G. Webster
Patrick McKittrick	Edward Bagley	Joseph Gebczyk III
Kelly Ollom	Genevieve Berry	Robert Dunbar
H. Clifton Spencer II	Christopher Marshall	Daniel R. Turner, Sr.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT TO CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of a request to appoint Mark Wehl to the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors.

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

Mr. White move and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Mark Wehl to the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors for the term beginning January 1, 2018 and extending through December 31, 2021.

Commissioner White noted he has discussed this appointment with Mr. Wehl. He said Mr. Wehl will be a very good addition to the Board of Directors, having much understanding of public funding.

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

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY

Tim Cole, Executive Director of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, and Humane Society Board of Directors members Teresa Cunningham and Holli Mannix, talked with the Commissioners about the operations of the Humane Society and the contract with the Commissioners for 2018.

President Feathers opened the discussion with notice that the Commissioners are wrapping up a very challenging budget preparation for fiscal year 2018, having to reduce appropriations

requests from many County departments. He asked the Humane Society representatives to justify a commitment of \$40,000 from the County for their continuing operations. He noted he personally has received what he considers to be very poor service at the Humane Society, and he has heard from several others who've recently experienced the same.

Mr. Cole introduced himself as the recently-hired Executive Director of the Humane Society. He said he became aware very quickly of the volume of animals housed by the facility and the expense of operations. He said in a one-year period 1,864 animals were taken in, and 861 of them were rescued, adopted, or returned. He noted the variety of animals they assist, and the wide territory of coverage.

Ms. Mannix and Ms. Cunningham reviewed their budget, noting they've moved from a deficit of \$150,000 per year to a deficit of only \$26,000. They said it takes about \$500,000 annually to operate. They noted financial support comes from individuals, grants, the County, and fund raisers. There is a large amount of volunteer labor at the facility, they reported.

Mr. Cole said he is focusing on cost reductions and better customer service.

Commissioner White said he believes the size of budget for the Humane Society doesn't justify and cannot sustain eleven employees. He encouraged the representatives to review their costs of operations and determine how best they can lower the number of employees and corresponding costs. Ms. Cunningham said she is pleased with revenues coming in nearly as anticipated, but expenses are over budget.

President Feathers reiterated his concern of poor community perception of the Humane Society. He specifically described several complaints, from veterinarians who haven't been paid in a timely manner to excessive costs for treatment of ill dogs.

The representatives from the Humane Society said they are well aware of the concerns and the problems, and they are addressing each of them. There was much discussion about the need and desire to place animals through local adoption as opposed to shipping out to rescue organizations.

Mr. Cole said his current priorities are:

- Cutting costs
- Developing good relations with veterinarians and vendors
- Improving customer service
- Educating prospective adoptive individuals and families

Commissioner Walters noted the perception of the Humane Society has recently changed for the better. He said the hiring of Mr. Cole has been an improvement, and the Board of Directors is taking the initiative to turn things around at the Humane Society.

Commissioner White said he will favor entering into contract with the Humane Society, but adding a clause that requires the County's funds to be used to pay outstanding invoices from veterinarians. President Feathers and Commissioner Walters agreed the amount will remain at \$40,000 for 2018.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of a contract with the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley.

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 motion to approve a contract with the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, for the amount of \$40,000 to be paid by the County to the Humane Society, revised to remove requirement of an annual audit but to include requirement of an annual compiled financial statement from independent CPA's, and requirement that 60% of the monthly payments by the County be applied to outstanding veterinarian invoices if they exist.

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 12:45 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

