

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 29, 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 4:00 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. FEATHERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Jesse Wharff from WMOA Radio, Michael Kelly from *The Marietta Times*, Building Official Chris Wilson, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

RE: AGENDA

The Clerk said the following items are on the agenda for this Special Meeting:

Consideration of a Resolution Allocating 2018 Permissive Sales Tax Revenues
Consideration of Fiscal Year 2018 Washington County Family & Children First Council Appropriations Resolution
Consideration of Fiscal Year 2018 Washington County Appropriations Resolution

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

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

RE: RESOLUTION ALLOCATING 2018 PERMISSIVE SALES TAX REVENUES

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County adopted a 1% Permissive Sales Tax in Washington County for the purpose of increasing revenue for the County's general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the 2018 allocation of Permissive Sales Tax revenues be one-third of the monthly distribution, not to exceed \$2,277,340 for the year, to the 1% Permissive Sales Tax Fund, and two-thirds (approximately \$4,554,680) to the County General Fund, of the first \$6,832,020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any excess above Six Million, Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Twenty Dollars (\$6,832,020) will be paid in to the County General Fund.

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

RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt the Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018 for Washington County Family & Children First Council, summarized as follows:

602-2030 Unrestricted Fund	\$	104,229
602-2031 Restricted Fund	\$	181,603
602-2032 Various Fund	\$	41,200
602-2033 Help Me Grow Fund	\$	399,070

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

RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to adopt the Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018 for Washington County, summarized as follows:

100-xxxx County General Fund	\$	15,641.873
100-0103 1% Permissive Sales Tax Fund	\$	2,277,341
100-0104 Budget Stabilization Fund	\$	27,420
100-0384 Sheriff's Sales Tax Fund	\$	4,744,345
200-xxxx Special Revenue Funds	\$	28,538,586
210-xxxx Federal Funds	\$	1,923,405
215-xxxx State & Local Funds	\$	2,111,221
400-0113 Sewer Fund	\$	1,180,915
700-xxxx Debt Service Funds	\$	440,482

Commissioner Walters said it was a very challenging effort to get to this point of approving next year's budget. President Feathers said this is a tight budget in this current economic environment. He thanked all elected officials and department heads for their input and willingness to reduce their budget requests. He noted there were significant reductions to several County General departments, and making those reductions was a difficult process. Mr.

White said this was necessary, though, as initial requests exceeded anticipated resources by more than \$3,000,000. Mr. Feathers noted about 48% of the County General Fund budget is earmarked for security and law enforcement, including the Sheriff's departments, the Prosecutor, the Courts of Common Pleas, Juvenile and Probate, the Jail, and the Juvenile Center.

President Feathers said the Commissioners are very pleased to fund townships and the County Engineer from Permissive Sales Tax revenues at the same level as this year, 22% for townships and 4% for the Engineer. He said townships are as financially constrained as the County, and reductions to them would not be wise.

Mr. Feathers expressed his appreciation to County Auditor Bill McFarland and his staff for keeping the Commissioners so well-informed throughout the budget process.

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 4:23 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk