

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 4, 2018 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, Mike Webber, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., January 4, 2018**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Tim Loughry & Mike Webber, Children Services Board of Directors - Budget
10:00 Alison Cauthorn, Assistant Prosecutor – River Trail Easement
10:30 Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council – Beverly Critical Infrastructure Grant
10:45 Chris Wilson, Building Official – Guernsey County Office
11:00 David Brightbill & Dawn Rauch, Community Action – CHIP Program

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposal to Study Effectiveness of Courthouse Back-Up Generator
Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution in Support of Oil & Gas Exploration
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Probate Court
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas Court
Additional Appropriations – MGVT
Minus Appropriations – MVGT
Transfer – WCBDD (2)
Transfer – Child Support
Then & Now's
Travel – County Home
Travel - Engineer
Travel – Auditor
Frost Law Resolution – Warren Township
Letter of Support for City of Marietta's Capital Bill Request for Monument Preservation
Engineer – Request to Use Credit Card during 2018
Engineer – Force Account Work-Calendar year 2018
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Organizational Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Monday**, January 8
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 9
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 16

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: 11:30 Flite Freimann, JFS – Staff Compensation
Transfer – RSVP

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 December 28, 2017 Regular meeting and the December 29, 2017 Special 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 IN SUPPORT OF OIL & GAS EXPLORATION

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

***WHEREAS**, all Ohio residents deserve access to affordable and reliable energy, whether electricity, natural gas, or transportation fuels; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ohioans benefit when private investment leads to increased revenues for counties and municipalities to provide essential services such as hospitals, roads, emergency services and schools; and*

***WHEREAS**, Washington County is the tenth largest producing county of oil and natural gas in Ohio, producing over 4,600,000 MCF in 2016 alone; and*

***WHEREAS**, energy development supports Washington County and contributes significant numbers of jobs and tax revenues; and*

***WHEREAS**, Washington County is business friendly and welcomes investments in the local economy; and*

***WHEREAS**, the energy industry has improved the local economy, which benefits the local residents; and*

***WHEREAS**, the development of energy and energy infrastructure in Washington County will support the U.S. in becoming energy independent.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, support continued and increased exploration, production, and end-use of energy in the State, and we urge the Ohio state legislature to likewise support continued and increased exploration and production of oil and natural gas to ensure job growth and tax revenues, while improving the energy security of our neediest citizens; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board of Washington County Commissioners transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, President of the Ohio Senate, members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Washington County.*

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:

County General, Jail	100-0381-51110	\$ 3,760.38
County General, Probate	100-0220-51104	\$ 24,000.00
County General, CP Court	100-0201-53400	\$ 1,000.00
MVGT	200-0540-53504	\$ 10,000.00
	200-0540-53801	\$ 500.00
	200-0540-54100	\$ 5,000.00
	200-0540-54201	\$375,000.00
	200-0540-54301	\$900,000.00
	200-0540-54302	\$ 30,000.00
	200-0540-54303	\$160,000.00
	200-0540-54305	\$ 5,000.00
	200-0540-57400	\$ 10,000.00

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:

MVGT	200-0540-53504	\$(500.00)
	200-0540-53801	\$(375,000.00)
	200-0540-54201	\$(900,000.00)
	200-0540-54202	\$(30,000.00)
	200-0540-54301	\$(160,000.00)
	200-0540-54302	\$(5,000.00)

200-0540-57400 \$(1,000.00)

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

RE: TRANSFER

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Developmental Disabilities	210-0620-54000	210-0620-53500	\$ 75,000.00
	210-0625-51001	210-0625-57100	\$ 14,927.00
Child Support	200-0730-51006	200-0730-51001	\$ 218,392.00
RSVP	210-0710-52004	210-0710-57400	\$ 300.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Office of Public Public Defender	\$ 120,219.00
Treasurers	100-0130-57400	County Treasurers Assoc. of Ohio	\$ 2,346.72
Treasurers	100-0130-54000	Grevden Press LLC	\$ 1,318.75
JFS	200-0720-53400	Fields, Dehmlow & Vessels	\$ 1,346.50
JFS	200-0720-53400	Superfleet	\$ 2,135.08
JFS	200-0720-59000	Auto Tech & Tire Center	\$ 1,889.02
JFS	200-0720-53400	Lori Eddy	\$ 103.50
JFS	200-0720-53400	Jo Goodwill	\$ 207.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Rebecca McVey	\$ 627.75
JFS	200-0720-53400	Tammy Newbrough	\$ 571.50
JFS	200-0720-53400	Brandie Nunn-Dye	\$ 450.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Karen O'Grady	\$ 184.50
JFS	200-0720-53400	Sandra Venham	\$ 749.25
JFS	200-0720-59001	Working Man's Store	\$ 157.96
JFS	200-0720-59001	Sand Hill Child Care	\$ 348.75
JFS	200-0720-59001	WCCC	\$ 937.70
JFS	200-0720-52000	Superfleet Mastercard	\$ 253.89
JFS	200-0721-57401	Auto Tech & Tire Center	\$ 1,665.68
JFS	200-0720-57400	Quality Restaurants	\$ 194.48
JFS	200-0720-57400	EMAR	\$ 886.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	City of Marietta, Water	\$ 538.04
JFS	200-0720-57400	CWS	\$ 122.00
JFS	200-0720-52000	Thomas Ballengee	\$ 134.82
JFS	200-0720-57400	Verizon	\$ 390.22
JFS	200-0720-57400	Amazon	\$ 758.47
JFS	200-0720-57400	Michael Paul	\$ 792.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Par Mar Oil	\$ 970.72
JFS	200-0720-57400	Patterson Cleaning & Supply	\$ 209.89
JFS	200-0720-59000	Megan Krivchenia	\$ 1,092.50
JFS	200-0720-59000	Christina Thomas	\$ 380.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	AEP Ohio	\$ 2,785.20
JFS	200-0720-51104	Vision Service Plan	\$ 242.46
Commissioners	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 119.72
Commissioners	100-0109-53103	Rumpke	\$ 290.70
Commissioners	100-0109-53103	Rumpke	\$ 205.20
Commissioners	100-0100-52000	Rick Walters	\$ 362.56
Commissioners	100-0100-52000	David White	\$ 374.35
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	CAS Cable	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	100-0100-53203	WASCO	\$ 3,334.00
Commissioners	100-0100-53203	WASCO	\$ 3,302.50
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Cardmember Services	\$ 954.41
Commissioners	700-0113-56200	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 118.80
Commissioners	400-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 4,201.33
Commissioners	400-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 7,341.86
Commissioners	400-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 5,625.00
Commissioners	700-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 2,328.92
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 441.95
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 39.91
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 7,302.01
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 2,974.81
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Lowe's	\$ 6,910.24
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Lowe's	\$ 167.53
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Lowe's	\$ 246.04
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Lowe's	\$ 141.18
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 923.18
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 438.07
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 51.79
Commissioners	100-0109-53101	Dominion	\$ 240.39

Commissioners	100-0109-53101	Dominion	\$ 1,461.41
Commissioners	100-0109-53101	Dominion	\$ 299.96
Commissioners	100-0109-53101	Dominion	\$ 2,305.88
Commissioners	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta- Water & Sew.	\$ 1,526.86

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White 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 2018, and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: One-day trip to Zanesville to transport resident to doctor; January 4, 2018.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Executive/Legislative Meeting; January 10, 2018.

Engineer

Roger Wright: One-day trips to Columbus to attend CEO Board meetings and various conferences on the following dates throughout the year:

February 8-9	March 8	March 13-14
April 5	April 11-12	April 22-26
May 10	June 7	June 13
August 2	August 21-22	September 6
September 24-26	October 4	October 17-18
November 1	December 9-11	

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, WARREN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from the Warren Township Trustees to participate in Washington County's frost law provisions for 2018, with the exemption of .6 mile on Hanna Road from State Route 7 to the hill above Pioneer Pipe and River Lane.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF MARIETTA'S CAPITAL BILL REQUEST

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following letter of support for the City of Marietta's capital bill request for funds to preserve and enhance the Start Westward monument and East Muskingum Park area:

January 4, 2018

*Representative Andy Thompson
77 South High Street
11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215*

Re: City of Marietta Start Westward/East Muskingum Park Capital Bill Request

Dear Representative Thompson:

We write to you today in support of the City of Marietta's 2018 Capital Bill request for the preservation of the Monument to the Start Westward and East Muskingum Park project.

As you are aware, the Monument to the Start Westward is not only a local historic treasure, but is of State, Region and National significance as well. It represents the first form of U.S. government outside of the thirteen original colonies. We are in danger of losing this piece of history unless something is done to protect it from further damage.

Although deterioration has taken place it is not too late to preserve our monument. An appropriate cover and professional restoration, along with preservation and accessibility enhancements to the adjacent historic park grounds and museum district, will allow the monument and park to continue their invaluable significance to our City.

We encourage you to support and champion this project throughout the Capital Bill budget

process, not only for the City of Marietta and Washington County, but for all of Ohio and our Nation.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: REQUEST TO USE CREDIT CARDS, COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the use of credit cards by the County Engineer for appropriate travel expenses and fuel, as 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: REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BY USING COUNTY FORCES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the use of County forces for eligible road and bridge repair, maintenance and construction during calendar year 2018, and to continue the permit system for public right of ways during 2018, as 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: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

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

Michael Webb	Willy Fletcher	Helen Jones
Michael Williamson	Robert Strong	Rebecca Seesholtz
Steve Rood	Belpre Township	Anthony Hapney
Diana Funk	Kareem Wright	Ernest Cottrell
Tina McClung		

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

Daniel Brown	Lucille Hupp	Dave Burt, 10860 SR 550
Dawn Rachell Yost	John Church	Dave Burt, 107 Walnut Lane
Kelly Offenberger	Michelle Wiltse	Ted Williams
Michael Snyder	Kathryn Parsons	Ernest Cornell
Allen Fleming	Erica Counts	
Jean Yost		

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

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for keeping the township share of Permissive Sales Tax revenues in 2018 the same as it was in 2017. President Feathers said he is pleased the current financial condition of Washington County allows them to do that for 2018.

Glen Pawloski thanked the Commissioners for representing residents in Devola who object to the proposed sewer project in their community. He encouraged the Commissioners to continue their efforts to advocate on their behalf.

RE: PRESS RELEASE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following Press Release:

Washington County



223 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750
740.373.6623 • 740.374.7693 F

Commissioners

Ronald L. Feathers / ext. 2012 / rfeathers@wcgov.org
David A. White / ext. 2014 / dawwhite@wcgov.org
Rick G. Walters / ext. 2013 / rwalters@wcgov.org

Fiscal Clerk

Rick Peoples / ext. 2011 / rpeoples@wcgov.org

January 3, 2018

WTAP/Marietta Times/WMOA Washington County Commissioners Press Release

The Commissioners are disappointed that the City of Marietta has ceased negotiations and has opted to file suit. Contrary to some public perception, this is not a one-sided simple breach of contract case. There are issues about the legality of the Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") itself, the City's failure to address the County's concerns regarding this Agreement years ago, and the City's own breach of the Agreement by failing to have expanded the Waste Water Treatment Plant ("plant") so that it could receive additional wastewater flow from the County.

The City has not sent the Commissioners a bill which we have not paid, and the Agreement only addresses payment to the City through the receipt of a bill.

There are also no guarantees in the Agreement regarding payment of any operating or administrative cost, but only 11.7% of the capital contribution costs. This percentage reflected the County's projected proportionate usage once the plant expanded, and this has not yet happened. The parties contracted that the maximum cost of the expansion for the County would be 25 million, but the City states that the cost is now 30 million and counting. Despite arguments which could be made to the contrary, the Commissioners have always agreed to pay 11.7% of the \$25 million.

The Commissioners, however, cannot pay for any damages related to construction mistakes or mismanagement which is unrelated to the County's obligations pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

The Cleveland based law firm hired by the City has already billed the City for approximately \$160,000.00 prior to this Complaint being filed. These costs and fees will obviously increase until the case is resolved. However, the City will not get any more damages by spending these fees because the County is limited to payment of its obligations under the Agreement, and by the funds in the General Fund. The County does not have insurance coverage for this type of dispute. The only way to get more money is to burden County taxpayers, which obviously includes City taxpayers.

In short, the only one who is going to profit from this litigation is the Cleveland based law firm.

Ron Feathers, President

David White

Rick Walters

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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: CHILDREN SERVICES BUDGET FOR 2018

Timothy Loughry and Mike Webber, representing the Children Services Board of Directors, talked with the Commissioners about the fiscal year 2018 appropriations for Children Services.

President Feathers said the purpose of this discussion is to share the Commissioners' concerns about the budget for Children Services for fiscal year 2018. He said the amount appropriated from the County General Fund is half of what the Agency requested (\$1.4 M rather than \$2.8 M). Mr. Feathers said this appropriation will undoubtedly not be sufficient for the entire year, but he hopes the reduced funding will prompt the Director and Board to economize, scrutinize, and "accomplish more with less" as long as possible into the year.

Mr. Webber noted the Agency's health insurance plan will remain the same as last year due to relatively low renewal rate increases. He said in 2017 the Agency transitioned to an 80/20 policy with Medical Mutual of Ohio.

Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners by no means are being adversarial in their budgeting of Children Services at a much lower than anticipated level, but are challenging the Agency's administration and Board of Directors to conserve and operate as efficiently as possible.

Commissioner Walters said the upcoming Children Services levy should help a great deal to inform citizens not only of the high costs for placement of children, but also that the County doesn't have unlimited resources. He said many other Ohio counties are struggling with this issue of rapidly increasing costs and declining revenues.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing salaries and benefits of County employees.

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 10:01 a.m. President Feathers invited Timothy Loughry and Mike Webber to attend.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 10:30 a.m.

RE: RIVER TRAIL EASEMENT

Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn asked the Commissioners to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

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 10:32 a.m. President Feathers invited Assistant Prosecutors Alison Cauthorn and Nicole Coil and County Engineer Roger Wright to attend.

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

RE: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, VILLAGE OF BEVERLY

Michelle Hyer from Buckeye Hills Regional Council updated the Commissioners on the Critical Infrastructure Grant awarded to the Village of Beverly. She said the State of Ohio is providing \$139,700 for this project, and the Village is matching that with \$145,840 of local funds. Ms. Hyer said the Village intends to open sealed bids for the project this afternoon.

Ms. Hyer presented two documents pertaining to this project for the Commissioners' consideration.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Washington County Commissioners and the Village of Beverly, delegating most of the responsibility of the Village of Beverly's Infrastructure Grant Project to the Village of Beverly, during the period September 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019, as prepared and requested 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.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a CDBG Contract between the Washington County Commissioners and the Village of Beverly delegating administration of the Village of Beverly's Infrastructure Grant to Buckeye Hills Regional Council, during the period September 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019, for the amount of \$13,900.00, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the Contract, as prepared and requested 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: BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S GUERNSEY COUNTY OFFICE

Building Official Chris Wilson updated the Commissioners on the proposed Guernsey County office for the Building Department. He said the plan is to temporarily locate in Guernsey County Engineer training space, and move at a later date to Guernsey County Administration Building space. He said he has found used furnishings, and has compiled a list of items to make this "northern" office functional. The list includes supplies, equipment, software, and furnishings.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the purchase of supplies, equipment, software and furnishings, not to exceed \$5,300.00, for the purpose of outfitting offices in Guernsey County to house the operations of the Southeast Ohio Building Department.

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

RE: LETTER FROM OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY PERTAINING TO CHIP PROGRAM

The Commissioners welcomed Kenny Vigneron, Dawn Rauch, and David Brightbill from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program to discuss a letter dated December 27, 2017 from Matthew LaMantia, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development, Development Services Agency.

President Feathers said the letter gave notice to the Commissioners that a participant in the Washington County Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program issued a

complaint about work performed on his house. He invited Mr. Brightbill to explain the issue.

Mr. Brightbill provided documents, including a timeline of events, pertaining to this CHIP complaint. He said his staff has attempted to work with the homeowner and to determine if and what deficiencies exist, but has been unsuccessful.

Mr. Brightbill said he will provide to the homeowner, by January 12, 2018, a letter of assurance that appropriate measures will be taken to remedy any deficiencies resulting from work done on his residence through the CHIP program.

RE: JFS UPDATE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss compensation and benefits for County employees.

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 11:30 a.m. President Feathers invited Flite Freimann, Executive Director, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, to attend.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Freimann updated the Commissioners on initiatives at Job and Family Services (JFS), noting:

- For calendar year 2017 Washington County JFS was one of four Ohio counties achieving a 100% service rate. He said this is attributed to former Executive Director Tom Ballengee and his team of professionals.
- The Washington County Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program (CCMEP) has received excellent results, exceeding all State requirements for the program.
- The agency is looking for ways to utilize program funds to address some of the high costs of placement of children incurred by Washington County Children Services Agency.
- Washington County will not participate in the Business Resource Network, due to insufficient buy-in by other organizations. Mr. Freimann said he is working with other local agencies, including the Southeast Ohio Port Authority, to develop an informal Business Resource Network in Washington County.
- Washington County JFS is working toward coordination of resources to better serve seniors in Washington County.
- Three staff openings will soon be filled.
- The Agency is developing a strategic plan to reduce caseload in light of the declining population in Washington County and subsequent declining program revenues.

Mr. Freimann asked permission to close his agency from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, to allow him opportunity to meet with his staff in a group setting. He said he has approval from the State to do so.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve closing of the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services during the period 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, to conduct a staff meeting.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, 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 11:55 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk

