

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 26, 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RICK G. WALTERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WALTERS 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*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., April 26, 2018**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Quote Opening – 2017 CDBG Project, Little Muskingum VFD  
10:00 Attorney Ethan Vessels – Opioid Litigation  
10:30 Flite Freimann, JFS – Travel Requests

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities  
Appointment to Children Services Board of Directors (2)  
Travel Request from JFS  
Application to Serve on Behavioral Health Board of Directors

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas  
Transfer – LEPC  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Job and Family Services (3)  
Travel – County Home  
Fiscal Year 2019 Mandated Share, Job and Family Services  
Request to Change Home Visitation Model Affiliation, Family & Children First  
Contracts and Agreements for TIGER Grant – Transit System Enhancements  
Jail Contract, Village of Beverly  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Engineer – Request to Purchase Skid Steer  
Engineer – Bid Recommendation, 2018 Asphalt Paving Program  
Engineer – Emergency Landslip Repair, County Road 3

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

*National Day of Prayer*, 12:00 p.m., **Thursday**, May 3, on Courthouse Steps  
Annual Engineer/Township Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Thursday**, May 3, in Lowell  
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 15  
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 15  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, May 21  
RSVP Appreciation Cruise on Valley Gem, 1:00 p.m., **Tuesday**, May 22

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Travel – Building Department  
Travel – Auditor  
Delete: 10:30 Flite Freimann, JFS

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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: Rick Walters aye, David White aye, Ron Feathers aye. Motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

|                              |                |    |          |
|------------------------------|----------------|----|----------|
| Co. Gen., Common Pleas Court | 100-0201-51001 | \$ | 1,900.00 |
|                              | 100-0201-51101 | \$ | 30.00    |
|                              | 100-0201-51102 | \$ | 270.00   |

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

| <u>Department</u> | <u>From</u>    | <u>To</u>      | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| LEPC              | 210-0320-54000 | 210-0320-53000 | \$ 170.00     |

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

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

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

| <b>Dept</b>   | <b>Account</b> | <b>Vendor</b>      | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Commissioners | 100-0100-53203 | Smartbill          | \$ 10,000.00  |
| Commissioners | 215-0854-57401 | Community Action   | \$ 5,860.00   |
| Commissioners | 215-0854-57400 | Community Action   | \$ 5,960.00   |
| Commissioners | 210-0854-53000 | Community Action   | \$ 23,343.00  |
| Commissioners | 100-0109-53600 | CORSA              | \$ 256,838.00 |
| Commissioners | 200-0800-53000 | Community Action   | \$ 3,270.00   |
| Commissioners | 200-0800-53000 | Michael Strennen   | \$ 8,720.00   |
| Commissioners | 200-0800-53000 | Michael Strennen   | \$ 10,000.00  |
| Commissioners | 200-0800-53000 | Michael Strennen   | \$ 2,180.00   |
| Sewer         | 400-0113-53500 | J & L Well Service | \$ 2,155.00   |
| County Home   | 200-0630-53000 | Sprout Vision Ctr  | \$ 105.00     |

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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:

JFS

Judy Rutherford: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Long Term Care Training; April 24, 2018 (retroactive).

Dawn Lucas, Michelle Brown, Jessica Hill, Casey Strauss: One-day trip to Gallia County to attend OB 303 Claims Management Training; May 7, 2018.

Julie Glover, Matt Joy, Chris Buchanan, Nicole Bowling: Three-day trip to Zanesville to attend Ohio Benefits Training; May-14-16, 2018.

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: One-day trip to Cambridge to accompany resident to doctor; April 26, 2018.

Building Department

Chris Wilson, Russ Metz: One-day trip to Akron to attend IAEL Annual Chapter Meeting; April 30, 2018.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Executive/Legislative Meeting; May 2, 2018.

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Board of Tax Appeals hearing; May 16, 2018.

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

**RE: FISCAL YEAR 2019 MANDATED SHARE, JFS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Mandated Share for Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, in the amount of \$180,750, payable in approximately equal monthly installments throughout the year.

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

**RE: REQUEST TO CHANGE HOME VISITATION MODEL AFFILIATION, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve an Addendum to Provider Agreement for the Ohio Department of Health, notifying them of a change in Home Visitation Model Affiliation, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the form, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Washington County Family & Children First Council.

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

**RE: TIGER GRANT AGREEMENTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following documents for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) TIGER Grant that Washington County is participating in, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the documents:

- Software License and Services Agreement
- Transit System Agreement
- Schedule A to Software License and Services Agreement
- Schedule B to Software License and Services Agreement

The Clerk explained ODOT has been working with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program and the County to provide significant enhancements to the CABL Transit System at no cost to the County. He said the grant will provide hardware and software, and annual maintenance for a period of the years, to facilitate bus and trip scheduling. The Clerk said although the agreements are for a five-year period, the County has the opportunity to terminate the contract at the end of year three. He said Community Action will not incur annual maintenance costs for GPS once this system is in place.

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

**RE: JAIL CONTRACT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract to house prisoners from the Village of Beverly in the Washington County Jail during the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, for the daily rate of \$62.00.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending requests to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts requesting them to immediately make payments on those accounts:

|                  |               |                    |              |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| John Roddy       | Sharon Callow | H. Clifton Spencer | Burton Brown |
| Chris Marshall   | Tina McClung  | Jeremy Brandjes    | Steve Rood   |
| Elizabeth Lehman | Helen Jones   |                    |              |

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

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

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

Allen Fleming  
Willy Fletcher

Ernest Cornell  
Jean Yost

Kathryn Parsons  
Erica Counts

Ted Williams

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

**RE: REQUEST BY COUNTY ENGINEER TO PURCHASE SKID STEER**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 2018 Bobcat T770 T4 from Jefferds Corporation for the amount of \$15,500.00, and to dispose of a 2016 Bobcat T650 by trade-in, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

The Clerk said the following quotes were considered by the County Engineer:

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Southeastern Equipment Co. | \$ 23,662.85 (after trade-in) |
| Leslie Equipment Co.       | \$ 29,825.00 (after trade-in) |
| Jefferds Corporation       | \$ 15,550.00 (after trade-in) |

He noted the purchase of the Bobcat is being made through the State of Ohio Purchasing Program.

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

**RE: BID RECOMMENDATION FOR 2018 ASPHALT PAVING PROGRAM**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve award of contract for the 2018 Asphalt Paving Program to Shelly and Sands, Inc., for the amount of \$294,499.50, as recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

The Clerk said the Engineer received three sealed bids as follows:

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Shelly and Sands, Inc.      | \$294,499.50 |
| McKee Paving & Sealing, LLC | \$327,949.94 |
| York Paving Co.             | \$356,667.76 |

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

**RE: EMERGENCY LANDSLIP REPAIR, COUNTY ROAD 3**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following contracts with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., for the emergency repair of landslips on County Road 3 (Veto Road), as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright:

\$ 6,855.00  
\$10,007.00  
\$26,460.00

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

**RE: QUOTE OPENING, 2017 CDBG PROJECTS**

At 9:30 the Commissioners opened quotes as follows for 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects:

Little Muskingum VFD – purchase of equipment

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Miller Communications | \$ 4,457.52 (for Group B items) |
| Finley Fire Equipment | \$ 7,906.00 (for Group A items) |
|                       | \$ 4,451.00 (for Group B items) |

Wesley Township – culvert replacement

|                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Crescent Supply  | \$11,101.68 (for pipe only)          |
| Shelly and Sands | \$22,940.00 (for pipe and limestone) |

The Commissioners asked Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, to review the quotes and return with recommendations.

*At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Ron Feathers excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.*

**RE: OPIOID LITIGATION**

Attorney Ethan Vessels talked with the Commissioners about the possibility of Washington County entering into litigation to address the opioid epidemic. He shared statistical data for Washington County, and the process by which the County might proceed. He offered his services to represent the County in this effort.

Mr. Vessels recommended the Commissioners enter into an agreement for legal representation before July 4, 2018. He said he will likely represent only two or three counties, allowing him to provide maximum service to each. Mr. Vessels said he can't predict the outcome, but it will likely involve significant financial reward to a large number of entities. He said his fee is 25% of gross recovery, but only payable if recovery is obtained.

Commissioner White said he has some reservations about the process of litigation and whether the County will be successful in its pursuit, but if the County proceeds he will encourage the use of local attorney(s) to represent the County.

Mr. Vessels said he has the expertise for the case, having recently worked with the successful C-8 litigation. He said he has the necessary experience in working with multi-district litigation.

President Walters thanked Mr. Vessels for the information he provided.

**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 10:30 a.m.

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