

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 14, 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, Glen Pawloski, Suzanne Wyatt Deem, JFS Executive Director Flite Freimann, Erin O'Neill from *The Marietta Times*, Michael Tatar from WTAP News, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., June 14, 2018

9:00 Business Meeting
9:15 Flite Freimann, JFS – New Employees, Bid Recommendations
9:30 Karen Pierson, OSU Extension – 4-H Youth Development Update
10:00 Attorney Ethan Vessels – Opioid Litigation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities
Appointment to Children Services Board of Directors (2)
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (2)
Additional Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities
Additional Appropriation – Unclaimed Monies
Transfer - Veterans
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Contract with LexisNexis for Financial Transaction Devices
Agreement and Assurances, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction
Request from Children Services to Amend Appropriations Distribution Schedule
Drawdown of CHIP Grant Funds (2)
Mail Services Contract Extension – JFS
Auto Services and Repair Contract Extension – JFS
Contract between JFS and Boys & Girls Club
Engineering Services Proposal for Broughton Sanitary Sewer Line Project Review
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement with Triad Hunter, LLC

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual RSVP Recognition Dinner, 6:00 p.m., **Monday**, June 18, at Lafayette Hotel
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, June 19
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., **Tuesday**, June 26,
at Washington County Public Library, Barlow Branch
Courthouse Closed, **Wednesday**, July 4, Independence Day
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 10

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Charges to Joint Solid Waste for County Building Electricity Usage
Moving of Commissioners Offices to 204 Davis Avenue, Marietta
Delete: Engineering Services Proposal for Broughton Sanitary Sewer Line

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 June 7, 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. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

Co. General, Jail	100-0381-53403	\$ 2,600.00
Sheriff's Commissary	200-0383-57400	\$ 2,000.00
Dev. Disabilities	200-0620-51110	\$ 18,000.00
Unclaimed Monies	200-0106-57400	\$ 40,920.62

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>
Co. General, Veterans	100-0700-57401	100-0700-57400	\$ 7,500.00
Co. General, Maintenance	100-0109-53600	100-0109-53200	\$ 6,000.00

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Theisen Brock	\$ 123.09
Sewer	400-0113-53000	ADR & Associates	\$ 8,467.50
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Lang Excavating	\$ 19,761.97

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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 2018 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis, Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Athens to attend Service Coordination Training; June 27, 2018.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH LEXIS NEXIS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Lexis Nexis to provide financial transaction devices and service to the Treasurer's Office during the period June 12, 2018 through June 11, 2019, renewable for additional years, for the fees indicated in the contract, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the contract.

The Clerk noted Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn reviewed the document and approved it as to form. Commissioner White expressed his gratitude to County Treasurer Tammy Bates and Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn for seeing this project through to contract. President Walters said other departments and elected officials interested in accepting debit and/or credit cards can either use Lexis Nexis or another vendor that submitted a bid.

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

RE: AGREEMENT AND ASSURANCES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve an Agreement and

Assurances document with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, for the Operational Capacity Building Funds and Family Centered Services and Supports Funds for state fiscal year 2019, and allow Mr. Walters to sign the documents, 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: CHANGE IN APPROPRIATIONS DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE, CHILDREN SERVICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve amendment to the appropriations distribution schedule for Children Services, allowing for the September 2018 allocation to be transferred in June 2018, as requested by Children Services.

The Clerk noted this action does not change the annual 2018 appropriations to Children Services Agency.

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

RE: DRAWDOWN OF CHIP FUNDS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve drawdown of CHIP funds as follows, and to allow Mr. Walters and Mr. White to sign the forms, as prepared and requested by Susan Henry, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program:

B-C-16-1CY-2	\$ 45,310.00
B-C-16-1CY-1	\$ 3,000.00

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

RE: CONTRACT EXTENSION, JFS MAIL SERVICES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract extension between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and WASCO Mail Service, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, as requested by Flite Freimann, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: CONTRACT EXTENSION, JFS AUTO REPAIR AND SERVICE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract extension between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Auto Teck & Tire Center, LLC, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, as requested by Flite Freimann, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: CONTRACT BETWEEN JFS AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and Boys and Girls Club of Washington County for JFS to provide up to \$10,000.00 to Boys and Girls Club for club membership to eligible youth to participate in summer camp during the period June 11, 2018 through August 10, 2018, as requested by Flite Freimann, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Roadway Use, Repair and Maintenance Agreement with Triad Hunter, LLC, a subsidiary of Blue Ridge Mountain Resources, for water transfer activities on various roads in Grandview Township, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AT COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING

Commissioner White reported the Commissioners recently learned of the regular use of the old county garage on Colegate Drive by the Joint Solid Waste Management District. Mr. White said

this property was at one time leased to the Joint Solid Waste Management District for a specific purpose, but that project never materialized. He said the Commissioners were unaware of the continuing use of the facility, and suggested the charges for electricity should be paid by Joint Solid Waste Management District. Mr. White said Director Rob Reiter agreed to pay these charges.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve regularly invoicing the Southeast Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District for electric service at the old county garage on Colegate Drive in Marietta, retroactive to January 1, 2018.

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

RE: RELOCATION OF COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES TO 204 DAVIS AVENUE, MARIETTA

Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners will move during the week of June 18 to 204 Davis Avenue, Marietta. Also moving, he said, will be the Office of Human Resources, the Sewer Department, and the Telephone Receptionist.

Mr. Feathers said his goal is to have the relocated offices fully functional by June 26, 2018. He said June 21, 2018 will be the last regular meeting of the Commissioners at 223 Putnam Street in Marietta.

Commissioner Feathers said reasons for the move include:

- Improved efficiency in operations of County departments.
- Elimination of office leases.
- More visibility for Veterans Services, and accessibility to related facilities.

He said the Veterans Services Office has for some time been looking for a way to relocate to downtown Marietta. Recent lease of space in the Armory by the Veterans Service Office did not prove to be a viable solution.

Commissioner White reported this is the first of what may become a number of relocations of County offices to enhance efficiency in operations. He said the recent acquisition of a bank branch and parking lot near the Courthouse is another means by which the Commissioners will reduce large annual lease payments.

Mr. Feathers said the new location for the Commissioners has plenty of parking and is ADA compliant. He noted this relocation has been discussed for several months, but until the property purchase it was placed on hold. He said the Commissioners are constantly looking for ways to reduce County expenses.

President Walters said this move does not displace any staff at 204 Davis Avenue, as there are enough unused offices to accommodate everyone moving from 223 Putnam Street.

Commissioner Feathers said there are some issues yet to be resolved with this transition, but he hopes they will easily be overcome.

RE: NEW HIRES AT JFS

Flite Freimann, Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, informed the Commissioners he is prepared to fill three vacancies, created by recent retirements or resignations. He said selected candidates have interviewed, are qualified, and have passed appropriate background checks.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve filling three vacancies of Eligibility Referral Specialists at Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, as requested by Flite Freimann, Director of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Flite Freimann, Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, reported on his review of bids submitted for two projects.

For non-emergency transport service, Mr. Freimann recommended contracting with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program for long trips, and with Ohio Valley Cab, National Church Residences, and 1st Choice Home Care & Transport for local trips. He noted 1st Choice Home Care & Transport is a new bidder for transport service.

For rental and maintenance of copiers, Mr. Freimann recommended contracting with Poynter's Best Products. He said Poynter's proposed copiers have the capability of scanning to e-mail (authentication to NOVELL Directory Services to scan to JFS e-mail), and the other proposals do not.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Freimann for his review and recommendations, and said they

will make selections on June 21.

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Suzanne Wyatt Deem said she submitted a bid to provide non-emergency transportation service for Washington County Department of Job and Family Services. She said the process is new to her as a representative of 1st Choice Home Care & Transport. She thanked the Commissioners for considering her proposal, but expressed concern that if contracts are awarded to all bidders then there may not be enough business for all to share. She said she understood that one bidder is better equipped to handle the longer trips, but it may not be feasible for three other bidders to share the local trips. The Commissioners asked Ms. Deem to share her concerns with Mr. Freimann, as he is the one recommending contractors to them.

RE: 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, OSU EXTENSION

Karen Pierson, OSU Extension Program Assistant for 4-H Youth Development, introduced 4-H members Faith Weyant and Caroline Stollar. She said both of them are outstanding program participants, and asked each to share their 4-H experiences with the Commissioners.

Ms. Weyant said she is the Washington County Junior Fair Queen, and she participates in all three of the Washington County fairs. She said she is currently a member of the Barlow Fair Board and she shows animals.

Ms. Pierson said the fair queens are selected based upon their behavior, their speech, their dress, and their conduct. She said upon successful completion of their time as queens, they are awarded a \$500 scholarship donated by the three fair boards. She said she is very proud of Ms. Weyant for serving in this capacity.

Caroline Stollar said she has worked with CarTeens for many years, and currently serves as the Club president. She said she recently received a State Achievement Award for her work with CarTeens. Ms. Stollar reported she will be attending the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta later this year.

Ms. Pierson said this is wonderful recognition for the local CarTeens program. She said Tyler Hartline was awarded second place recognition for his dairy projects. She said these County youth are good examples of what OSU Extension and 4-H members are doing in this County.

Commissioner Feathers congratulated Ms. Weyant and Ms. Stollar for their accomplishments, noting they have set goals, they have a vision, and they have accomplished so much. He said other youth look up to them as good examples. He said he appreciates the support of their parents as well, and encouraged them to continue contributing to their communities. Mr. White said the County fairs are dependent upon the service of youth. President Walters congratulated Ms. Weyant and Ms. Stollar on their achievements, and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Ms. Pierson invited the Commissioners to attend an upcoming CarTeens meeting to see first-hand the impact the program is having on young drivers.

RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

The Commissioners welcomed Attorney Ethan Vessels to their meeting.

Commissioner White said the Commissioners have recently heard two presentations on representing Washington County in litigation relating to excessive supply and prescribing of opioids in Washington County. He said his preference is always to use local expertise when it is available, and he believes Mr. Vessels is well-equipped to represent the County.

Mr. Vessels said he has prepared a contract for the Commissioners to consider, which includes payment of 25% of award for his services and advance expenses. He said the County will not be "out any money", as payment to him would not be made until, and only if, the County is successful in its pursuit. He said he is also representing Noble County, and will likely contract with a few small cities as well.

Mr. Vessels outlined the process of preparing and filing a case through a court in Cleveland, noting there will be thousands of suits filed on behalf of entities, hospitals, health care providers, and individuals. He said it could take years to resolve all cases.

Glen Pawloski said he has reservations about the Commissioners engaging in such legal action. He noted opioids are medications and, as such, are highly regulated. He said he believes the responsibility for proper use of these medications lies with parents, not the manufacturers. He said it is an error for the Commissioners to consider pursuing legal action to target manufacturers and distributors.

Commissioner White said while he shares the concerns of Mr. Pawloski, he believes it to be in the best interest of Washington County residents to proceed with legal action. He said it would be a disservice not to.

President Walters said the outcome will only be determined by the courts, who will be obligated to determine if drug companies over-produced opioids with the intent of over-supplying and

distributing.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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_____, Clerk