

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 12, 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 Building Official Chris Wilson, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Karen Doan, Andy Kuhn from Southeast Ohio Port Authority, Judy Mercer from Highland Ridge Water Association, Michelle Hyer from Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Erin O'Neill from *The Marietta Times*, Michael Tatar from WTAP News, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., July 12, 2018**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Judy Mercer, Highland Ridge Water Association – Critical Infrastructure Grant
9:45 Craig Barker, Wastewater Superintendent – Backflow Prevention

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
Resolution to Create New Fund
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health (2)
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Additional Appropriation – Building Department
Additional Appropriation – Budget Stabilization
Additional Appropriation – Law Library
Minus Appropriation – Behavioral Health (5)
Transfer – Family & Children First
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency
Travel – Building Department (2)
Disposition of Rebate from Bureau of Workers' Compensation
Agreement between Family & Children First and Developmental Disabilities
Contingent Fee Contract for Retention of Attorney Ethan Vessels
Tax Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019
Engineer – Bid Recommendation for County Road 25 Landslip Repair Project
Engineer – OPWC Loan Agreement for County Road 14 Paving Project

DATES TO REMEMBER

Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, in Annex Conference Room A
Township Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, County Engineer's Office

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Resolution to Create New Fund (1)
LEP Plan, CSEA

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. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the July 5, 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. Feathers moved and Mr. White 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: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUNDS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Resolutions to create the following new funds, as requested by the County Auditor's office:

200-0747 KINSHIP PROVIDERS
200-0611 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEVY

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:

Behavioral Health	200-0611-53001	\$700,000.00
	200-0610-53000	\$333,333.00
Family & Children First	602-2031-53100	\$ 6,060.00
Co. General, Bldg. Dept.	100-0170-57400	\$ 1,474.45
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57100	\$131,267.14
Law Library	200-0520-55100	\$ 60,000.00

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS

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

Behavioral Health	200-0610-53001	\$(700,000.00)
	200-0610-53002	\$(200,000.00)
	200-0610-53003	\$(100,000.00)
	200-0610-53004	\$(100,000.00)
	200-0610-53005	\$(50,000.00)

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First	602-2035-57200	602-2032-49200	\$ 10,000.00

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
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Sojourners	\$ 4,680.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Eastway Corp.	\$ 9,400.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Nat. Youth Adv. Pro.	\$ 3,853.30
Children Services	200-0741-53000	New Beginnings RTC	\$ 4,980.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Journey Home	\$ 4,280.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	George Jr. Rep.-PA	\$ 12,143.40
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Family Wellness Sol.	\$ 13,220.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	ENA, Inc.	\$ 5,380.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Deanna McKenzie	\$ 1,600.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Konnie Yoho	\$ 280.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	House of Samuel	\$ 1,488.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Mr. Rooter	\$ 1,024.08
Commissioners	100-0870-53006	WWW Interstate Plan	\$ 5,940.00
I.T.	100-0190-53000	Gerry Lockhart	\$ 450.00
CEBCO	200-2050-53000	Court Witschey	\$ 141.78
CEBCO	200-2050-53000	Court Witschey	\$ 214.98

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. Feathers moved and Mr. White 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:

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Cincinnati to attend Trauma Informed Care Training; July 24, 2018.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle, Denise Hinton, Barbara Danford: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend 2018 OCDA Partners Summit; August 27-28, 2018.

Building Department

Chris Wilson, Connie Hoblitzell: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend 2018 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference; August 1-2, 2018.

Russell Metz: Four-day trip to Appleton, WI, to attend IAEI Western Section Meeting; September 16-19, 2018.

Building Official Chris Wilson said it is important for Ms. Hoblitzell to attend the Floodplain Management Conference to maintain her certification until transition is made to Soil & Water Conservation District. He said his request for Mr. Metz to attend the meeting in Wisconsin is because there is no Ohio meeting of IAEI this year, and he needs to earn continuing education units.

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

RE: DISPOSITION OF REBATE FROM OBWC

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to deposit into the Budget Stabilization Fund a rebate check from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) in the amount of \$183,445.09, and then to transfer a total of \$131,267.14 to various funds from which premiums were paid, other than County General.

The Clerk said this rebate check represents 85% of the premium paid for 2016 policy year. He said Director of Human Resources & Safety/Loss Control Kathy Thieman determined appropriate amounts for each fund, based upon premiums having been paid from those funds. He said County General's share of \$52,177.95 will remain in the Budget Stabilization Fund.

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

RE: LEP PLAN APPROVAL

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan for Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency for 2018 through 2020, as prepared by Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve an Agreement between the Washington County Family & Children First Council (Council) and Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Contractor) for the provision of developmental evaluations by a developmental evaluation team during the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for the unit rate of \$500 per month, payable by Council to Contractor.

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

RE: CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT FOR RETENTION OF ATTORNEY ETHAN VESSELS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Contingent Fee Contract for Retention of Fields, Dehmlow & Vessels, LLC, Marietta, to pursue and prosecute all claims for

recovery of funds against various manufacturers and distributors of opioid pharmaceuticals regarding the financial burden placed upon Washington County relating to the ongoing national "opioid epidemic".

Commissioner White said Attorney Ethan Vessels added a paragraph to the Contract to clarify that Washington County will not incur any costs for these services. Commissioner Feathers noted by this action the Commissioners are not saying any drug company, manufacturer or distributor, is at fault, but are allowing the courts to determine if there is fault and any resulting financial penalty.

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

RE: TAX BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Tax Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019 for Washington County Family & Children First Council and for Washington County, and to certify them to the County Auditor.

The Clerk noted the Tax Budgets have been available for review in the County Auditor's Office and a Public Hearing was held on July 5, 2018.

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 COUNTY ROAD 25 LANDSLIP REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to accept the bid from The Righter Company, Inc., for the Emergency Landslip Repair Project on County Road 25, for the amount of \$418,168.75, as recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

The Clerk noted the Engineer's estimate for this project was \$439,978.25, and the following sealed bids were received:

The Righter Company, Inc.	\$ 418,168.75
Shelly & Sands, Inc.	\$ 436,653.63
Alan Stone Company, Inc.	\$ 447,000.00
R.C. Construction Company	\$ 469,350.00

The Clerk said the project will be 100% federally funded through August 12, with the remainder funded 80% federal and 20% local funds.

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

RE: OPWC LOAN AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY ROAD 14 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Loan Agreement and a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the County Road 14 Paving Project, in the total amount of \$789,001, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the documents, as recommended 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: COMMENTS

Commissioner Feathers informed those attending that the recently-acquired parking lot (Chase Bank drive-thru) will be closed beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, and will remain closed until necessary maintenance, sealing, and striping are completed.

RE: HIGHLAND RIDGE WATER ASSOCIATION

Judy Mercer from the Highland Ridge Water Association and Michelle Hyer from Buckeye Hills Regional Council informed the Commissioners that Highland Ridge intends to install a third 150,000 gallon water tank, for a total of approximately \$931,800.00. Ms. Mercer noted the Association is currently adding 90 customers, bringing total customers from eight townships to about 1,400. She said another water storage tank is required to meet current EPA regulations. Ms. Mercer said the Association is in the process of seeking out funds for this new tank.

Michelle Hyer from Buckeye Hills Regional Council said there may be Community Development Grant (CDBG) funds available, but the Commissioners would have to apply for them on behalf of the Association. She said the Association has already completed the required LMI surveys, and she will complete the application for funding. She noted other sources of funds might be the EPA and the Ohio Water Development Authority. Ms. Hyer said the Association might apply for up to \$500,000 in CDBG funds before pursuing any loans for the project. She said an environmental review will need to be done if the grant funds are awarded to the Association, and actual construction and installation likely won't occur until summer of 2019.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve application for Critical Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant funds on behalf of Highland Ridge Water Association, to provide funding for a new 150,000 gallon water storage tank.

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

RE: BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Wastewater Superintendent Craig Barker talked with the Commissioners about the need for backflow prevention devices. He noted the County has recently paid for clean-up of three homes, two of which did not have devices installed. Commissioner Feathers said total cost of clean-up to the County was about \$7,855. Commissioner White said the County needs to have a policy that requires future tie-in's to the County's sewer system to have backflow preventers. He said these cleanup costs, for the most part, could have been avoided if these devices had been in place. Mr. White said clean-up is not the responsibility of the County. He said the County cannot require the use of backflow preventers, but the Commissioners can strongly recommend their use.

Commissioner Feathers suggested inserting a message in each of the invoices for the next several month, encouraging customers to install backflow devices and informing them the County will not pay for clean-up of homes after December 31, 2018. Mr. Barker said estimated cost of backflow preventer and installation is about \$500.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adopt a policy to require new tie-in's to the Washington County sewer system to have backflow devices, to strongly encourage existing customers to utilize backflow devices as well, and to not pay clean-up costs resulting from faulty sewer systems not having backup devices beginning January 1, 2019.

RE: SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

Andy Kuhn, Executive Director of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, shared with the Commissioners a newly-developed procedure for the Port Authority to consider candidates for positions on its Board of Directors. He presented an application to the Commissioners for consideration of appointment to the Board. Commissioner White said he believes the Commissioners should have an active role in review of candidates for Board membership, as they are the appointing authority. Mr. Kuhn said he will be happy to incorporate that into his system of vetting candidates.

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 10:15 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk