

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 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 Darlene Lukshin from the OSU Extension Office, 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., July 26, 2018**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension – Program Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to Create New Funds (2)
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel
Additional Appropriation – Wireless 911
Additional Appropriation – County General (4)
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Additional Appropriation – 2017 CDBG
Transfer – Family & Children First
Transfer – Clerk of Courts
Then & Now's
Travel – Weights & Measures
Travel – Auditor
Travel – County Home
Addendum to 2019 Tax Budget
Memorandum of Understanding between JFS and Children Services
Request from Children Services to Amend Appropriations Distribution Schedule
Contract with U.S. Geological Survey – Duck Creek Streamgages Maintenance
Notice of Award, Contract, Notice to Proceed – Grandview Township CDBG Project
Engineer – Notice to Proceed, CR 25 Emergency Landslip Repair Project
Engineer – Bid Specifications and Notice, CR 3 Guardrail Project

DATES TO REMEMBER

Township Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Today, at County Engineer's Office
Regular Weekly Business Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 7 (*new day and time, for this week only*)
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, at County Home
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 20
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, in Annex Conference Room A
Port Authority Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, at Waterford High School

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Letter of Support for *Communities of Practice for Rural Opioid Use Disorder*

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 July 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: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUNDS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to create the following new funds, as requested by the County Auditor

300-0548 Capital Project PID 108497
210-0829 2017 CDBG

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:

Dog & Kennel	200-0363-53500	\$ 2,000.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-51104	\$ 14,000.00
Co. Gen., Commissioners	100-0100-54000	\$ 500.00
Co. Gen., Maintenance	100-0109-53000	\$ 20,000.00
	100-0109-53200	\$ 10,000.00
	100-0109-54000	\$ 10,000.00
Capital Outlay	300-0548-55000	\$334,535.00
2017 CDBG	210-0829-51000	\$ 14,800.00
	210-0829-52000	\$ 24,800.00
	210-0829-53000	\$117,400.00
	210-0829-54000	\$ 10,000.00
	210-0829-55000	\$ 20,000.00

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

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

Behavioral Health	200-0610-51001	\$ 50,250.00
	200-0610-51101	\$ 729.00
	200-0610-51102	\$ 11,500.00
	200-0610-51104	\$ 16,000.00

Commissioner White read the following statement:

"We are backed into a corner with this appropriation. This is NOT general fund money and we have very little control. I have NO doubt they will push this issue and attempt to find allies in the public by exploiting the fear of the opiate epidemic.

This is a perfect example of everything that is wrong in government.

There are several department heads and boards in this county who have only two goals: the goal of enlarging their sphere of influence and control, and one of personal enrichment.

We currently have some career bureaucrats who have manipulated the system to their own convenience, subordinating their mission to their personal benefit. This action will violate the confidence, expectation, faith, hope, and trust of the Washington County taxpayers.

The ink is hardly even dry on the levy election ballots and they audaciously hire more staff and institute lavish, excessive, and extravagant raises.

They will exploit the opiate addiction crisis and accompanying fear, anxiety and concern for personal enrichment.

I am certain that this was NEVER the intention of those compassionate, kindhearted, and sympathetic voters who elected to grant this levy.

This action is reprehensible, it is vile, it is shameful, it is despicable; hell, I can't even find the word to describe how contemptible this is.

I would even go so far as to encourage the voters to repeal the levy that enables this type of collusion and exploitation."

President Walters noted the Behavioral Health Board pays not only the 14% required contribution to PERS, but also the employee contribution of 10%. He said this is unlike other County employees, who have to contribute the 10% by deduction from their pay. Mr. Walters

also noted the Behavioral Health Board also pays 100% of employees' health insurance premium, while the County pays 80% for County employees.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, David White no, Ron Feathers aye. Motion passed.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of a request for additional appropriations from Behavioral Health.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to remove from consideration the request for additional appropriations from Behavioral Health, as it is no longer needed.

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	602-2030-53203	602-2030-53501	\$ 150.00
Clerk of Courts	200-0233-51001	200-0233-53500	\$ 1,152.00

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
JFS	200-0720-57400	Great Am. Fin. Serv.	\$ 1,243.50
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Wash. Co. Auditor	\$ 6,680.02
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	U.S. Geological Survey	\$ 5,990.00

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:

Auditor

Craig Brockmeier: Two-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend training; August 7-8, 2018.

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend CAAO Legislative/Executive Committee meeting; August 8, 2018.

County Home

Natasha Streight: One-day trip to Parkersburg, WV to pick up supplies; July 26, 2018.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE FOR RURAL OPIOID USE DISORDER

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following letter of support, as prepared and requested by Richard Wittberg, Washington County Health Commissioner:

July 26, 2018

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning
Public Health Analyst, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy*

Email: ruralopioidresponse@hrsa.gov

Dear Ms. Hutchings:

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio is writing to confirm our endorsement of and dedication to the proposal titled Communities of Practice for Rural Opioid Use Disorder (COP-PROUD) submitted under Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-18-116, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.912. We have faith in the project, would like to see it funded, and are committed to its success. Our position will be to fully support the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

Though this is our first time partnering with Ohio University and Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, it is clear this team's expertise in planning for prevention, treatment, and recovery from OUD will benefit our community in Washington County. We are confident that this opportunity will fill unmet gaps and develop a strategic plan that will meaningfully influence the health and wellbeing of Washington County residents by filling needs in both workforce and sustainability of existing prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. We support this proposal and are excited to see the plans that will grow from its success, and feel by working with the Washington County Health Department and the Washington County Behavioral Health Board to convene local groups to facilitate conversations to find local solutions.

We understand that the award is to be used for the activities proposed in the workplan, to benefit the populations in our community, and not to be used for the exclusive benefit of any one consortium member or supporting organization.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: ADDENDUM TO 2019 TAX BUDGET

The Clerk informed the Commissioners he failed to include the Children Services Levy in the list of Washington County levies in the recently-adopted 2019 Tax Budget for Washington County. He said he will work with County Auditor Bill McFarland to determine an appropriate amount of anticipated revenues to be generated from this 0.55 mill levy.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to amend the 2019 Tax Budget for Washington County, by inserting a page to reflect the 0.55 mill Children Services Levy and the approximate amount expected to be collected from it.

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

RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JFS AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and Washington County Children Services (Children Services), to allow JFS to pay to Children Services \$200,000.00 in Title XX TANF funds during the period July 26, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

Commissioner Feathers noted this is an allowable use of TANF funds by JFS. He said other Ohio counties have provided funds to Washington County Children Services as well. Commissioner White said there must be a better way to organize Children Services to allow for more efficient operations. He said the Agency will most likely use its entire year appropriations before the end of August.

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 a request from Washington County Children Services to accelerate the appropriations distribution schedule for the monthly payment scheduled for November 2018 to be paid in July 2018, to address cash flow issues at Children Services.

The Clerk explained this action does not change the annual appropriations amount of \$1,400,000 to Children Services. He noted this action will allow for immediate availability of funds for Children Services, while the funds from JFS will need to be requested from the State and then transferred from JFS to Children Services. The Clerk said Children Services needs funds immediately to meet payroll needs.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DUCK CREEK STREAMGAGES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract with U.S. Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of three streamgages in the Duck Creek Basin, for the amount of \$5,990.00, during the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

The Clerk said this is an annual shared cost, as follows:

Washington County	\$ 3,077.50
Noble County	\$ 1,012.50
City of Marietta	\$ 1,900.00

Darlene Lukshin from the OSU Extension Office explained the use and value of the streamgages which, she said, measure flow rate. She said it was a collaborative effort to have these gages installed, so it is good that these three entities are sharing in the annual cost of maintaining them.

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

RE: GRANDVIEW TOWNSHIP 2017 CDBG PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve, for the Grandview Township 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, a Notice of Award, Contract, and Notice to Proceed, vendor Burgess Hearse & Ambulance Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$117,922.00, as prepared by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Center.

The Clerk said Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, consulted with the State about having received only one sealed bid for this project, which was slightly higher than the amount allocated. She said she was assured it is acceptable to accept the sole bid, as written notices and invitations to bid were mailed to five vendors. She said Grandview Township representatives have agreed to pay any amount exceeding that from CDBG.

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

RE: NOTICE TO PROCEED, CR 25 EMERGENCY LANDSLIP REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Notice to Proceed for the County Road 25 Emergency Landslip Repair Project, contractor The Righter Company, Inc., and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Notice, as prepared 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: BID SPECIFICATIONS AND NOTICE, CR 3 GUARDRAIL PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve bid specifications and bid notice for the County Road 3 Guardrail Project, estimated to cost \$362,421.81 with 80% to be paid with federal funds and 20% with local funds, completion date June 30, 2019 and bid opening date August 28, 2018, 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: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan asked the Commissioners about the County's air truck, and whether it has been repaired. Commissioner Feathers said the truck did not need repair, and has been placed back in service. He noted it was not a requirement of the State for the 1,000 hours of testing, which allowed the truck to be made available for immediate use. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners are willing and anxious to transfer ownership of the vehicle to a department or association, but there have been no requests to assume ownership. He said the Commissioners did not agree to repair the truck. Commissioner White noted he did not vote in favor of returning the truck to service at this time.

Darlene Lukshin reported she is now working full-time with FEMA on landslips throughout the County. She said this process is taking an extremely long time, and she is not yet certain if and when there will be federal funds provided to the County. Ms. Lukshin said it is looking as though the County may have to make one application on behalf of the County and all townships, and it could be next year before work is actually done on the landslips.

RE: OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension Educator, updated the Commissioners on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program. Also attending was Master Gardener Kathryn Wesel.

Mr. McCartney said the weather this year has made plant and livestock maintenance very challenging for area farmers, but very beneficial for orchards. He noted crop and field diseases are about three times greater than last year.

Mr. McCartney said he is anxious to begin the school-based farmers market, with six elementary schools participating. He noted grants for this project have been received from the Ohio Department of Health and the Sisters of St. Joseph's Foundation. He said the program has been well-received in West Virginia, and will likely become a state-wide program in Ohio.

Kathryn Wesel said she has been a Master Gardener for about a year, and really enjoys the program. She and Mr. McCartney described three upcoming horticulture events:

- Local chef preparing healthy meals from garden
- Foraging for, and use of, mushrooms
- Winterizing gardens and soil testing

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feathers 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 10:00 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk