

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 27, 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 and Karen Doan; Flite Freimann from Washington County Department of Job and Family Services; Glen Pawloski; Jamie Vuksic, Alice Stewart, Tami Downs, Ryan Fieler and Sabrina Buchanan from Children Services Agency; Mark Wehl from the Children Services Board of Directors; Michael Tatar from WTAP News; Chad Adkins from *The Marietta Times*; Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., December 27, 2018**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Amanda Bohlen, OSU Extension – Family & Consumer Sciences Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendum to Labor Agreement, Developmental Disabilities
Re-appointment to Children Services Board of Directors

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Resolution Recognizing Retirement of Kelly Bauerbach
Additional Appropriation – CCMEP-WIOA
Advance – CCMEP-WIOA
Contract Amendment between Job and Family Services and Boys and Girls Club
Agreement between Job and Family Services and the Washington Co. Health Dept.
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Resolution Designating Job and Family Services as the Public Children Services Agency for Washington County

DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Meeting, 4:00 p.m., **Monday**, December 31, to Adopt Appropriations for 2019
Courthouse Closed, **Tuesday**, January 1, New Year's Day
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 8, at County Home
Regular Weekly Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 10, followed by
Annual Organizational Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, January 15, in Conference Room A
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Cost Allocation – 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. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the December 20, 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: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF KELLY BAUERBACH

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adopt the following Resolution in recognition of the upcoming retirement of Kelly Bauerbach from Washington County Department of Job and Family Services:

WHEREAS, *Kelly Bauerbach began her service to Washington County on January 3, 1984, as a Temporary Interim Worker; and*

WHEREAS, *Kelly Bauerbach was appointed as a full-time Income Maintenance Worker on April 22, 1984; and*

WHEREAS, on December 24, 1991 Kelly Bauerbach began service as a Social Service Worker; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Bauerbach was promoted to Social Services Supervisor, a position she currently holds, on November 19, 2000; and

WHEREAS, in all of these capacities, Kelly Bauerbach has served with diligence and compassion, continually demonstrating her knowledge of the position to which she was assigned; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-four (34) years of service to Washington County, Kelly Bauerbach is retiring from public service on January 31, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that we, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, congratulate Kelly Bauerbach on her retirement from public service in Washington County, having served the public for more than three (3) decades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our thanks and appreciation to Kelly Bauerbach for serving the citizens of Washington County in an exemplary manner, in a variety of capacities, exhibiting throughout her career professionalism, compassion, expertise, dedication and enthusiasm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, wish Kelly Bauerbach the very best in her retirement years.

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JFS (CCMEP-WIOA)	200-0721-57200	\$ 10,000.00

Flite Freimann, Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, said "CCMEP-WIOA" represents "Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program – Workforce Innovation and Investment Act". The Clerk noted this action will allow the CCMEP-WIOA Fund to pay back to the Budget Stabilization Fund the \$10,000 advanced from Budget Stabilization earlier in the fiscal year to address cash flow issues.

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 request for advance of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JFS (CCMEP-WIOA)	200-0721-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 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: CONTRACT AMENDMENT, JFS AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve amendment #1 to the contract executed on October 1, 2018 between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, increasing the amount to be paid by JFS to the Boys and Girls Club from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with all other terms of the agreement remaining in full force and effect.

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 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract between the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and the Washington County Health Department (Health Department), allowing JFS to pay up to \$11,330.00 to Health Department during the period January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, for head lice treatment, education and prevention program, 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: COST ALLOCATION, JFS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to accept the request from Flite Freimann for the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to pay the following amounts in approximately equal monthly installments to the Washington County Commissioners during fiscal year 2019, as determined in the Cost Allocation Plan for Washington County:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
Shared Cost	\$ 32,847.00
Income Maintenance	39,952.00
Social Services	<u>8,852.00</u>
Total	\$ 81,651.00

The Clerk noted the Cost Allocation Plan was recently completed by De Novo Consulting Services for the year 2017, and the reimbursements are delayed by two years so that actual audited expenditure numbers can be used in the report. He said this is an acceptable way to reimburse County General Fund for expenses paid from it on behalf of other funds.

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 send notice to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting they immediately make payment on those accounts:

Cynthia McClay	Edward Bagley	Kelly Offenberger
Douglas Young	Charles Hartman	Edward Pifer
Kimberly Wiseman	Jerry Higgins	Sharon Callow
Todd McDonald	Rebecca Jessee	Roddy Harris

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

RE: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AS THE PUBLIC CHILDREN SERVICES AGENCY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners is responsible for the oversight, expenditure and accountability of taxpayer funds in this County; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of this County approved a tax levy to fund the placement of children in the care of custody of the Children Services Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Children Services Board has not spent taxpayer dollars judiciously in the past; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is determined that the tax levy revenues be spent solely for the placement of children; and,

WHEREAS, the Children Services Board has not provided sufficient administrative oversight and leadership in the spending of taxpayer funds; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 307.981 grants the Board of Commissioners the authority to designate family services agencies within this County; and,

WHEREAS, OAC 5101:9-1-16 states that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will recognize the "county organization structures based on determination and resolution of the local board of county commissioners"; and,

WHEREAS, ORC 307.981 (B) grants the Board of Commissioners the authority to designate "any private or government entity within the state to serve as ... a public children services agency; and,

WHEREAS, ORC 307.981 (E) requires "not less than sixty days before a board of county commissioners designates an entity [as the public children services agency], the board shall notify the director of the [Ohio] job and family services and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the board's intention to make the designation and the reason of the designation."; and,

WHEREAS, ORC 307.981 (H) requires that the Board of Commissioners give the Children Services Board sixty (60) days' notice of its intent to make a new designation; and,

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2018 the Board of Commissioners provided written notice to the Children Services Board, the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and The Marietta Times of its intent to make the designation, and provided its reasons for doing so; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners provided the opportunity for the Children Services Board to comment on the proposed designation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has provided the Children Services Board and members of the public opportunity to comment on the designation; and,

WHEREAS, the Children Services Board has not provided written comment regarding the proposed designation; and,

WHEREAS, the Children Services Board voted to object to the designation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has met all of its statutory and regulatory duties to make such designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) shall be designated as the Public Children Services Agency for the County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the JFS shall be provided any additional notice of such designation as may be required; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the JFS shall develop a fiscal transition plan to remain in compliance with the cost allocation plan, and provide such fiscal transition plan to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services as recommended and required by OAC 5101-1-22 within thirty (30) days; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the JFS shall develop an implementation plan and report to the Board of Commissioners the proposed implementation plan on January 24, 2019; and,

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the JFS shall fully integrate the public children services agency no later than April 1, 2019; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the JFS shall regularly update the Board of Commissioners on the status of the implementation and the expenditure of public funds during the transition process.

Alice Stewart implored the Commissioners to “push pause” on this action and to bring people from appropriate offices of the State of Ohio to review the proposal and its consequences, whether good or bad, in open meetings. She said this would allow all to be heard, noting it takes time to get people on board with this merger. Ms. Stewart said it may be a good idea to merge, but it may not be. She said she believes the way it is currently being handled is causing unnecessary division and stress. She said if the merging then is proven to be an appropriate direction to take, the staff at Children Services will be behind it and will work to get the transition done right. Ms. Stewart said she is concerned the staff at Children Services feel they are being “laughed at and disrespected”.

Mark Wehl, member of the Children Services Board of Directors, said this is not an easy decision for the Commissioners to make. Noting he has been on the Children Services Board nearly a year, he said he doesn’t believe it to be accurate that his Board “has not spent taxpayer dollars judiciously in the past”, as written in the Resolution under consideration. He said most costs of Children Services are out of the Board and Agency’s control, noting specifically the high costs of certain placements of children mandated by the Court. He said his Board regularly and routinely reviews bills for payment in a similar manner as do the Commissioners. He urged the Commissioners to “let the Children Services and JFS staff do their jobs, and let the Directors do their respective jobs as well”. He said they are the experts and should be relied upon to fulfill their responsibilities. Mr. Wehl encouraged the Commissioners to continue to provide oversight to the two Directors. He then asked the Commissioners to do their absolute best with this action, in the best interest of the children and families of Washington County. He said if it is determined a merging is in the most appropriate direction to take, he hopes it is done as seamlessly as possible.

At this point, and with no further comments being offered, President Walters called for a vote on the Resolution.

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 noted he has attended most of the Commissioners’ weekly meetings for a long time. He said he appreciates the leadership of outgoing Commissioner Rick Walters, and that of Mr. White and Mr. Feathers as well. Glen Pawloski expressed his thanks to Mr. Walters for a job well done.

Commissioner Feathers thanked Mr. Walters for serving with him and Commissioner White, even starting before his elected term of office. He said Mr. Walters guided the County in a better investment program, significantly increasing earnings over the past few years. He noted other specific areas addressed by Mr. Walters, including health insurance for County employees and budgeting in times of limited resources. Mr. Feathers said to Mr. Walters: "When I was out of line, you brought me back!" Mr. Feathers said Washington County is far better off having had Mr. Walters serve as a Commissioner for four years.

Commissioner White noted this is the last Regular Meeting for Mr. Walters. He said he too appreciates the work he has put into his responsibilities, and the relationships he had with other elected officials and County staff. Mr. White thanked Mr. Walters for his insight and his knowledge, describing his financial expertise as "unfathomable".

President Walters said it has been his pleasure having worked with the other Commissioners. He said it has indeed been an educational journey, but it is now time to realign his family and work priorities. He said he is looking forward to retirement, but has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of Washington County government for the past four years.

Mr. Walters thanked Ms. Stewart and Mr. Weihl for their comments on the Resolution adopted by the Commissioners. He said Children Services has not done anything wrong, but merging the two agencies is intended to be a better arrangement for the County. He said all involved in facilitating this merger will keep as highest priority the welfare of children and families served.

RE: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE, OSU EXTENSION

Amanda Bohlen, OSU Extension Educator, updated the Commissioners on the Family & Consumer Science Program. She said she is now approved as an early childcare trainer, noting there is now a requirement for childcare givers to complete twenty (20) hours of professional development every two (2) years. She said she is working with the local COAD (Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development) to provide such training in this area, as COAD lacks the staff to cover its ten (10) county region. Ms. Bohlen reported she has been appointed to the Rural Stress Work Team along with several others throughout the State, noting farming is one of the top causes for stress.

President Walters commended Ms. Bohlen for continually being on the cutting edge of education and training. He said this serves Washington County very well.

RE: ADDENDUM TO LABOR AGREEMENT, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of an addendum to the labor agreement in place at Washington Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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

Mr. Feathers moved to approve the proposed addendum to the labor agreement, as requested by Susan Tilton, Washington County Superintendent for the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The motion died due to lack of second.

RE: RE-APPOINTMENT TO CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of a request to re-appoint Mary Barnas to the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors.

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

Mr. White moved to re-appoint Mary Barnas to the Washington County Children Services Agency Board of Directors, for the four-year term beginning January 1, 2019, as requested by Jamie Vuksic, Executive Director, Washington County Children Services Agency.

The motion died due to lack of second.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Feathers said the Washington County Sewer Department has been functioning without a certified operator for a few weeks, but that cannot continue. He explained the former operator accepted another position, and the Commissioners have been searching for a replacement.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, David White aye, Ron Feathers aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 9:58 a.m.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to extend an offer of employment to an applicant for the position of Sewer Operator, to begin as soon as possible and with a 90-day probationary period.

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

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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_____, Clerk