

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 17, 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER, AND KEVIN J. RITTER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WHITE LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan and Karen Doan; Building Official Chris Wilson; Wastewater Superintendent Shawn Dalrymple; Child Support Enforcement Agency Director Kim Hinkle; Job and Family Services Executive Director Flite Freimann; Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty; Director of Human Resources Kathy Thieman; EMA Coordinator Rich Hays; Timothy Cole from the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley; Brookanne Dixon, Laken Camino, Allison Hutchings, and Kimberly Ensign from Washington County Children Services; Shelby Gomez; Chad Adkins from *The Marietta Times*; Michael Tatar from WTAP News; and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., January 17, 2019**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent – Capital Projects
10:00 Flite Freimann, JFS Director – Merger Update; Low Income Housing for Seniors

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Application for Liquor Permit from Station Lounge & Grill

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution Authorizing President to Apply for OWDA Loan for Terri Lane Lift Station
Application for Loan – Ohio Water Development Authority
Additional Appropriation – County General, Prosecutor
Additional Appropriation – County General, Miscellaneous
Additional Appropriation – Transit 2019, State & Local
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health
Transfer – County General, Miscellaneous (2)
Transfer – County General, Common Pleas Court
Transfer – County General, Commissioners
Transfer – County General, Maintenance
Transfer – County General, Building Department
Transfer – County General, I.T.
Transfer – County General, Human Resources
Transfer – RSVP
Transfer - Sewer
Then & Now's (9)
Travel – Auditor
Travel – Job and Family Services
Travel – Building Department
Agreement with Humane Society of the Ohio Valley
Agreement with City of Marietta for Services of Dog Warden
Satisfaction of Mortgage
Application for Transfer of Liquor Permit from Spinning Wheel
Sheriff – End of the Year Status Report for Washington County Jail
Engineer – Change Order #1, CR-33 Landslip Repair Project

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, January 28, at 204 Davis Avenue
Council of Governments, 12:00 p.m., **Monday**, February 4, at Lori's in Caldwell

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ron Feathers aye, Kevin

Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter 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: David White aye, Ron Feathers aye, Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR OWDA LOAN

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to authorize the President of the Washington County Commissioners to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of Terri Lane Lift Station between the Board of Commissioners of Washington County and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA), as follows:

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "LGA") requests a loan for the Terri Lane Lift Station Project; and*

***WHEREAS**, the LGA desires to obtain a loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "OWDA") to finance costs of the planning of such facilities on the terms set forth in the Cooperative Agreement (defined below); and*

***WHEREAS**, OWDA has indicated its willingness to make a loan for that purpose and on those terms.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio:*

Section 1. That the LGA hereby approves the planning of the aforesaid Terri Lane Lift Station Replacement in cooperation with OWDA under the provisions, terms and conditions set forth in the "Cooperative Agreement for State Planning Project" as set forth in Exhibit A (the "Cooperative Agreement") and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute the Cooperative Agreement with OWDA substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the LGA concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in an open meeting of the LGA, and that all deliberations of the LGA were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Clerk said this Resolution and a letter from Prosecutor Kevin Rings will accompany the loan application to the Ohio Water Development Authority.

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

RE: APPLICATION FOR LOAN FROM OWDA

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a loan application to the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Terri Lane Lift Station Project, in the amount of \$215,804.00, payable over a period of twenty (20) years, beginning on or about January 1, 2020, and to allow Mr. White to sign the application.

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Co. Gen., Miscellaneous	100-0101-57100	\$ 403.87
Co. Gen., Prosecutor	100-0140-51001	\$ 4,165.00
	100-0140-51006	\$ 105.00
	100-0140-51101	\$ 65.00
	100-0140-51102	\$ 585.00
Behavioral Health	200-0610-53000	\$ 300,000.00
Transit	215-0854-57401	\$ 34,883.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter 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. Gen., Miscellaneous	100-0101-57100	200-0610-49100	\$ 20,000.00
	100-0101-57100	215-0206-49100	\$ 403.87
Co. Gen., Commissioners	100-0100-51006	100-0100-51001	\$ 1,930.00
Co. Gen., Building Dept.	100-0170-51006	100-0170-51001	\$ 6,503.00
Co. Gen., Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0109-51001	\$ 3,945.00
Co. Gen., Human Res.	100-0366-51006	100-0366-51001	\$ 1,150.00
Co. Gen., I.T.	100-0190-51006	100-0190-51001	\$ 3,960.00
RSVP	210-0710-51006	210-0710-51001	\$ 803.00
Sewer	400-0113-51006	400-0113-51001	\$ 702.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0109-53200	AT & T	\$ 1,243.58
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 225.82
JFS	200-0720-59001	Career Center	\$ 360.00
JFS	200-0720-59001	Wolf Creek Schools	\$ 772.55
Law Library	100-0520-54000	Matthew Bender	\$ 270.31
Sheriff	100-0381-57400	Monroe Co. Sheriff	\$ 715.00
Commissioners	200-2050-54400	The Prophet Corp	\$ 1,546.63
Commissioners	100-0109-53103	Rumpke	\$ 215.46
Commissioners	100-0109-53103	Rumpke	\$ 305.24
Sewer	400-0113-54000	C.I. Thornburg	\$ 463.41
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Am. Flags & Poles	\$ 171.00
JFS	200-0720-59001	Frontier Local Schools	\$ 243.05
JFS	200-0720-59001	Belpre City Schools	\$ 470.46
JFS	200-0720-59001	City of Marietta	\$ 925.77
JFS	200-0720-59001	Micro Machine Works	\$ 939.29
JFS	200-0720-53400	Superfleet Mastercard	\$ 1,169.50
JFS	200-0720-52000	Superfleet Mastercard	\$ 111.56
JFS	200-0720-53400	1 st Choice Home Care	\$ 9,997.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Ohio Valley Cab	\$ 2,977.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Nat. Church Residences	\$ 6,069.00
JFS	200-0720-53400	Community Action	\$ 10,035.06
JFS	200-0720-57400	Dominion East Ohio	\$ 489.15
JFS	200-0720-57400	Natalie Weckbacher	\$ 200.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	Workingman's Store	\$ 131.94
JFS	200-0720-59000	St. Luke's Lutheran	\$ 750.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	Commissioners	\$ 632.44
JFS	200-0720-59000	The Boys & Girls Club	\$ 470.00
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	Mancan	\$ 672.75
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Montgomery Co. Coroner	\$ 1,600.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	K-Mart	\$ 719.42
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Kroger	\$ 131.77
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Johnson Controls	\$ 1,923.75
Sheriff	100-0384-53600	Pioneer	\$ 2,644.70
Common Pleas	100-0209-53000	Christina Thomas	\$ 855.00
Common Pleas	100-0209-53000	Michael Buell	\$ 356.25
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Wash. Co. JFS	\$ 1,000.00
Commissioners	100-0101-57000	Wash. Co. JFS	\$ 1,121.76
Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 601.90
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Donna Coto	\$ 154.00
Treasurer	200-0131-53000	Tammy Bates	\$ 1,778.00
Commissioners	100-0109-52001	Tim Marty	\$ 110.66
Commissioners	100-0100-57401	Wash. Co. Bd. Of DD	\$ 200.00
Commissioners	100-0870-53000	SE Oh. Port Authority	\$ 20,250.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	AEP	\$ 712.71
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Waste Management	\$ 199.59
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Dominion East	\$ 180.07
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Lowell Water & Sewer	\$ 405.81
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Farmers Bank	\$ 400.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Penny Mac Loans	\$ 400.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Williamstown Bank	\$ 400.00
Veterans	100-0700-57401	Linda Kanitz	\$ 400.00
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	SuddenLink	\$ 151.94
Juvenile Center	100-0330-53000	Koorsen Fire & Security	\$ 324.13
Juvenile Center	200-0212-57400	Attorney Eric Fowler	\$ 1,518.00
Juvenile Center	200-0212-57400	Attny Thomas Webster	\$ 2,340.00
Juvenile Center	100-0330-54000	Carver's	\$ 131.95
Juvenile Center	215-0344-58217	Gail Rymer & Associates	\$ 1,350.00

Commissioners	100-0109-53100	AEP	\$ 514.73
Children Services	200-0740-53000	ENA, Inc.	\$ 4,035.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Family Wellness Sol.	\$ 8,715.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Hittle House	\$ 3,750.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Journey Home	\$ 2,625.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Marie's House of Hope	\$ 2,700.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	OASIS	\$ 3,315.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Eastway	\$ 7,050.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Safehouse	\$ 6,300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Safely Home	\$ 7,725.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Sojourners	\$ 3,510.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Transitions for Youth	\$ 7,275.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	NYAP	\$ 578.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Safely Home	\$ 17,077.08
Children Services	200-0740-53000	ENA, Inc.	\$ 8,070.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Eastway	\$ 14,100.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Hittle House	\$ 7,500.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Konnie Yoho	\$ 600.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Lisa Stewart	\$ 840.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Courtney Stengel	\$ 300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Karri Schilling	\$ 300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Michelle Richards	\$ 420.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Margaret Richards	\$ 380.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Sarah Pomroy	\$ 300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Deanna McKenzie	\$ 1,200.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Kelly Hughes	\$ 600.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Amy Handschumacher	\$ 600.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Melissa Hodge	\$ 450.00
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Sojourners	\$ 3,510.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Safehouse RSD	\$ 3,150.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Attaboy Group Project	\$ 1,340.00
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Crystal Spring Water	\$ 135.00
Children Services	200-0740-54000	Crystal Spring Water	\$ 165.25
Children Services	200-0741-54000	Marietta Office Supply	\$ 115.95
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Mikaela Schramm	\$ 910.00
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Jani-Source	\$ 2,035.50
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Jeff Seevers	\$ 555.00
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 147.96
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 498.50
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 4,143.43
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 158.62
Children Services	200-0740-53203	Commissioners	\$ 426.20
Children Services	200-0740-53500	Commissioners	\$ 249.70
Children Services	200-0740-57400	Commissioners	\$ 12,247.56
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 243.74
Children Services	200-0740-53100	Commissioners	\$ 628.82
Children Services	200-0740-54000	Commissioners	\$ 213.75
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Tonya Kidder	\$ 183.44
Children Services	200-0740-57000	AT & T	\$ 675.00
Children Services	200-0743-57400	Once Upon A Child	\$ 897.60
Children Services	200-0743-57400	Gabriel Brothers	\$ 3,434.31
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Attaboy Group Project	\$ 3,000.00
Children Services	200-0741-53000	George Jr. Rep. in PA	\$ 4,555.65
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Village Network	\$ 13,783.35
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Tracy Waite	\$ 600.00
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Sabrina Buchanan	\$ 563.62
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Laken Camino	\$ 303.36
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Brookanne Dixon	\$ 287.18
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Tamatha Downs	\$ 465.60
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Ryan Fieler	\$ 377.64
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Yvonne Garvey	\$ 130.56
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Amanda Herron	\$ 174.72
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Karlee Hill	\$ 369.23
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Allison Hutchings	\$ 223.68
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Tonya Kidder	\$ 922.56
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Will Marsee	\$ 189.12
Children Services	200-0743-52000	Jessica Sowers	\$ 230.97
Children Services	200-0743-52000	Joseph Gordon	\$ 219.64
Children Services	200-0741-52000	DeAnna McKenzie	\$ 502.36
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Lisa Stewart	\$ 120.08
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Keitha Schilling	\$ 170.24
Children Services	200-0741-53000	Miles Rush	\$ 661.86
Children Services	200-0743-51104	Jessica Sowers	\$ 668.30
Children Services	200-0743-51104	Yvonne Garvey	\$ 294.07
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Adria Handley	\$ 300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Angie Bohl	\$ 300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Elizabeth Gordon	\$ 160.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Leonard Drinkard	\$ 600.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Emily Cramer	\$ 300.00

Children Services	200-0740-53000	Dawn Boothby	\$	300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Deidra Cox	\$	600.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Leonard Drinkard	\$	125.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Keitha Schilling	\$	168.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Karri Schilling	\$	300.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Walmart	\$	105.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Verizon	\$	184.98
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Village Network	\$	67,989.19
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Transitions of Youth	\$	25,925.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Journey Home	\$	10,788.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	George Junior Republic	\$	53,149.25
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Family Wellness	\$	24,276.00
Transit	215-0854-57401	Community Action	\$	27,098.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Ritter 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 2019 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Auditor

Bill McFarland, Matthew Livengood: One-day trip to Logan to attend CAAO Southeast District meeting; January 11, 2019 (retroactive).

JFS

Lisa Goudy: One-day trip to Parkersburg, WV to attend JCF Resources Fair; April 25, 2019.

Building Department

Chris Wilson, Russ Metz, Rick Dostal, Jennifer Casey, Connie Hoblitzell: Four-day trip to Cincinnati to attend Annual OBOA Conference; March 2-5, 2019.

Commissioner Feathers asked Mr. Wilson if it is necessary to send all five department representatives to this conference. Mr. Wilson said it is not required for Connie Hoblitzell, but it is for all others.

Mr. Ritter moved to amend his motion, excluding Connie Hoblitzell from the Building Department request for travel.

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

A calling of the roll on the revised motion, excluding Ms. Hoblitzell from the Building Department request for travel, resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ron Feathers aye, Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: AGREEMENT WITH HUMANE SOCIETY

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Professional Service Agreement with the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, allowing for the payment of \$1,500.00 per month from the Dog & Kennel Fund to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, not to exceed \$18,000.00 per year, for periodic and regularly-scheduled medical services to be provided by licensed veterinarian(s), during the period January 17, 2019 through January 16, 2020, as required by the Agreement.

Commissioner Feathers said payment to the Humane Society should be approved each month, and paid only if requirements in the Agreement have been met. Mr. White said these payments are indeed contingent upon satisfactory completion of responsibilities outlined in the Agreement. He said this should improve the quality of care of the animals and the conditions of the shelter. Mr. White noted the Humane Society is not a County department, but is a separate entity. Mr. White and Mr. Ritter agreed with Mr. Feathers that payments should be justified and then made monthly, rather than annually.

President White said this Agreement requires regular and frequent visits to the shelter by veterinarian(s) to check on welfare and condition of animals.

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

RE: AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MARIETTA FOR DOG WARDEN SERVICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Contract with the City of Marietta for the Washington County Dog Warden to provide appropriate services to the City of

Marietta, for the payment of \$550.00 per month by the City of Marietta to the Washington County Dog & Kennel Fund, during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Contract.

President White noted this is the same amount of the current contract with the City of Marietta for Dog Warden services.

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

RE: SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to certify a Satisfaction of Mortgage by Karen and Augustine Brunoni, and to authorize the Washington County Recorder to discharge the mortgage deed and promissory note dated September 20, 1996.

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

RE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to table a Notice of Application for Liquor Permit transfer from Louella A. Smith to Eric T. Wagner for the Spinning Wheel in Newport Township.

Mr. Feathers said delaying action on this request will allow opportunity for comment(s) from the public.

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

RE: STATUS REPORT ON JAIL INMATE PROGRAMS

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of an end-of-the-year status report on the Washington County Jail Inmate Programs for the year 2018, including data for the following programs:

Pay for Jail	75
Inmate Worker Program – no credit	13
Inmate Worker Program – credit status	32
Inmates working off Municipal Court fines	35

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, CR-33 LANDSLIP PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Washington County Road 33 Landslip Repair Project, contractor Bob Lane's Welding, reducing the original contract amount of \$22,383.28 by \$509.46, for a new contract amount of \$21,873.82, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return from Unfinished Business consideration of an application for liquor permit from Station Lounge Grill.

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

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to not request a public hearing on the request for liquor permit from Station Lounge Grill, and to direct the Clerk to so notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

President White noted there have been no comments received by the Commissioners from the public on this request.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND VISITORS

President White welcomed and introduced Shawn Dalrymple as the recently-hired Wastewater Superintendent. Mr. White said this is an appropriate time to revamp the Sewer Department, as there are some major projects on the horizon.

Building Official Chris Wilson announced Guernsey County Power Station has communicated with his office in preparation for major construction.

County Engineer Roger Wright said the Warren Local Schools project is progressing, and he intends to consult with ADR & Associates to determine if existing lift stations can handle additional flow or if more equipment may be necessary.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve contracting with ADR & Associates to determine the adequacy of existing lift station(s) for new construction and renovation at Warren Local Schools.

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

Flite Freimann, Executive Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, commended Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources, for her support in the transition of Children Services staff health insurance from their current provider to the County's CEBCO policy. He noted this is being done in a very short period of time, and Ms. Thieman is working with the Auditor's Office to allow for payroll deductions to be structured so as to minimize financial burden on employees for the remainder of this year. President White said this is a big change, with new enrollments and payroll deductions, but it is being handled very well. He thanked both Ms. Thieman and Trena Brooker in the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Feathers thanked the department heads for attending the regular meeting of the Commissioners. He said he hopes they learned something about current County operations, and he believes sharing information among departments will be of great value.

RE: CAPITAL PROJECTS

Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, provided to the Commissioners a list of projects he believes to be of high priority, including:

- Replacement of courthouse fire alarm system, and adding to it an alarm system for the courthouse annex. He noted both the current annex system and the courthouse system are outdated, and they need to serve as one system. Mr. Marty said he has a quote from Johnson Controls for \$58,518.25. He said a new system would be more user-friendly, directing first responders to where the alarm was activated.
- Replacement of courthouse main exterior grand staircase balusters and bottom rail. He said the existing stone is severely deteriorated. He estimated cost of this project to be \$45,000.00.
- Clean and waterproof courthouse first and second floor exterior sandstone. Mr. Marty estimated this project to cost \$18,000.00.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to allow Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty to proceed with the fire alarm system and balusters/staircase using Capital Projects funds, and securing bids/quotes as required by Ohio law.

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

President White asked Mr. Marty to develop a five-year plan to use Capital Project funds, including these two.

RE: FLITE FREIMANN, JFS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – UPDATE ON MERGER AND OTHER INITIATIVES

Flite Freimann, Executive Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), informed the Commissioners he is working with Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging to provide low income housing options for seniors in Washington County. Also attending was Rick Hindman, Assistant Executive Director of Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

Mr. Freimann said a variety of services are available to seniors from JFS and Area Agency on Aging. He noted Buckeye Hills Support Services is pursuing low income housing in Washington County. He said one option, if accepted by the Ohio Housing Authority, is to create a limited partnership with private investor(s). He noted there may be tax credits available for creation of housing for seniors. Mr. Freimann said he estimates need for \$40,000 for preliminary work to pursue this effort. He said that would cover costs such as outreach, permits, marketing, application, and education. Mr. Freimann asked the Commissioners to consider entering into an intergovernmental agreement to advance the \$40,000, with payback assured from either loan proceeds or Buckeye Hills Regional Council and/or Job and Family Services funds.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to allow Mr. Freimann and Mr. Hindman to proceed with plans to create additional housing for low income seniors in Washington County, and to prepare an intergovernmental agreement for the Commissioners to consider.

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

Mr. Freimann updated the Commissioners on the ongoing merging of Children Services with Job and Family Services. He reported he recently met with union representatives at Job and Family

Services, who in turn met with staff at Children Services. He said the meetings went well, and he will present to the Commissioners a transition plan at an upcoming regular meeting of the Commissioners. Mr. Freimann said JFS will advance funds to allow for timely payment of premiums for CEBCO health insurance coverage for Children Services staff. He said representatives from Pickering Associates will prepare a study of space availability and needs for both Children Services and Job and Family Services facilities.

Mr. Freimann reported the \$507,000 in outstanding invoices owed by Children Services is more than he expected. With only about \$82,000 in cash available in Children Services funds, he asked for an advance of \$425,000 from the Commissioners. He noted carryover debt from 2018 was about \$237,500. Mr. Freimann said placement costs for the month of December 2018 were:

\$ 156,440	Residential treatment
<u>16,430</u>	Foster care
\$ 172,870	Total placement costs for December 2018

Mr. Freimann said much of the outstanding obligations are reimbursable, and he is working to determine how best to report them.

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57200	\$ 425,000.00

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

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following advance of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57200	200-0740-49200	\$ 425,000.00

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

Mr. Freimann said he believes 28 of the 75 children currently in placement are not eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement. At a cost of \$2,920 per day for these children, he said it is appropriate for him to thoroughly review each case to see if reimbursement is possible. Mr. White said it is important to note the Commissioners and Mr. Freimann do not intend to change or eliminate the care and treatment of children, but there may be great value in pursuit of reimbursement for placement expenses incurred. Mr. Freimann assured the Commissioners the Children Services staff will continue to do the professional jobs they are doing so well.

Mr. Freimann said Medicaid funding has been approved for the year. He noted food cards have been loaded, in light of the federal shutdown of various agencies, through the month of February. Mr. Freimann said Washington County agencies are working well together to ensure adequate support is available to area residents in need. Noting he cannot use TANF funds for this purpose, he said it may be necessary to revise the County's PRC Plan. Mr. Freimann said there are now locations in Belpre, Newport, and two in Marietta that are distributing food and necessities, and he is looking for a location in the Beverly-Waterford area as well.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

