

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 28, 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RONALD L. FEATHERS, VICE PRESIDENT, 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:

Flite Freimann, Director, Job and Family Services
Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent
Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Rich Hays, EMA Director
Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources
Mandy Amos, Board of Elections
Katrina Thompson, Building Department
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Alice Stewart, Children Services
Jamie Vuksic, Children Services
Kimberly Ensign, Children Services
Yvonne Garvey, Children Services
Celeste Prince, Children Services
Laken Camino, Children Services
Allison Hutchings, Children Services
Lisa Valentine, RSVP
Jo Ann Ingram
Dennis Urban
Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner
Laura Bays
Christine Berg
Ashton Wisenbarger
Carla Rasmussen
Jim Vuksic
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
D. Robinson
B. Tucker
Michael Tatar, WTAP News
Chad Adkins, *The Marietta Times*
Rick Peoples, Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., March 28, 2019

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Flite Freimann, JFS – Merger Update
9:45 Discussion of JFS/Children Services Relocation
10:00 Investment Committee
10:30 Bruce Zimmer and Kathryn Hartline, OSU Extension – 4-H Program Update
11:00 Mike Kindell, CEBCO – Review of Quarterly Health Insurance Program Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – *National Service Recognition Day*
Resolution – *National Public Health Week*
Additional Appropriation – Children Services
Additional Appropriation – Indigent Application (Auditor's Request)
Additional Appropriation – County General, Board of Elections
Additional Appropriation – County General, Jail
Additional Appropriation – Debt Service
Additional Appropriation – Foster Placement Levy
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health Levy
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation - MGVT
Transfer – Sheriff's Sales Tax
Then & Now's
Travel – RSVP (2)
Travel – Family & Children First Council
Travel – CSEA
Travel – JFS (2)

Travel – Children Services
Letter to Family Services Planning Committee
Notice of Award, Terri Lane Pump State Improvements Project
Letter to Warren Local Schools Superintendent, Sewer Connection Fee
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Engineer – Agreement for Engineering Services, Cornerville Bridge Project

DATES TO REMEMBER

Township Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Today**, at Engineer's Office
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, April 9
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, April 15
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, April 16, in Annex Conference Room A

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Bid Notice and Request for Qualifications for Engineer, Devola Sewer Project

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. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the March 21, 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, NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

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

WHEREAS, *service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and*

WHEREAS, *the nation's elected leaders are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and*

WHEREAS, *AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, educating students for 21st century jobs, fighting the opioid epidemic, responding to natural disasters, and supporting veterans and military families; and*

WHEREAS, *national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and*

WHEREAS, *AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and*

WHEREAS, *national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and*

WHEREAS, *national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and*

WHEREAS, *the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as **National Service Recognition Day**, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Health Commissioner Dick Wittberg and RSVP Coordinator Lisa Valentine introduced the Americorps and Vista workers in their departments. Dr. Wittberg said the County is very fortunate to have these individuals serving the County. He explained the *National Service Recognition Day* is intended to both recognize and thank those who voluntarily serve to better their communities.

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

RE: RESOLUTION, NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

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

WHEREAS, the week of April 1 through 7, 2019, is National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Health Department and other local health departments throughout Ohio are using the week to recognize 100 years of public health; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th anniversary of two legislative acts that shaped the future of public health in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Hughes Act and Griswold Act, both enacted in 1919, established the modern day organization of local health departments; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is reflecting on public health efforts from the past 100 years to honor "How the past made public health matter"; and

WHEREAS, public health has added 25 years to American life expectancy, reduced motor vehicle crash deaths by 90 percent, and helped reduce sudden infant death rate by 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, public health has eradicated smallpox, increased vaccinations against polio and other preventable diseases, reduced tobacco use, and improved maternal and infant healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio do hereby proclaim the week of April 1 through 7, 2019, as **National Public Health Week**, and call upon the people of Washington County to celebrate 100 years of public health and how the past made public health better.

Health Commissioner Dick Wittberg thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the week of April 1 as *National Public Health Week*. He said he is proud to recognize the number of organizations in this community that promote better living and health. He noted those organizations routinely implement and improve policies that encourage wellness initiatives.

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 requests for the following additional appropriations:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Children Services	200-0747-57000	\$ 19,410.00
Indigent Application	200-0213-57700	\$ 5,000.00
Co. Gen., Bd. of Elections	100-0160-53000	\$ 45,443.00
Co. Gen., Jail	100-0381-53700	\$ 606.70
Various Purpose Bond	700-0114-57500	\$ 700.00
	700-0114-57502	\$ 1,000.00
	700-0114-57504	\$ 2,500.00
Foster Placement Levy	200-0746-57502	\$ 5,000.00
	200-0746-57503	\$ 2,000.00
Behavioral Health Levy	200-0611-57503	\$ 200.00
Sewer	400-0113-57400	\$ 3,000.00
MVGT	200-0540-54100	\$ 7,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFER

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-57800	100-0384-54409	\$ 20,000.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Soil & Water	200-2040-54000	Staples	\$ 328.15
Sheriff	100-0381-53700	Miller Communications	\$ 1,225.00
Board of Dev. Dis.	200-0620-53400	Success Service	\$ 193.60
Job & Family Service	200-0720-54700	State Treasurer of Ohio	\$ 120.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Margaret LaPlante	\$ 858.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Margaret LaPlante	\$ 320.44
Commissioners	210-0855-53000	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 22,472.00
Commissioners	210-0855-53000	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 20,535.00
Commissioners	215-0855-57400	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 9,027.00
Commissioners	215-0855-57400	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 5,044.00
Commissioners	215-0855-57401	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 4,618.00
Commissioners	215-0855-57401	Wash-Morgan CAP	\$ 7,421.00

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:

RSVP

Sheila Roberts, Carolyn Miller (volunteer): One-day trip to New Lexington to prepare for Tai Chi training; March 29, 2019.

Lisa Valentine, Sheila Roberts: One-day trip to Gahanna to attend Senior Corps meeting; April 5, 2019.

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt, Regina Duff: One-day trip to Athens to attend Childhood Trauma Training; May 2, 2019.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle, Devin Courtney: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend 2019 Spring UX Information Session; April 9, 2019.

JFS

Jarrold Jenks: One-day trip to Columbus to attend quarterly I.T. Conference; March 29, 2019.

Jarrold Jenks: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend quarterly I.T. Conference; April 9, 2019.

Children Services

Allison Hutchings: One-day trips to Athens for required training hours; April 11 and 25, 2019.

Juliane Beckett: One-day trips to Athens for required training hours; April 9 and 30, 2019.

Laken Camino: One-day trips to Cambridge for required training hours; April 4 and 18, 2019.

Laken Camino: One-day trip to Athens for required training hours; April 30, 2019.

Amanda Herron: One-day trip to Williamstown, WV, for required agency visit; April 11, 2019.

Karlee Hill: One-day trip to Murray City for required agency visit; April 4, 2019.

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

RE: LETTER TO FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following letter:

March 28, 2019

Dear Family Services Planning Committee Member:

Ohio Revised Code Section 329.06 outlines the need for an annual review of the services provided by Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), as outlined in Chapters 5107 and 5108 of the Revised Code. These Chapters pertain to Ohio Works First and the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) plans administered by JFS. Additionally, the Revised Code requires a public hearing on the JFS Comprehensive Title XX Social Services Plan, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5101.46.

The review of these plans is to be conducted by members of the Family Services Planning Committee, as identified by us. You have been appointed as a member of this Committee.

As a representative of a local public services agency, your participation is essential to the Committee's success in reviewing these necessary programs, especially in light of anticipated budget restrictions in the next biennium budget.

The Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, 1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this review process.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: NOTICE OF AWARD, TERRI LANE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Notice of Award for the Terri Lane Pump Station Improvements Project, contractor Larry Lang Excavating, Inc., contract amount \$175,501.00, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Notice.

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

RE: LETTER TO WARREN LOCAL SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following letter:

March 28, 2019

Kyle Newton, Superintendent
Warren Local School District
220 Sweetapple Road
Vincent, Ohio 45784

Re: **Building Project – Sewer Connection Fee**

Dear Mr. Newton:

Warren Local has requested to connect the proposed elementary school to the County sanitary sewer, and the County has analyzed the existing sewer system and determined that with upgrades, the proposed school can connect.

Warren Local's consultant Fanning Howey provided the following data for the school project:

Warren High School

Design maximum student occupancy / capacity: 608 students

Design maximum faculty occupancy / capacity: 50 staff

Existing High School maximum student occupancy: 750 students and 60 staff.

The proposed high school is designed for less capacity than the existing.

Warren Elementary – New addition to the sewer system

Design maximum student occupancy: 752 students

Design maximum faculty occupancy: 50 staff

From this data the County has calculated the following additional flow in gallons per day (gpd), per the latest guidance from the Ohio EPA:

Warren High School

No additional flow change

Warren Elementary

752 Students x 15 gals/each = 11,280 gpd *

50 Staff x 20 gals/each = 1,000 gpd *

Total Flow = 12,280 gpd

* OEPA States - Waste strength should be estimated to be 20%-26% higher for facilities that include food service operations such as cafeterias - This recommendation will be waived by Washington County.

The established Washington County capacity fee, or tap fee, is \$4,000 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU):

1 ERU = \$4,000, with 1 ERU = 400 gpd

Calculation of the capacity fee would then be: Total Flow = 12,280 gpd / 400 gpd = 30.7 ERU's

Calculated Capacity Fee for Warren Elementary: 30.7 ERU's x \$4,000 = \$122,800

In addition, Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., the school's consultant, has provided sanitary sewer plans for the proposed building project. The County has completed review of these plans and has provided comments. The County will review final sewer plans once completed and with payment of the capacity fee the project will receive County approval to make the proposed connections to the sanitary sewer. Washington County will pursue upgrades to the existing sewer system and will not request additional financial contributions to this effort from Warren Local.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts:

Seth Miller	Aaron Hackney	Michael Lee
John Albrecht	Nathan Hogue	David Burt
Douglas Young	Kelly Ollom	Scott Fitch
Dawn Yost	Janis Robinson	W.E.E. Federal Credit Union

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Matthew Livengood, requesting him to place amounts on property tax bills:

Michael Balsimo	Angela Rhodes	Scott Tallman
Dave Burt	Kenneth Blanchard	Christopher Carver
Sherry Fulton	Sarah Carpenter	

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

RE: AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an Agreement with WSP USA for professional services for engineering of the Cornerville Bridge, for the amount of \$45,788.00, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

County Engineer Roger Wright said this Agreement is to provide a hydraulic study to ensure area residents are not flooded due to alignment when a new bridge is built and to determine beam size and other requirements for a new structure. He said local funds must be used for this Agreement, but federal funds will likely be available for the estimated \$1,200,000 project in 2020.

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

RE: NOTICE AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR DEVOLA SEWER PROJECT ENGINEER

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a notice and request for

qualifications for engineering services for the Devola sewer line construction project.

County Engineer Roger Wright said statements of qualifications must be submitted by April 18, 2019.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Building Superintendent Tim Marty said the back-up cooling system has been installed in the Courthouse Annex server room. He said the new Courthouse alarm system will be installed in late April.

Kim Hinkle, Director of Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency, said she has been working with Judge Tim Williams to complete and file a IV-D contract.

EMA Director Rich Hays informed the Commissioners that Governor DeWine has submitted a request to the federal government to declare an emergency in several Ohio counties, including Washington County, as a result of recent heavy rain damage.

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan reminded the Commissioners of the Township Trustees Association meeting at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Board of Health. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

RE: UPDATE ON MERGER

Flite Freimann, Executive Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), updated the Commissioners on the merging of JFS with Washington County Children Services Agency (Children Services).

Mr. Freimann said he is very pleased to report that at the end of this first quarter of the fiscal year, Children Services is well-functioning and fiscally sound. He said there are now 71 children in custody, which is a lower number than last year. He credited the leadership of Children Services for the improvements. Thanks to them, including Jamie Vuksic, Alice Stewart and Beth Palmer, Mr. Freimann said the Agency is in strong financial condition and on a good service –oriented path. He noted their efforts resulted in donations from other counties, reductions in expenses, and no need for an advance of appropriations at this time from the Commissioners. He said the Agency now has approximately \$288,000 cash on hand. He said the merging has allowed for more immediate decision-making.

Mr. Freimann said child safety is paramount, noting a child was recently placed in a residential treatment facility for that child's safety and well-being. He said the Agency will likely have higher expenses for adoptions this year.

Mr. Freimann said he continues to deal with staffing issues at Children Services, and he is now holding off on making any changes until the bargaining unit is fully implemented. He said Dawn Lucas will, however, move from JFS to Children Services to better handle the fiscal operations of the Agency.

Mr. Freimann reported he is addressing a complaint issued against JFS.

Mr. Freimann said an ADA expert recently visited the JFS and 202 Davis Avenue facilities, and will soon issue a final report on his inspection. He said although JFS is ADA-compliant, in order to be ADA-friendly some improvements will need to be made. He assured the Commissioners that if and when JFS vacates the facility on Gilman Avenue, it will be fully compliant with ADA regulations, and will also be user-friendly.

President White said the Commissioners will ensure ADA compliance of 202 Davis Avenue as well.

RE: SENIOR HOUSING INITIATIVE

Mr. Freimann said he is now working with private partners, including Life & Purpose, to improve the plan recently submitted, and subsequently rejected, to build housing units on County Home property for income-eligible seniors.

RE: RELOCATION OF CHILDREN SERVICES AND/OR JFS

Commissioner Feathers said he is encouraging the Commissioners to soon make a decision on relocation of departments so that more accurate costs can be obtained. He said once it is known whether JFS is moving to 204 Davis Avenue, or if Children Services is moving to Gilman Avenue, then the Commissioners can better determine which other departments may need to move. He said he originally thought it would be better for Children Services to move to Gilman Avenue, but now he believes it is preferred to move JFS to Davis Avenue. He credited the presentation of a phase-in plan from Mr. Freimann for helping him to determine who should move where. He said he believes 204 Davis Avenue will best serve the needs of the citizens, and will eventually become a one-stop shop for services and benefits. He said he also is inclined to favor moving the Board of Elections to 202 Davis Avenue, but not until the building is

renovated to suit the needs of the Board of Elections. He said it is also important to consider the timing of any proposed move of the Board of Elections.

President White thanked Mr. Freimann for preparing a plan to phase the project, and said it appears to be both viable and manageable. He said he agrees the plan to move JFS staff to 204 Davis Avenue makes the most sense for long-range planning. He noted the campus at 204 Davis Avenue will allow for future development, if needed, but the property on Gilman Avenue will not. He too noted the biggest hurdle is to relocate the Board of Elections. Mr. White cautioned that while the Commissioners appropriated much less to Children Services for this fiscal year than what they had requested, that reduction doesn't equate to additional funds being available. He said the Commissioners have yet to determine how much will be needed for these departmental moves, and from what sources the necessary funds will be derived.

Commissioner Ritter said he had talked with Cindy Davis, who expressed her desire for Washington County Family & Children First to remain at 202 Davis Avenue. He said she is willing and able, though, to move to another location if necessary.

Commissioner Feathers said he believes combining JFS and Children Services into one location will provide efficiencies and better service. He said costs of moving will be reclaimed over time. He said if the Board of Elections eventually moves to 202 Davis Avenue, they would gain about 3,500 square feet of space. Building & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty said 202 Davis is structurally sound and can easily be reconfigured to accommodate the Board of Elections. Mandy Amos from the Board of Elections said they would need adequate parking and an open area for staff, rather than smaller offices.

Bruce Kelbaugh, a member of the Washington County Board of Health, encouraged the Commissioners to consider moving the Board of Health to Gilman Avenue. Commissioner Feathers said a number of departments have inquired about the JFS facility which, he said, will not remain empty if and when JFS staff relocate.

RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Washington County Treasurer Tammy Bates conducted with the Commissioners a meeting of the Washington County Investment Committee. Attending were Ms. Bates, Commissioners White, Feathers and Ritter, the Clerk, and Nick Vaccari from Meeder Investment Management.

Ms. Bates reported good earnings on investments, having earned more than \$100,000 in the first quarter of the fiscal year. She noted the County now has approximately \$25,300,000 total investments, and expects to earn approximately \$520,000 in interest this fiscal year.

Mr. Vaccari reviewed with the Committee the current economic environment, and the outlook for the future. He said he is closely monitoring current conditions, and will likely transition to more long-term investments as funds become available in order to lock down higher rates of interest. He applauded Ms. Bates for her investment strategy, and for entering into a four-year depository agreement that includes a 2.25% fixed interest rate in local investments.

RE: 4-H PROGRAM UPDATE

Bruce Zimmer and Kathryn Hartline from the OSU Extension Office updated the Commissioners on the 4-H Program in Washington County. Also attending was Tyler Hartline, a senior at Marietta High School.

Mr. Hartline said he is serving as the president of the Washington County Junior Fair Board, and he is a long-time 4-H member. He noted not long ago there were only 11 members of the Junior Fair Board, but now there are 22. He said the 4-H program has helped him learn:

- Interview techniques
- Cooperation with others
- Coordination of projects
- Problem-solving
- Preparation for college

Commissioner Ritter noted Tyler Hartline is a fine representative of the local 4-H program, and represents himself very well. He thanked him for sharing his experience with the Junior Fair Board and 4-H.

Mr. Zimmer reminded the Commissioners of the Annual 4-H Endowment Dinner. He said Ohio 4-H Week was observed this month, and the recent Open House was well-attended. Mr. Zimmer recognized Lowell resident Charlotte Wagner for her 73 years of volunteering for 4-H, having started at the age of 16. He said she continues to volunteer for 4-H, and has been inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame for her dedication and service to 4-H. Mr. Zimmer also recognized Jeremiah's Coffee House for their support of the 4-H Program.

Ms. Hartline described for the Commissioners some of the 4-H Programs, including:

- Enrichment Programs
- ChickQuest Program
- Y.E.S. Days at Washington State Community College
- Activities at Warren High School and Marietta Middle School

Partnering with Tractor Supply and JoAnn's Fabrics

Mr. Zimmer said the Extension Office is currently conducting 4-H Officer Training. He said 4-H is an excellent introduction to careers in agriculture. He noted there are now 30 4-H clubs in Washington County, with over 700 youth enrolled.

RE: CEBCO QUARTERLY REPORT REVIEW

Mike Kindell from the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) provided to the Commissioners the 4th quarter 2018 summary of benefits used by members from Washington County. Also attending was Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Kindell said there are now 35 member counties in the Ohio health insurance and prescription drug plan.

Mr. Kindell noted:

- Paid claims, including medical and prescription, for 2018 were \$254,441.
- Bill premium for 2018 was \$341,696.
- Annual medical loss ratio for Washington County, 113.1%; for CEBCO, 96.7%.
- Annual prescription loss ratio for Washington County, 86.2%; for CEBCO, 102.6%.
- There were six high claimants during 2018, each exceeding \$100,000.
- Use of emergency room for potential avoidable diagnosis dropped by 13% but is still high.

Mr. Kindell reviewed with the Commissioners a variety of other statistics for Washington County. He reminded the Commissioners the Annual CEBCO Membership Meeting will be held on April 5 in Columbus, and the annual CEBCO Renewal deadline is September 6.

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 11:25 a.m.

- _____, President
- _____, Vice President
- _____, Member
- _____, Clerk