

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 18, 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, AND MR. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending were:

Flite Freimann, Director, Job and Family Services
Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent
Denise Hinton, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources
Katrina Thompson, Building Department
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director
David Browne, Behavioral Health Board
Shawn Dalrymple, Wasterwater Superintendent
Hilles Hughes, Behavioral Health Board
Rich Hays, EMA Director
Dr. Richard Wittberg, Health Commissioner
Chad Adkins, *The Marietta Times*
Rick Peoples, Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., April 18, 2019

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Hilles Hughes, Behavior Health - Update
10:00 Randy Barengo, Peoples Insurance Agency – Property Insurance Renewal
10:30 CHIP Application, Public Hearing # 2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Transfer – Sewer
Transfer – Sheriff's Sales Tax
Transfer – Sheriff's Commissary
Transfer – County General, Miscellaneous
Transfer – County General, Jail
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Request to Conduct *National Day of Prayer* Ceremony on Courthouse Steps
Continuation of Help Me Grow Home Visiting Agreement, Family & Children First
Contract for Mowing Services
Jail Contract (2)
Contract – Critical Infrastructure CDBG Grant, Highland Ridge
Mandated Share of Public Assistance Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020
Contract for Purchase of Natural Gas
Engineer – Contract with R.C. Construction for Ditch Repair on CR 3
Engineer – Contract with Popa Consulting LLC for Bridge Inspection Services

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Employee Wellness & Benefits Fair, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., **Monday**, April 22
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 14
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, May 21

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – REA Fund
Transfer – County General, Common Pleas Court
Memo of Understanding, Law Library

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 April 11, 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. Ritter 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: David White aye, Ron Feathers aye, Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
REA	200-0122-53202	\$ 500.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Ritter 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>
Sewer	400-0113-54000	400-0113-54400	\$ 1,700.00
Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-57800	100-0384-54404	\$ 9,000.00
Co. Gen., Misc.	100-0101-53000	100-0101-53301	\$ 100.00
Sheriff's Commissary	200-0383-54201	200-0383-53210	\$ 600.00
Co. Gen., Jail	100-0381-53020	100-0381-53000	\$ 800.00
Co. Gen., Common Pleas	100-0201-53002	100-0201-54400	\$ 1,000.00
	100-0202-54000	100-0201-54400	\$ 500.00

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
Wash. Co. Bd. of Dev. Dis. Commissioners	200-0620-53400	JFS	\$ 167.00
	100-0100-53203	Smartbill	\$ 9,000.00
Veterans	100-0700-57400	Kinetic Networking	\$ 150.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUEST

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

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Lebanon to attend training session; May 14, 2019.

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

RE: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON COURTHOUSE STEPS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse steps for the *National Day of Prayer* ceremony on May 2, 2019, requested by Pastor Rodney Lord.

President White noted this ceremony has been conducted on the Courthouse steps for many years.

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

RE: HELP ME GROW HOME VISITING PROVIDER

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a request from Cindy Davis, Washington County Family & Children First Council, to continue offering home visiting services for the Help Me Grow Program in Washington and Morgan Counties.

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

RE: MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARDS CONSORTIUM

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards (SCLLRB) and the Washington County Commissioners, on behalf of the Washington County Law Library, providing for SCLLRB to pay to the Washington County Law Library the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used in the purchase of a digital touch board and a Logitech Conference Camera, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Memorandum, as prepared and requested by Juanita Henniger, Washington County Law Library.

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

RE: CONTRACT FOR MOWING SERVICES

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table an Agreement between JTS Mowing and Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to provide mowing services for 204 Davis Avenue in Marietta, at the maximum per cut rate of \$185.00, pending review by the Prosecutor's Office.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACTS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve contracts with the City of Athens and Meigs County Commissioners to house prisoners from those entities in the Washington County Jail during the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, at the daily rate of \$68.00.

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

RE: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CDBG GRANT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Critical Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Highland Ridge Water Association, Grant Number B-X-18-1CY-1, with the Ohio Development Services Agency, in the amount of \$500,000.00, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the Grant.

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

RE: MANDATED SHARE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES, JFS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of notice from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services detailing the Washington County share of reimbursable TANF and Income Maintenance expenditures, in the amount of \$172,096 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, payable to Washington County Department of Job and Family Services in approximately equal monthly payments during that period.

The Clerk noted the Mandated Share for the current year is \$180,751.

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

RE: CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve entering into a contract with Constellation for the purchase of natural gas at the fixed rate of \$3.29/mcf during the period August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022.

President White said Buckeye Energy Brokers has been working on a proposal for Washington County since the beginning of the year. He said the fixed rate for three years is low at this time, but is likely to increase over the next two months. He said for comparison purposes the

following current rates were provided by Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers:

Variable

12 months: NYMEX + \$0.328/mcf
24 months: NYMEX + \$0.313/mcf
36 months: NYMEX + \$0.294/mcf

Fixed

12 months: \$3.39/mcf
24 months: \$3.34/mcf
36 months: \$3.29/mcf

Mr. White said the recommendation from Mr. Bellish is to enter into a 36-month contract for the fixed rate of \$3.29/mcf.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH R.C. CONSTRUCTION FOR DITCH REPAIR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with R.C. Construction for ditch repair on County Road 3, Two Mile Run Road, for the amount of \$16,000.00, as prepared and 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: CONTRACT WITH POPA CONSULTING, LLC FOR BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Popa Consulting, LLC for the bridge inspection services of ten fracture critical bridges and ten structures for QA/QC inspection, and for load ratings for fifteen bridges, for the amount of \$28,000.00, as prepared and 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: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

EMA Director Rich Hays informed the Commissioners the federal government has approved the State of Ohio declaration of emergency for recent flooding, and has scheduled a meeting at this location on Friday, April 19, to discuss the plan and procedures for those impacted.

Mr. Hays said the State Fire Marshall will soon conduct an official presentation of a grant to area volunteer fire departments for the purchase of MARCS radios.

Flite Freimann, Executive Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, reported there are currently 75 children in custody, with pending adoptions for several. He said Children Services now has a cash balance of \$483,145, and there is a significant balance in levy funds which can only be used to offset placement costs. Mr. Freimann said he is pleased to report every penny of Children Services expenses in March was matched with federal funds, a direct result of the merging of two agencies.

Mr. Freimann recommended a change in the previously-considered phase-in plan for moving Job and Family Services staff to 204 Davis Avenue. He said the Commissioners' staff can stay at 204 Davis Avenue while the Adult Protective Services staff moves into the building in the next few weeks. Mr. Freimann said there will then be some temporary shuffling of offices in JFS to allow for vacated offices to be prepared for others.

Wastewater Superintendent Shawn Dalrymple informed the Commissioners the recent addition to his department is working out very well.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty said design of the new fire alarm system for the Courthouse and Annex is nearly complete. He said the system will then be reviewed by the State Fire Marshall, and installation should be conducted in mid-May. Mr. Marty said Chase Bank is installing a fiber optical panel on the building recently acquired by the County to allow for the ATM machine to once again be operable.

Mr. Marty said he recently toured and inspected the Gilman Avenue facility, and found it to be in good shape, requiring only minor interior work before other departments move into it. President White said the Commissioners will soon need to meet with representatives of those departments moving into the Gilman Avenue building to determine what their specific needs will be. Dr. Wittberg said he and his staff will be spending significant time in the building very soon to ensure space adequacy and sufficiency.

RE: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD UPDATE

Hilles Hughes, Deputy Director of Washington County Behavioral Health Board, updated the Commissioners on a variety of initiatives, including:

An upcoming strategic planning session with staff from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Boards to identify priorities for the next three years.

Training of Quick Response Team members on the appropriate use of NARCAN and other treatments for individuals experiencing drug overdoses. Ms. Hughes noted the Team recently visited the Logan County Team, gaining much valuable insight into how they effectively operate. She said representatives from Children Services, the Health Department, and the Peer Recovery Support group will soon be joining the Washington County Team.

Training of an additional 22 Crisis Intervention Team members, adding to the 64 already trained. Ms. Hughes noted this is the fifth year of the program in Washington County.

The Washington County Community Crisis Response Team, consisting of 30 trained members, will be fully operational this summer.

Behavioral Health is collaborating with the Public Library on a Mental Health Awareness Campaign.

The Eleventh Hour is a new weekly radio show on WMOA focusing on behavioral health issues, programs and resources.

Nationwide Children's Hospital is working with Behavioral Health to establish a plan to develop better behavioral and physical health services in Washington County, hopefully to result in fewer children needing the services from Children's Hospital.

The Health Department is working with Behavioral Health to review Coroner's reports on overdoses and suicides during the past five years.

The work of the Opioid Hub continues, now focusing on a Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. Ms. Hughes said a new one-stop Resource Center should be open on Front Street in Marietta this summer.

Executive Director David Browne said he is very proud of the accomplishments of Ms. Hughes during the short time she has been with Behavioral Health. He noted their agency's funding has been reduced over the past few years, but the levy is providing funds needed to provide effective programs for County residents.

Health Commissioner Richard Wittberg said the four Americorps participants are working out very well for the Health Department and Behavioral Health. He said he hopes to increase the number to twelve next year. Mr. Wittberg said Behavioral Health and the Health Department are now conducting programs and providing services that are very effective, and local initiatives are being recognized not only in this region but also throughout the country.

RE: RENEWAL OF CORSA INSURANCE

Randy Barengo, Peoples Insurance Agency, presented to the Commissioners a proposal to renew the County's CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority) policy for the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Also attending was Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control.

Mr. Barengo said 67 of 88 Ohio counties now participate in the CORSA program, which has existed for 30 years. He said the CORSA program has been very effective in keeping costs of insurance low for the County.

Mr. Barengo said the renewal premium is \$260,149, nearly identical to this year. He noted the total original premium of \$296,086 for the County is reduced by:

\$ 24,744 CORSA dividend
\$ 10,946 Loss control achievements
\$ 1,247 Property reinsurance dividend

Mr. Barengo congratulated Ms. Thieman for achieving the premium reduction of \$10,946 by actively participating in and promoting the programs offered by CORSA.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve renewal with CORSA for liability insurance during the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, for the annual premium of \$260,149.

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

Mr. Barengo said the Commissioners must be a member of CORSA in order to participate in the insurance program. He said the Commissioners need to adopt a resolution every three years in order to remain a member of CORSA. Mr. Barengo noted it is now time for the Commissioners to adopt a resolution to continue as a member of CORSA.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a resolution to remain a member of the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for the three-year period beginning May 1, 2019.

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

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to consider pending litigation.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ron Feathers aye, Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. President White invited Assistant Prosecutors Alison Cauthorn and Nicole Coil to attend.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 10:45 a.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING, CHIP APPLICATION

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners conducted Public Hearing #2 for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). Attending were the Commissioners, the Clerk, Dawn Rauch from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and Alvin Phillips from Mid-Ohio Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Rauch said funds for the local CHIP program will be used for:

- Privately-owned house rehabilitation
- Home repair (up to 11 units)
- Habitat for Humanity (1 unit)

Ms. Rauch said the application is for \$620,000, to be shared with the City of Belpre over a two-year period.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing President White to submit an application to the Ohio Development Services Agency for a grant to conduct a Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program in Washington County, to enter into agreement with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program to administer the program, and to enter into a partnership agreement with the City of Belpre.

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 an Environmental Review Document and Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing and Planning for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program of Washington County, and to allow Mr. White to sign the document.

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 a Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Partner Agreement between Washington County Commissioners and the City of Belpre, for the period September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

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

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 4:00 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

