

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 6, 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. FEATHERS OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending were:

Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent
Shawn Dalrymple, Wastewater Superintendent
Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources
Chris Wilson, Building Official
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director
Rich Hays, EMA Director
Flite Freimann, Job and Family Services
Jamie Vuksic, Children Services
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Tom Sharretts
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Michael Tatar, WTAP News
Rick Peoples, Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., June 6, 2019**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Public Hearing #2, 2019 CDBG Allocation
10:00 Public Hearing # 2, Transit Route Changes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – Fair Housing
Resolution – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Program
Resolution – Revision to Loan Repayment Schedule
Resolution – Support of Changes to Reimbursement of Indigent Defense Costs
Additional Appropriation – County General, Building Department
Transfer – County General, Commissioners
Transfer – Children Services
Then & Now's
Travel – Children Services (2)
Travel – Job and Family Services (2)
Travel – Building Department
Youth Employment Contract, Job and Family Services
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Engineer – Agreement with Bob Lane's Welding for Landslip Repair on CR 25

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 11
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, in Annex Conference Room A
Regular Weekly Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 3
Courthouse Closed, Thursday, July 4, *Independence Day*

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – County General, Security & Transport
Transfer – County General, Treasurer

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 June 6, 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 – REVISION TO LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

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

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015 the Board of Commissioners of Washington County adopted a Resolution to issue revenue bond anticipation note, not to exceed \$365,000 plus interest at the rate of 1.98% per annum, to pay a sewer project debt; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2015 Note matured July 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2015 Note was sold to the Washington County Capital Projects Fund, with the proceeds from such sale applied to the payment of the sewer project debt; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018 the Board of Washington County Commissioners set the schedule for repayment of the Note from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to be as follows:

\$ 100,000.00 Not later than December 31, 2018
\$ 140,000.00 Not later than December 31, 2019
\$ 150,000.00 Not later than December 31, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the repayment schedule is revised to:

\$ 100,000.00 Not later than December 31, 2018
\$ 140,000.00 Not later than December 31, 2019
\$ 149,467.04 Not later than June 30, 2020

The Clerk explained this action is requested by the State Auditor's representatives, adjusting the amount of the final payment and requiring the payment due date in 2020 to June 30. He noted this type of loan requires repayment within five years of the initial issuance, which was July 16, 2015.

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

RE: RESOLUTION – SUPPORT OF CHANGES TO INDIGENT DEFENSE COSTS REIMBURSEMENT

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

WHEREAS, Ohio counties have experienced a collective \$351 million annual revenue loss due to reductions in the Local Government Fund, Medicaid Managed Care sales tax elimination, and tangible personal property tax; and

WHEREAS, Ohio counties are anticipating a \$50 million collective sales tax revenue loss by State Fiscal Year 2021 due to the implementation of the prescription eyewear sales tax exemption and the expiration of Ohio's grandfather clause to the federal Internet Tax Freedom Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, county budgets have been strained for decades by the state passing down to counties its constitutionally-mandated requirement under the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainright* (1963) that the state provide legal counsel to indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, the state reimbursement rate to counties for indigent defense costs has only averaged 35 percent from SFY 07 to SFY 16, leaving counties to collectively spend tens of millions in county general revenue funds to fulfill this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine provided counties an additional \$60 million each fiscal year of his introduced state budget to provide counties with much needed budgetary relief of this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives provided an additional \$35 million in SFY 21 to the state budget bill to reimburse counties for indigent defense costs and alleviate counties of this growing state mandate;

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

This Board applauds and sincerely thanks Governor DeWine for listening to county budgetary concerns and addressing indigent defense costs with his historic and impactful investment included in his introduced budget; and

This Board deeply appreciates and sincerely thanks the Ohio House of Representatives for further increasing the indigent defense appropriation by \$35 million in SFY21 which should fully reimburse counties for their indigent defense costs, assuming current conditions; and

This Board calls upon the Ohio Senate to maintain the House of Representatives' appropriation for indigent defense reimbursement in the state budget bill to ensure that this state mandate remains funded; and

This Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

President White said the intent of this Resolution is to express support for proposed changes to the level of reimbursement by the State of Ohio for indigent defense costs of Washington County. Commissioner Feathers noted the County's annual contract for indigent defense costs has been as high as nearly \$500,000, but because of proposed changes in the State budget those costs will likely reduce to about \$200,000 for the year beginning July 1, 2019.

The Clerk said copies of this Resolution will be forwarded to Governor DeWine, Senator Hoagland, Representatives Jones and Edwards, and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

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>
Co. Gen., Building Dept.	100-0170-55200	\$ 1,636.71
Co. Gen., S&T	100-0385-54400	\$ 1,121.28

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., Commissioners	100-0102-57401	100-0100-54000	\$ 3,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-53500	200-0740-53000	\$ 20,000.00
Co. Gen., Treasurer	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 2,088.82

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

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Children Services	200-0741-57000	Evelyn Starkey	\$ 284.55
Sewer	400-0113-53000	ADR	\$ 2,535.00
Maintenance	100-0109-54000	Grainger	\$ 107.64
Coroner	100-0361-53000	Mont. Co. Coroner	\$ 1,600.00
Children Services	200-0741-57000	Evelyn Starkey	\$ 284.55
Auditor	200-0122-53400	Brian W. Barnes	\$ 1,425.00
Commissioners	100-0100-57501	MACC	\$ 205.00

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. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter 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:

Children Services

Karlee Hill: One-day trips as follows for required monthly visits:

06/13/19	Lancaster
06/19/19	Columbus
06/24/19	Columbus and Amanda

Allison Hutchings: One-day trips as follows for required monthly visits:

06/10/19	Parkersburg, WV
06/12/19	Parkersburg, WV
06/13/19	Parkersburg, WV

Allison Hutchings: One-day trips as follows for training:

06/11/19	Athens
06/14/19	Athens

Juliane Beckett: One-day trips as follows for required monthly visits:

06/14/19	Pomerooy
06/18/19	Columbus
06/21/19	Pomery and Columbus
06/27/19	Columbus
06/28/19	Pomery

Juliane Beckett: One-day trips as follows for training:

06/06/19	Athens
06/26/19	Athens

Laken Camino: Three-day trip as follows for training:

06/26-28/19	Cambridge
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JFS

Alisha Lass, Mary Lou Griffin: One-day trip to Cambridge for Long Term Care quarterly meeting; June 20, 2019.

Julia Brown: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Core Training Dynamics of Older Maltreatment; June 25, 2019.

Building Department

Chris Wilson, Russel Metz, Rick Dostal: One-day trip to Columbus for mandatory residential code updates; June 4, 2019 (retroactive).

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

RE: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, JFS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Youth Employment Contract for Cali Leasure, for the period June 3, 2019 (retroactive) through September 6, 2019, not to exceed 40 hours per week, at the hourly rate of \$10.00, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Contract, as prepared and requested by Flite Freimann, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

Savannah Wagner	Kareen Wright	Michell Wiltse
Jason Barnum	Lisa Willey	Heather Mannix/Bretthauer
Luis Salas	John Edwards	Kathy McKitrick

Kathleen Scullin
Robert Strong
Mildred Dowson

Helen Oates
Michael Webb
Helen Jones

Allyson Call
Robert Strahler
Dorothy Barnett

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 certifying the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Matthew Livengood, requesting him to place delinquent amounts on property tax bills:

Tina McClung
Diana Funk
Christopher Marshall
Kelly Offenberger
James Snider

Andra Bolen
Cynthia Sowards
Dave Burt
Greg Hutchison
Kendrick Hendrix

Jeremy Brandjes
Jason Ferris
Rose Church
Daniel Brown

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH BOB LANE'S WELDING FOR LANDSLIP REPAIR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., for repair of a landslip on County Road 25, for a cost of \$22,517.13, 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: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

EMA Director Rich Hays said he recently received a donation of \$1,000 from EnLink Midstream to offset costs of training by the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee. He noted this contribution was on behalf of EnLink's Community Investment Program.

Building Official Chris Wilson reported on the mandatory residential codes update meeting he and his staff recently attended. He noted changes being made may have impact on the City of Marietta if they adopt a residential code. Mr. Wilson said the changes in the State's residential code will be effective July 1, 2019.

Mr. Wilson said he is currently in discussion with all municipalities (5) in Coshocton County, and with the Coshocton County Commissioners as well, to negotiate a contract for the Southeast Ohio Building Department to provide services to those entities.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty said he will attend a pre-construction meeting today for the Public Defenders' Office project, and he attended a pre-bid meeting for the Law Library renovation project yesterday.

Flite Freimann, Executive Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, said the Washington County Board of Behavioral Health is ready and waiting to move offices to 1115 Gilman Avenue. He said he expects that move to be made within two weeks.

RE: COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ritter said it is time to be considering the timing for moving the Commissioners' staff and offices to 1115 Gilman Avenue. He suggested a goal of July 15 to make the move. President White said necessary computer and telephone lines will need to be in place prior to the move, and the Maintenance Department must be available to facilitate the move. Mr. Freimann said the County Engineer may want to relocate some of the County's building blueprints to his office from the Commissioners' Office.

RE: SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, 2019 CDBG ALLOCATIONS

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners conducted a Second Public Hearing for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations. Attending were the Commissioners, Michelle Hyer from Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Clerk Rick Peoples, Michele Newbanks from *The Marietta Times*, and Michael Tatar from WTAP News.

Ms. Hyer said requests for CDBG project funding were received and considered at the First Public Hearing. She said the Commissioners determined the following allocations will be made:

\$ 41,200 Administration and Fair Housing
\$ 13,300 Grandview VFD, for purchase of equipment
\$ 130,000 Salem VFD, for purchase of new squad
\$ 21,500 Marietta Township, for playground upgrade

Ms. Hyer said a total of \$206,000 is expected to be available to Washington County over a two-

year period. She said application must be submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency by June 14, 2019.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt the following Resolution, and to direct Ms. Hyer to proceed with application for 2019 CDBG funds in the amount of \$206,000 on behalf of the Washington County Commisisoners:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency has designated funds for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) and Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Program to Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County advertised and held the public hearing required by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the following projects have been selected and prioritized, and will be submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency for potential approval based on FY 19 allocation:

Administration/Fair Housing	\$ 41,200
Grandview VFD – Fire Protection Fac. & Equipment	\$ 13,300
Salem VFD – Fire Protection Fac. & Equipment	\$130,000
Marietta Township – Parks and Recreation	\$ 21,500

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 Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant program in Washington County, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Plan 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 an Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for general administration, fair housing, and planning activities in relation to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant program in Washington County, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Form.

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 adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in Washington County discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, familial status, military status, sex, national origin, handicap or disability is prohibited by the title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Ohio Civil Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Washington County Fair Housing Office through Buckeye Hills Regional Council to implement a program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, military status, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the Washington County Fair Housing Office through Buckeye Hills Regional Council will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, ancestry, military status, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children) to seek equality under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio does hereby join in the national celebration of proclaiming April 2020 as “**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**” and encourages all agencies, institution, and individual, public and private in Washington County to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing law.

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

RE: SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners conducted a Second Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Washington County Rural Transit Program, including specific route changes. Attending were the Commissioners, Dawn Rauch and Kenneth Vigneron from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, the Clerk, Tom Sharretts, Michele Newbanks from *The Marietta Times*, and Michael Tatar from WTAP News.

Ms. Rauch said the Commissioners heard of the proposed route changes at the First Public Hearing. She said these changes are needed due, in part, to traffic flow changes implemented within the City of Marietta that make it difficult for the buses to meet their scheduled pick-ups and deliveries. She said Mr. Vigneron has spent much time and effort in developing adjustments to existing routes. Mr. Vigneron pointed out the major changes:

- Moving the Marietta Mills stop from A Route to C Route
- Eliminating one K-Mart stop from C Route
- Adding a Route A stop at new JFS location
- Adjusting the WSCC A Route to seasonally accommodate a stop at Aquatic Center

Ms. Rauch noted para-transit service is unchanged, with the option of call-ahead next-day service.

Tom Sherrett said he loves the bus service, and applauded the drivers for their courteous and professional service. He said he appreciates leaving the Reno route intact. Mr. Sherrett said his only concerns are:

It is sometimes difficult to flag down a bus between scheduled stops.
It is difficult to distinguish CABL buses from other buses.
It is difficult to read the route signs on the buses.
Music on the buses is at times too loud.

Ms. Rauch said the bus route signs will be color-coded to better distinguish them with their routes. She noted the buses are well-marked on the sides, but review of the markings will be done to ensure they are as effective as possible. She said anyone can flag down a CABL bus between stops, but for safety concerns it must be at a corner. Ms. Rauch said she will share Mr. Sherrett's concern about loud music with the bus drivers.

Ms. Rauch said she will prepare a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation for these proposed route changes.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Community Action Bus Line (CABL) proposed route changes to more effectively and efficiently serve riders in Washington County.

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 10:12 a.m.

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_____, Clerk