

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 8, 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT. RONALD L. FEATHERS, VICE PRESIDENT. KEVIN J. RITTER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE 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:

Kimberly Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kathy Thieman, Director of Human Resources
Donnie Rader, I.T. Department
Emma Rader, I.T. Department
Flite Freimann, Job and Family Services
Chris Wilson, Building Department
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
Asa Boring, Belpre Township Trustee
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Glen Pawloski
Betty Tucker
Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action
Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Clerk/Fiscal Manager

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., August 8, 2019

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Bruce Kelbaugh – Health Board
10:00 Public Hearing – Transit, Dawn Rauch
10:30 Flite Freimann – JFS
11:00 Michelle Hyer – Highland Ridge Contract

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment to Washington County Behavioral Health Board
Late Fees & Finance Charges – Health Department
Liquor Permit – Miller AM PM to Par Mar Oil

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel Fund
Additional Appropriation – WCBHB
Transfer – Maintenance Department
Transfer – Jail
Transfer – Job & Family Service
Then & Now
Travel – County Home
Travel – Children Service
Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners at County Jail
Appointment to Workforce Development Board – Nathan Lord

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 am, **Tuesday** August 13, at County Home
Monthly WCBHB Meeting, 7 pm, **Thursday** August 22, at Commissioners Public
-Meeting Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Letter to City of Belpre

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 August 1, 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: THEN & NOW

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County General	100-0870-53004	Buckeye Hills	\$ 4,126.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	ADR	\$ 408.00
Sheriff	100-0381-53700	Morrison, Inc.	\$ 3,173.00
Auditor	200-0122-54000	JD Power	\$ 250.00
Auditor	200-0106-57400	Treasurer of Macksburg	\$ 1,435.36

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>
Dog & Kennel Fund	200-0363-57400	\$ 2,000.00
Behavioral Health Levy	200-0611-53001	\$ 219,764.00

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>
Maintenance	100-0109-51104	100-0109-53000	\$ 8,000.00
Jail	100-0381-53010	100-0381-53020	\$ 1,000.00
Job & Family Service	200-0720-51006	200-0720-51104	\$ 15,270.00

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:

County Home

Susie Arbaugh: Resident doctor appointments – Parkersburg, WV on August 23 and August 30, 2019

Children Services

Juliane Beckett: Required monthly visits – Franklin Furnace on August 19, Quaker City on August 20, 2019

Amanda Herron: Required monthly visits – Perry County on August 8, Clarington on August 9, 2019

Karlee Hill: Required monthly visits – Amanda on August 12, Lancaster on August 19, 2019

Ethan Bunnell: Training – Athens on August 9 & 22, 2019

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

RE: MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS AT COUNTY JAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a Monthly Report on the Care of Prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of July 2019, revealing a total prisoner count of 357.

RE: APPOINTMENT TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to appoint Nathan Lord to the Workforce Development Board for a term effective immediately through June 30, 2021. The commissioners were notified of two available positions for the board and wanted to appoint someone with a background in business and industry. They believe Nathan Lord is a suitable candidate for the appointment.

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

RE: LETTER TO CITY OF BELPRE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a letter to the City of Belpre. The letter is an inquiry into unusual billing received from the city for sewer treatment.

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

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, asked that, given the township association has to come up with the funds for the Board of Health, how much wasteful, ineffective government does the county want in regards to the health department? He stated he is against regionalization of the Board of Health and wishes for it to retain its autonomy in this county.

RE: BRUCE KELBAUGH, HEALTH BOARD PRESIDENT

The President of the Board of Health, Bruce Kelbaugh, met with the commissioners to answer questions and address concerns. Commissioner Ritter asked how long he has been President, if the health department provides quality service, and what are the Board's plans for the future?

Mr. Kelbaugh said he has been on the Board for two years and was voted in as President in April. In his opinion, the services provided by the health department are questionable. He has asked the leadership for a three year plan. He stated the job of the Board is policy, not administration. Commissioner Ritter asked if the Board has to have a medical doctor on it. Mr. Kelbaugh answered that it does.

Commissioner Feathers said he has three questions for Mr. Kelbaugh. What is the Board's vision moving forward? Who is in charge right now? And finally, who is paying the bills?

Mr. Kelbaugh said he likes the Athens County Board model of a full-time Health Administrator with a part-time doctor. He said they have posted a job advertisement for a new health administrator. He said Court Witschey is in charge and Dr. Wittberg is still Health Commissioner. Mr. Kelbaugh said, as far as who is paying the bills, nothing has changed.

Commissioner White asked him to explain the mandatory time-off that was recently taken by health department staff. Mr. Kelbaugh explained that it is department policy that employees lose any vacation time that is not taken. The employees were told to take their available vacation time. Commissioner White asked if the department follows county policy or if they have their own policy. Mr. Kelbaugh said they try to align policy with the county. He said the bylaws of the Health Board are not current and need updated.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSIT – DAWN RAUCH

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, presented the Board of Commissioners with grant applications for transit in Washington County through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration. She said they are proposing to operate the local transit until 7 pm on weekdays, instead of the current 5 pm. They are also requesting to replace two older vehicles with new vans that do not require CDLs to operate.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve filing the applications for grants with the Ohio Department of Transportation by Washington County, Ohio.

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

Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: FLITE FREIMANN, JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Flite Freimann, JFS, reported to the Board of Commissioners on his meeting with Amber Kohler, US Census Bureau, concerning the upcoming 2020 Census. Mr. Freimann said Ms. Kohler is thrilled with the county's progress thus far and the next step is to form a committee with the purpose of encouraging a complete census count. Census forms will be sent out on March 12, 2020 and the count will occur April 1, 2020.

Mr. Freimann informed the commissioners he received a ratified union agreement contract for Children Services and sent it to the prosecutor for review. He will present the contract to the Board of Commissioners after the review.

Mr. Freimann said the first phase of moving JFS from Gilman Avenue to Davis Avenue is complete and went smoothly. The second phase will be moving Public Assistance to Davis Avenue and will require architecture and a bid on renovations, estimated to cost three hundred to four hundred thousand dollars. He recommends a twenty year bond, using the county's bonding ability and requests the commissioners be the final arbiter in the matter as it sets a good precedent.

RE: MICHELLE HYER – HIGHLAND RIDGE WATER TANK CONTRACT

Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, presented the Board of Commissioners with a bid award, notice to proceed, and contract for the Highland Ridge Water Association – Water Tank Addition project. Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the contract and notice to proceed for Mid Atlantic Storage Systems to do the project.

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 10:49 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk