

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 19, 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:

Donnie Rader, I.T. Department
Kathy Thieman, Human Resources
Flite Freimann, Job and Family Services
Dawn Lucas, Job and Family Services
Christopher Wilson, SEOBD
Shawn Dalrymple, Wastewater Superintendent
David Browne, Behavioral Health Board
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Jeannie Farnsworth, Health Department
Rae Ward, Probate Juvenile Court
Kimberly Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
James Booth
Mike Montgomery, Humane Society
Karissa Reynolds, Humane Society
Bri Deem, Humane Society
Bruce Kelbaugh, Health Board
Curt Welch, DAC President
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Clerk/Fiscal Manager

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, September 19, 2019**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Flite Freimann – ODOT Mobility Manager Grant
10:00 Mike Montgomery – Humane Society Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – JFS Transfer between Monroe and Washington County
Resolution – JFS Transfer between Noble and Washington County
Additional Appropriation – Maintenance
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Additional Appropriation – Jail
Additional Appropriation – CDBG Grant
Transfer – Building Department
Travel – Job & Family Services (2)
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency (3)
Travel – Recorder
CEBCO Rate Renewal for 2020
Engineer – Striping Bid Specifications

DATES TO REMEMBER

WCBHB Meeting, 7 pm, Thursday September 26, in Commissioner Meeting Room
County Home Meeting, 8:30 am, Tuesday October 8, at County Home
Finance Committee, 10 am, Tuesday October 15, in Conference Room A

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Transfer – CEBCO
 CHIP – CDBG Grant Agreement
 CHIP – Home Program Grant Agreement

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 September 12, 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 – JFS TRANSFER FROM MONROE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to accept a transfer of up to \$30,000 in TANF funds from Monroe County 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: RESOLUTION – JFS TRANSFER FROM NOBLE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to accept a transfer of up to \$90,000 in TANF funds from Noble County 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: 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>
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	\$ 12,000.00
Sewer Fund	400-0113-53101	\$ 300.00
Capital Outlay Fund	300-0550-55000	\$ 2,501.82
Jail	100-0381-54200	\$ 50,000.00
CDBG Grant Fund	210-0806-53000	\$ 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: TRANSFERS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CEBCO Coordinator	200-2050-53000	200-2050-51001	\$ 675.00
	200-2050-53000	200-2050-51101	\$ 10.00
	200-2050-53000	200-2050-51102	\$ 95.00
	200-2050-53000	200-2050-51120	\$ 10.00

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

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table a transfer request from the Building Department. The commissioners want to know how much has been spent from the discretionary merit account in the Building Department before approving the transfer.

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:

Job & Family Services

Michelle Brown, Julie Glover, Peggy McElfresh, Laura Adams: CCMEP Regional Roundtable in Athens on October 10, 2019

Flite Freimann, Judy Rutherford, Chris Buchanan, Dawn Lucas: ECODA Fall Retreat in Wayne County, October 1, 2019

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Kimberly Hinkle, Devin Courtney: Fall UX Information Sessions on October 3, 2019 in Cambridge

Kimberly Hinkle, Barb Danford, Denise Hinton: OCDA Fall Conference in Columbus, October 21-22, 2019

Kimberly Hinkle, Denise Hinton: SERB Seminar in Columbus on December 2, 2019

Recorder

Tracey Wright, Tabitha Brookover, Stephanie Wittekind: Software Training in Columbus on September 18, 2019

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

RE: CHIP – CDBG PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the CDBG Program grant agreement between Ohio Development Services Agency and Washington County Commissioners for the period September 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The grant is for \$217,700.00 for the Community Development Block Grant.

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

RE: CHIP – HOME PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the HOME Investments Partnership Program grant agreement between Ohio Development Services Agency and Washington County Commissioners for the period September 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The grant is for \$402,300.00 for eligible projects.

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

RE: CEBCO RENEWAL RATES FOR 2020

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the CEBCO medical insurance premium rates beginning January 1, 2020. The commissioners opted for a plan with monthly rates ranging from \$730.66 for single-person coverage to \$2,191.96 for spouse and children. Commissioner Feathers explained that, as a steward of taxpayer money, he carefully weighed the balance between raising the cost burden of county employees against lowering the premium cost paid by the county. Commissioner White noted there will be a 1.6% decrease in premiums because employees help reduce cost.

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

RE: ENGINEER – STRIPING BID SPECIFICATIONS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the specifications for the 2019 Centerline Striping project for various county roads in Washington County, as submitted by the engineer.

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

RE: FLITE FREIMANN – ODOT MOBILITY MANAGER GRANT

Flite Freimann, Director of Job and Family Services, submitted a resolution to apply for a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to pay for a mobility manager. He suggested the county use Buckeye Hills Regional Council to administer the grant. It is a one-year grant for \$80,000, of which \$64,000 would come from ODOT and \$16,000 from local. JFS will cover the local portion of the cost. Commissioner White stated his support of the idea but said it would need to wait for approval from Buckeye Hills.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to table the proposed resolution.

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

Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Mike Montgomery informed the commissioners that an individual donated money to pay the veterinary bills for cats up through the end of last month. He also spoke of an upcoming golf event at the Country Club, as well as a membership drive, to raise funds.

Commissioner White said it was brought to his attention that the Humane Society denied a public record request for the minutes from a meeting. Mr. White said he considers the Human Society to be the functional equivalent of a public agency because it contracts with government entities and receives funding from government entities. Mr. White disagrees with the Humane Society's decision to deny the public record request and cannot imagine why they would hide records. Mr. White strongly urges the Humane Society to comply with public records requests and to err on the side of transparency and openness.

Mr. Montgomery said he understands and will comply to show transparency.

RE: BRUCE KELBAUGH

Bruce Kelbaugh, President of the Health Board, requested an executive session with the commissioners. Commissioner White said they could not grant the executive session request unless Mr. Kelbaugh provided a valid reason for the executive session. Mr. Kelbaugh chose to continue in regular session. Mr. Kelbaugh said his recent decision to hire Roger Coffman as health administrator was based on the recommendation of a respected person.

Commissioner Feathers said there is such an outcry from citizens for transparency from the Health Board that the citizens deserve an answer to the chaos of the last few months. Mr. Kelbaugh said the Health Board answers to the District Advisory Council.

Commissioner Ritter said that, in an effort to help, he voted to spend up to \$3,000 of County General funds for an inquiry into the Health Board. Mr. Ritter believes that using outside counsel to conduct the inquiry demonstrates independence by the commissioners. Mr. Kelbaugh said the \$3,000 would be better spent on an audit of the health department.

Mr. Kelbaugh asked if the commissioners plan to have a business relationship with Richard Wittberg. The commissioners stated they did not. Mr. Kelbaugh said the health department does not want the AmeriCorps grant. Commissioner White requested the Health Board give the commissioners that statement in writing.

Mr. Kelbaugh asked if any of the commissioners has a social relationship with Richard Wittberg. Commissioner Ritter said he had coffee with him once. Commissioner White asked if the Health Board participates in public records training and encouraged them to do so.

Commissioner Feathers said the purpose of the inquiry is not to lay blame on anyone. It is to ensure that best practices are followed in hiring and dismissal. He said that someone from the outside needs to look into it.

Commissioner Ritter said they owe it to the next health commissioner to follow proper procedures and to restore public confidence in the process.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk