

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 7, 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:

Chris Wilson, SEOBD  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Kimberly Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Rich Hays, EMA  
Donnie Rader, I.T.  
James Booth  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance  
Betty Tucker  
Deanna Robinson  
Dawn Lucas, JFS  
Jamie Vuksic, JFS  
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, November 7, 2019**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 OSU Extension – Snap-Ed  
9:45 JFS – Foster Family Investment Program

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Job & Family Services – Resolution for Mobility Manager

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – County General  
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff Commissary  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Motor Veh Gas Tax  
Transfer – Jail  
Transfer – County General  
Travel – JFS  
Travel – FCF  
Travel – Children Services  
Travel – County Home  
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency (3)  
JFS – Contract with Eve, Inc.  
State Auditor Agreement for FY2019  
Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners at County Jail  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Auditor – Request to establish new funds  
Community Action – RROF Federally Funded State Projects  
Soil & Water – Late Fee/Finance Charge

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse Closed, Monday November 11, for Veterans Day  
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 am, Tuesday November 12 at County Home  
Finance Committee Meeting, 10 am, Tuesday November 19 at Courthouse

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – County General  
Additional Appropriation – JFS  
Additional Appropriation – Municipal Court  
Transfer – County Home  
Then & Now  
Travel – FCF

Travel – RSVP  
Exclusion Request – Opiate Litigation  
Grandview Township – Ambulance Title Correction

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 October 31, 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: 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	\$ 10,000.00
County General	100-0101-53301	\$ 7,500.00
Sheriff Commissary	200-0383-54200	\$ 16,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-53102	\$ 40,000.00
	400-0113-53000	\$ 10,000.00
Motor Veh/Gas Tax	200-0540-51110	\$ 287.72
Job & Family Services	200-0720-51001	\$ 610,000.00
Municipal Court	100-0240-51001	\$ 6,272.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. 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>
County Home	200-0630-52000	200-0630-51104	\$ 3,000.00
	200-0630-55101	200-0630-51104	\$ 5,000.00
	200-0630-53000	200-0630-51104	\$ 12,000.00
County General	100-0101-51001	100-0101-53400	\$ 20,000.00
	Jail	100-0381-52200	100-0381-54400

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auditor	200-0122-53203	Martys Print Shop	\$ 14,394.21
Auditor	200-0122-53400	Pivot Point Partners LLC	\$ 4,893.54
Auditor	100-0120-53000	AP Technology	\$ 320.00
Auditor	100-0120-53700	The Marietta Times	\$ 122.84

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. 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:

Job & Family Services

Deanna Green: Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services Meeting on December 5, 2019 in Columbus

#### Children Services

Sabrina Buchanan: Required monthly visits on November 1 in Batavia; Bethesda on November 2; Salem & Newark on November 5; Rutland on November 12; Youngstown & Ravenna on November 13; Wooster on November 14; Racine on November 18; Grove City, PA on November 19; St. Clairsville on November 20; Cambridge (training) on November 21; Ironton & Jackson on November 26, 2019

Tami Downs: Required monthly visits on November 7 in Cumberland & Parkersburg, WV; Vinton & Cambridge on November 8; Athens (training) on November 13; Bethesda on November 14; Wheeling, WV (training) on November 25 & 26, 2019

Tonya Kidder: Required monthly visits on November 6 in Columbus; Athens on November 7; Waverly on November 8; Long Bottom on November 18; Grove City, PA on November 19; Cambridge on November 21, 2019

#### County Home

Diana Hall: Resident activities in St. Marys, WV on November 8; Parkersburg, WV on November 13; Vienna, WV on November 18, 2019

#### Child Support Enforcement Agency

Kim Hinkle, Denise Hinton: Contract Negotiation Team Meeting in Columbus on November 22, 2019

Barb Danford: Attorney Networking in Lancaster on November 21, 2019

Kim Hinkle: OCDA Training in Columbus on December 3, 2019

#### Family & Children First

LeAnn Welch: Court hearing in Elkins, WV on November 19, 2019

Jon Higgins: OPRC meeting in Cadiz on November 15, 2019

#### RSVP

Lisa Valentine: Workshop in St. Clairsville on November 6, 2019

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

#### **RE: JFS – CONTRACT WITH EVE, INC.**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Eve, Inc. JFS will provide funding to Eve, Inc. to promote a safe location for supervised visitation and exchanges where children are safe from being exposed to conflict. The contract is effective from November 11, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and cannot exceed \$54,200.

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

#### **RE: STATE AUDITOR – AGREEMENT FOR FY2019**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve an agreement from the Ohio Auditor of State to prepare Washington County's financial statements for fiscal year 2019. The total cost is not anticipated to exceed \$34,000.

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 October 2019, showing a total prisoner count of 366.

#### **RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

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

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 certify with the county auditor a list of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting the Auditor to collect the delinquent amounts with the taxes due for the property.

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

**RE: AUDITOR – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NEW FUNDS**

Mr. Feathers moved Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish two new funds in the financial system of Washington County. The purpose of the funds is to account for the fiscal year 2020 transit grants. The federal portion of the transit grant is numbered 210-0856. The state portion of the transit grant is numbered 215-0856.

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

**RE: COMMUNITY ACTION – RROF FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request for release of funds for federally funded state projects. The administering agent for the projects is Washington Morgan Community Action. The projects provide grants and loans to homeowners to improve housing conditions in existing housing.

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

**RE: SOIL & WATER – LATE FEE/FINANCE CHARGE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from Soil & Water Conservation District for payment of a late fee on a charge card. The late charge amount owed is \$75.00. Commissioner Feathers instructed the clerk to send a letter to Soil & Water informing them this is a one-time approval and that no future late charges would be approved. Commissioner White said he understands this is an issue of timing and he will discuss with the Auditor the possibility of accepting printed invoices from online statements to improve the timeliness of payments.

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

**RE: OPIATE LITIGATION EXCLUSION REQUEST**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve sending an exclusion request form for Washington County in regard to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Commissioner Feathers said this is based on the advice of legal counsel. Commissioner White explained that Washington County is part of a class action suing opiate manufacturers and that all claimants are lumped together for settlement unless they opt out. Washington County will remain independent in the lawsuit, allowing for more options. Commissioner Feathers expounded that it boils down to local control and he supports local sovereignty.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

**RE: GRANDVIEW TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE TITLE CHANGE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve changing the title over from Washington County to Grandview Township on a recently purchased ambulance. The ambulance, a 2019 McCoy Miller F450 4X4, was titled under Washington County in error.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Commissioner White said he will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade. Commissioner Ritter thanked Donnie Rader for helping him with an I.T. issue. Commissioner Feathers congratulated Gary Doan on his reelection to Muskingum Township Trustee.

**RE: OSU EXTENSION – SNAP ED**

The OSU Extension provided the commissioners with an overview of recent activity with their SNAP-ED program. The program introduces school kids to new fruits and vegetables, teaches families that are eligible for SNAP how to buy and prepare healthy options, and helps low-income families stretch tight budgets. The Kids Can Cook program

will be making pizzas in local elementary schools.

**RE: JFS – FOSTER FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

Flite Freimann, Director of Job and Family Services, said in January 2019 he was tasked to support and recruit more foster families. He said placement cost can be reduced by placing children locally. Mr. Freimann presented the commissioners with the Foster Family Investment Program. Washington County, with the approval of the state, will serve as a pilot program for other counties in the state and, if successful, to later adopt. The program in Washington County will raise the daily foster child subsidy from \$20 to a tiered system ranging from \$25 to \$35. The higher subsidies are to help offset additional expenses such as diapers and formula for infants, or extracurricular activities for teens. The additional per diem allocation will be from increased State Child Protection Allocation. Mr. Freimann also introduced the innovative concept of a Performance Incentive Program. Under the program, foster families will have individualized and measurable objectives that can be documented. If the objectives are satisfied, the foster families will be eligible for incentives, such as tickets to sporting events, purchase cards for various stores, or a new bike. The goals and incentives would be mutually agreed upon between the Agency and the Family at the beginning of placement and each subsequent quarter. Washington County would like to use TANF funds to pay for the incentives, and limit the payments to \$1,500 per family in any calendar year. The commissioners thanked Mr. Freimann and expressed their support of the idea.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the request to initiate the Foster Family Investment Program.

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

**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 10:02 a.m.

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