

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 2, 2020 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:

Kathy Thieman, Human Resources
Kimberly Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
James Raney, Director HSOV
Roger Coffman, Health Department
Bruce Kelbaugh, Health Department
Rae Ward, Probate/Juvenile Court
Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge
Chasity Mayle, Health Department
Jeannie Farnsworth
Jennie Farnsworth
Chris Wilson, Building Department
Mark Heiner, Building Department
Tara Plaughner, Behavioral Health Board
James Booth
Glen Pawloski
Richard Hays, EMA
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, January 2, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Roger Coffman – Health Department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Job & Family Services – Resolution for Mobility Manager
Liquor Permit Transfer

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Minus Appropriation – Sheriff
Then & Now
Travel – FCF
Travel – CSEA
Travel – County Home
Humane Society – November & December Invoices

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual Organizational Meeting, 9 am, Monday January 6, Commissioner Room
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 am, Tuesday January 14, at County Home

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

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 December 26 & 30, 2019 regular meetings.

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	100-0380-51006	\$ - 1,249.00
	100-0381-51006	\$ - 40,662.00
	100-0384-51006	\$ - 55,877.00
	100-0385-51006	\$ - 7,090.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW

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>
Auditor	100-0120-52001	Washington Co. Auditor	\$ 600.60
	100-0120-54000	Insight	\$ 934.52
	200-0122-53403	Douglas McVay	\$ 149.50

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. Ritter moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following requests for travel:

Family & Children First

Elaine Corbitt: Team meeting for Washington County youth in Caldwell on January 9, 2020

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Kimberly Hinkle: Meeting with Chief of Staff ODJFS in Columbus on January 8, 2020

County Home

Jeff Baker: Vehicle service in Parkersburg, WV on January 10, 2020

Susie Arbaugh: Resident doctor appointments in Parkersburg, WV on January 3, 7 & 27, 2020

Diana Hall: Resident doctor appointment in Parkersburg, WV on January 6, 2020

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

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER INVOICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the November and December 2019 Humane Society invoices to the Washington County Dog Warden. The invoices are for veterinary services in the amount of \$1,500 each.

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

RE: LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the floor a liquor permit transfer form. Mikes LLC is seeking to transfer a liquor permit to the Pour House Grill. Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners have no authority to approve or deny the transfer. The Commissioners allow time for public input and if none is received, they send in the form without requesting a hearing.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to send the form to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, indicating no hearing requested, and allow the Clerk to sign.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Jim Raney, member of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, read the following statement:

HSOV appreciates having our county veterinary services contract providing us up to \$18,000 in 2019. HSOV could not use this contract fully because we could not schedule a veterinarian for shelter visits in every month. The current veterinary services contract uses any excess monies in the Dog & Kennel Fund in December each year. HSOV no longer qualifies to receive any excess monies in the Dog & Kennel Fund pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 955.27 because we disestablished our Humane Officer position due to insufficient workload. Humane Officer rarely used his law enforcement authority to arrest and prosecute any person guilty of an act of cruelty to persons or animals. All other functions of the Humane Officer position are currently being performed by HSOV officers,

staff, and members as authorized by ORC Chapter 1717.

HSOV suggests that commissioners incorporate provisions of our veterinary services contract into our shelter contract and increase the funding in the shelter contract from \$40,000 to \$58,000 in 2020. HSOV also suggests a 7.5% increase in the contract funding from \$58,000 to \$62,350 to offset increases in the Ohio Minimum Wage and Consumer Price Index since 2016. The county contract amount was \$60,000 five years ago, so the requested \$62,350 would be only about a 3.9% increase since then. HSOV could draft a suggested revision of our county shelter contract that incorporates enhanced veterinary services, if the Commission wishes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Commissioner White said he was not averse to looking at a new contract.

Chris Wilson, Building Department, introduced the recently hired Structural Inspector, Mark Heiner, to the commissioners.

RE: ROGER COFFMAN – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Roger Coffman, Health Department Administrator, said the Health Department is ready to move to Gilman Avenue. He said the Health Board is complete now with five members. There is a health commissioner, a medical director, and an administrator. Mr. Coffman said the Health Department will need reaccreditation at the Gilman location at a cost of \$6,000. Commissioner White asked why the Health Department would not move to Gilman first and then get the accreditation. Mr. Coffman said the Gilman space is still populated by JFS and they have not received a date for the move.

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 9:41 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk