

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 13, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT. DAVID A. WHITE, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. FEATHERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG, AND MR. FEATHERS OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Kathy Thieman, Human Resources
Chris Wilson, SEOBD
Kimberly Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Roger Wright, Engineer
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
Flite Freimann, JFS
Donnie Rader, I.T.
James Booth
Richard Hays, EMA
Rae Ward, Probate/Juvenile Court
Tim Williams, Judge Probate/Juvenile
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Edwin Arnold
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, February 13, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Ohio Treasurer Programs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – Designation of FEMA Grant Agent for Hazard Mitigation Plan
Additional Appropriation – Auditor REA
Additional Appropriation – Auditor Indigent Application
Additional Appropriation – Juvenile Center
Additional Appropriation – Americorps
Transfer – Auditor (2)
Then & Now
Travel – CSEA
Humane Society – Invoice for Veterinary Services for January
City of Marietta – Contract for Dog Warden Services
Jail Contract with Marietta College

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse Closed on Monday February 17 for Presidents Day
Finance Committee Meeting, 10 am Tuesday February 18, Conference Room A
Primary Election Voting on March 17

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Remove: Additional Appropriation – Americorps
Add: Additional Appropriation – MVGT
Transfer – County General

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 regular meeting.

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

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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: Ron Feathers aye. David White aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION – DESIGNATION OF FEMA GRANT AGENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-213 to authorize Richard Hays, EMA Director, to act as agent on behalf of Washington County for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act or otherwise available from the President’s Disaster Relief Fund. Mr. Hays said the resolution is adopted every five years to allow the EMA Director to sign for the grant.

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve requests for the following additional appropriations:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Estate Assessment	200-0122-51110	\$ 138.72
Indigent Application	200-0213-57700	\$ 4,500.00
Juvenile Center	100-0330-51110	\$ 1,488.00
Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	200-0540-51110	\$ 2,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. White 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>
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 15,058.75
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	215-0163-48200	\$ 278.24
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	100-0109-57400	\$ 7,058.66

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

RE: THEN & NOW

Mr. White 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>
Board of DD	215-0620-53420	Brittany Myers	\$ 154.00
Auditor	200-0106-57400	Allison Hutchings	\$ 164.00
Commissioners	100-0240-51104	City of Marietta	\$ 4,308.38
Sheriff	200-0363-57400	Colgate Woods Veterinary	\$ 2,178.59
Commissioners	100-0190-54000	Insight	\$ 133.77
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Herman Carson	\$ 5,787.16
Sheriff	100-0384-53408	IACP	\$ 190.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Cam Refrigeration	\$ 141.50
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Cam Refrigeration	\$ 171.25
Board of DD	210-0620-53000	SE Electronic Security	\$ 218.50
Commissioners	100-0100-53500	Diebold	\$ 690.75
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Rogenski Electric	\$ 425.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Rogenski Electric	\$ 125.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. White 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 2020 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Devin Courtney, Barbara Danford, Andrea Camp: Responsive Care Training in Akron on April 30, 2020

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

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY – INVOICE FOR VETERINARY SERVICES FOR JANUARY

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of an invoice from the Humane Society to the Washington County Dog Warden for veterinary services in January, 2020. The total amount of the invoice is \$1,500.

RE: CITY OF MARIETTA – CONTRACT FOR DOG WARDEN SERVICES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract between City of Marietta and Board of Commissioners of Washington County to support Dog Warden services within the Sheriff's Office. The contract is effective from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. The city agrees to pay the county the sum of \$550 per month for the services. Commissioner White said the contract is the same as the prior year.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT WITH MARIETTA COLLEGE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract between Marietta College and Board of Commissioners of Washington County to house prisoners at the county jail at a cost of \$68 per day. The contract is effective from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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

RE: COMMENTS

James Booth asked, in regards to a recent outage, if there is a backup in place for the dispatch phone system. Commissioner Feathers said Suddenlink was acquired by Altice, and recently changed their billing address. Our payments were returned in the mail and several of our Suddenlink accounts were turned off for nonpayment. Phone calls to Suddenlink revealed this to be a widespread issue with the company. Mr. Feathers said the county now pays the dispatch line with a credit card to ensure continuity of service. In the event of an outage, Marietta serves as backup for the county, as happened recently. Commissioner White said Suddenlink, a cable internet company, is not classified as a public utility like the phone companies. There is not as much oversight and it is a systemic problem. Commissioner Feathers said we have reached out to Congressman Bill Johnson regarding the issue.

Chris Wilson, Building Department, said Washington County has nonresidential building codes that are required for plan approval. Mr. Wilson said most local contractors are aware of this but it is important for everyone to know there are regulations throughout the county.

Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency, said the initial contracts for Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, and Probate have been submitted to the state.

Edwin Arnold asked about ARC grants available for landslips in Watertown. Roger Wright, Engineer, explained the ARC grant is not for FEMA landslips and most do not qualify. Mr. Wright said FEMA money is a reimbursement and the county has agreed to loan money to townships for landslip repairs that are eligible for reimbursement.

Flite Freimann, Director of JFS, said the Career Connect Job Fair was a success last year. The Commissioners gave \$1,000 in seed money for the event. The career fair will be held on March 19 this year at the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center at Marietta College and there are currently 94 employers signed up for the event. Job seekers will be able to meet with employers looking to hire and receive career and educational coaching.

RE: STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER WHITE

Commissioner White was disappointed by an article in today's Marietta Times regarding the OEPA's opinion on the county's progress with the Devola Sewer Project. Mr. White prepared and read the following statement:

The Board of Commissioners would like to publicly congratulate the new Mayor of Marietta, Josh Schlicher, on his successful run for office. We have already seen a new energy that he has brought to the office. We are hopeful that this new beginning for the City of Marietta might also mark a new beginning in relations between the City and County.

Over the past five years, the County and City have participated in extensive negotiations regarding the intergovernmental agreement. However, now that the county has completed its battle with the OEPA, and Devola will be sewerred per the parameters set by the OEPA, much of the prior negotiations are now moot. Most of the terms of the intergovernmental agreement are now being fulfilled. Given that the county has never disputed its obligation to pay its share of the capital costs for the update to the Marietta Wastewater Treatment Plant, a resolution should be within reach.

In short, this issue has divided the County and City governments too long. It is in the best interest of all concerned that we restore relations between the City and County so that we can work together to address common concerns facing this community. We stand ready to work with the City of Marietta, and look forward to working with the city to achieve a reasonable settlement for all involved.

RE: STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER FEATHERS

Commissioner Feathers expressed his disappointment in a letter from the OEPA received on January 30, as well as the article in the Marietta Times today. Mr. Feathers read the following statement:

My disappointment with this letter is that it does not appear to reflect the cooperative discussions that were had between technical staff and WSP, and does not copy any of the individuals at Ohio EPA's district office who Naiel and Rich (WSP) were actually in discussion with. It also states that the general plan is not approvable, but does not actually provide a redline of the issues with the plan or more pointed critique that would actually guide a corrected resubmittal of the plan.

There is no eminent health threat, otherwise the OEPA would not have given the project two years to complete. The general plan and timeline were submitted as per court order. The geography and typography of Devola present engineering challenges and we have one chance to get it right.

RE: OHIO TREASURER PROGRAMS

Cody Pettit, Public Affairs Liaison for the Ohio Treasurer, said the Ohio Treasurer is working on financial literacy in education. Mr. Pettit said they are awarding Compass Awards to nonprofits and private companies for financial literacy. Mr. Pettit reviewed the STABLE program, which allows individuals with disabilities to save and invest without losing benefits such as Medicaid or SSI. Mr. Pettit also spoke about the STAR investment program, which provides liquid interest earning accounts to government entities.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White 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 9:38 a.m.

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_____, Clerk