

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 19, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT. KEVIN J. RITTER, VICE 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, JFS
Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge
Rae Ward, Probate/Juvenile Administrator
Jim Raney, Humane Society
Karissa Reynolds, Humane Society
Bri Deem, Humane Society
David Browne, BHB
Roger Wright, Engineer
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, March 19, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Visitors Bureau Update
9:45 JFS – PRC Plan
10:00 Humane Society Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel
Then & Now
Auditor – MMH taxpayer refund
Resolution to reimburse Capital Improvement Account
Jail Contract with Belmont County
Jail Contract with Gallia County
Engineer – CR4 Emergency Landslip Repair
Engineer – ODOT Salt Coop Bid

DATES TO REMEMBER

Most meetings have been temporarily postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CURRENT PUBLIC MEETING GUIDELINES**

In an effort to limit potential exposure to the virus, and to comply with President Trump's March 16th recommendation that citizens not gather in groups larger than ten persons, the Board of Commissioners will not require department heads to attend the Thursday public meeting until further notice. While this is an open meeting, members of the public are encouraged to exercise discretion. Unless you have specific business before the Commissioners, we encourage you to consider safeguarding not only your own health but that of those present by attending a future meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: JFS – Worksite Agreement
AT&T Renewal Contract

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and

approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 regular meeting.

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

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. White 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: Ron Feathers aye. Kevin Ritter aye. David White aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request for the following additional appropriation:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-53002	\$ 1,500.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineer	210-0552-53000	Palmer Engineering	\$ 1,197.03
Sewer	300-0599-55200	WSP USA	\$ 50,460.12
JFS	200-0720-57400	OH Dept of Commerce	\$ 140.00
JFS	200-0721-57402	DSV Solutions	\$ 8,693.75

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

RE: AUDITOR – MMH TAXPAYER REFUND

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a taxpayer refund for first-half 2019 Real Estate tax to Marietta Memorial Hospital. The refund amount is \$67,484.53.

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio intends that this resolution shall constitute an “official intent” for purposes of Section 1.150-2(e) of the Treasury Regulations prescribed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and declares its intention to use a portion of the proceeds of bonds in a principal amount currently estimated to be \$250,000 project cost (hard and soft costs) to reimburse the County for expenses of the project advanced from its County General Improvement Account.

WHEREAS, the County intends to make a reimbursement allocation on its books for the expenditure within the “reimbursement period” set forth under Section 1.150-2(d)(2) of the Treasury Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Washington County Commissioners will reimburse the County Capital Improvement account for an estimated amount of \$250,000 within the above stated reimbursement period.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve contracts with Belmont County and Gallia County to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail. The contracts are effective from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at a rate of \$68.00 per day for each person incarcerated.

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

RE: JFS – WORKSITE AGREEMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Washington County Commissioners to employ Cali Leasure under the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program and/or the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The County agrees to employ the above named employee for up to 40 hours per week from the period of March 17, 2020 through no later than May 29, 2020, contingent upon funding. The employee will be employed as a social services intern at the Marietta location. This contract is subject to federal funding.

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

RE: AT&T SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a three-year service agreement extension with AT&T. The agreement is necessary to avoid a large increase in billing rates on twelve existing telephone lines.

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

RE: ENGINEER – CR4 EMERGENCY LANDSLIP REPAIR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract for Bob Lane's Welding Inc. to do emergency landslip repair on County Road 4. The County will pay Bob Lane's Welding a sum not to exceed \$43,573.13 for the repair.

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

RE: ENGINEER – ODOT SALT COOP BID

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual road salt contracts awarded in 2020. Washington County agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from the state-awarded salt supplier.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, thanked the Juvenile Court on behalf of Children Services for its response and help during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Freimann said Judge Williams' proactive approach and leadership have been very helpful in the matter.

Mr. Freimann said Job & Family Services lobby and Ohio Means Jobs remain open and persons can apply for benefits. To protect the public, staff is cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day.

RE: JFS – SUBSIDIZED SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Department of Job and Family Services and Washington County Commissioners to hire Michael Paul under the Subsidized Summer Employment Program. The period of employment will be from March 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020. The employee will be employed as a custodian for JFS.

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

RE: JFS – PRC PLAN

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Summer Youth & Employment Program and a COVID-19 Response to the Washington County Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan. Specific funding was allocated by ODJFS for the Summer Youth & Employment Program to provide 14-18 year olds enrolled in secondary school with employment and training support.

The COVID-19 Response is for an emergent need that threatens the health and safety of a household that has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance can include shelter expenses and cleaning supplies.

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

At 9:45 am, Mr. Freimann requested to enter executive session to discuss hiring personnel. Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve entering executive session. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

At 9:58 am, the Commissioners exited executive session and the regular meeting resumed.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Karissa Reynolds, Humane Society, said HSOV is doing well and provided first quarter 2020 numbers for animal intakes and adoptions. Ms. Reynolds requested gravel for the Humane Society driveway. Commissioner White noted that the County is still working without a contract with the Humane Society for 2020 and will need to schedule a time to work something out. Jim Raney, Humane Society Board, said all arrears have been paid in full. Commissioner White said he receives conflicting information on the Humane Society's payment of bills.

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 10:06 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk