

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 26, 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. FEATHERS OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge
Michele Newbanks, *The Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, March 26, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Investment Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Then & Now
FCF – Cell phone stipends
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Engineer – Bid Specifications for C46&47 Landslip Repairs

DATES TO REMEMBER

Most meetings have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

While the Washington County Board of Commissioners continues to hold open meetings, we are sensitive to the need to limit possible exposure to the virus. As such, and in compliance with the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost March 19th recommendation, the regular business meeting will be available via electronic broadcast on the Washington County Government website: www.washingtongov.org

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Board of Elections
Transfer – Board of Elections
Resolution for State of Emergency

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 19, 2020 regular meeting and the March 23, 2020 special 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>
Board of Elections	215-0163-54400	\$ 400.00

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

RE: TRANSFER

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Board of Elections	100-0160-57400	100-0160-57450	\$ 1,700.00

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>
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Comp Management	\$ 901.75
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Comp Management	\$ 266.25
Commissioners	100-0190-53000	CAS Cable	\$ 232.79
Sewer	400-0113-57400	Washington State	\$ 200.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Pro 1 Electric	\$ 357.79

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

RE: FCF – CELL PHONE STIPENDS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from Family and Children First to provide stipends to Help Me Grow staff for use of their personal cell phones. The request is for \$40 per person per month as a cell phone stipend.

Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge, commented that this would essentially pay for the employees’ entire phone bill, whether or not it is needed for the job, and he does not think this is something the county should pay for.

Commissioner White said he concurs with what the judge said. Mr. White sees no reason why the county should be paying this stipend.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

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

RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR C46&47 LANDSLIP REPAIRS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the bid specifications for emergency repair of five landslips on County Road 46 and one landslip on County Road 47. The project will be funded with Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds, with an estimated project cost of \$290,788.42.

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

RE: RESOLUTION FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and*

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor DeWine issued an Executive Order on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency under the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, Washington County residents' life, safety and welfare are at risk due to the danger of the spread of this serious illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners declare that a State of Emergency exists in the county and shall take effect immediately until the emergency no longer exists and will terminate upon recommendation of appropriate officials, and that we hereby invoke and declare that those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of this resolution to be in full force and effect in the county, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Washington County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public offices and employees of Washington County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of laws, regulations and directives – state and local, and that all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and emergency management forces.

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

RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Tammy Bates, County Treasurer, and Nick Vaccari of Meeder Investment joined the Commissioners for an Investment Committee meeting. Mrs. Bates provided the interest amounts earned on investments for the months of January and February. The interest earned through Meeder Investment, after fees, was \$95,198.45 for the combined months. The interest earned through Peoples Bank was \$49,522.72. The total interest earned on investments for the months of January and February was \$144,721.17.

Mr. Vaccari noted that the Fed cut interest rates to zero in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Vaccari said the county was recently able to transfer money into Peoples Bank with a locked-in rate of 2.25% for the next three years. Mr. Vaccari said Meeder Investment continues to monitor the markets and will move investments as they mature for the best rates.

Commissioner Ritter briefly discussed the velocity of money in regards to current Quantitative Easing.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White 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 9:50 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk