

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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Lessa Grubb, IT Department  
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Service  
Cindy Thomas, Commissioners Office

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

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas – Special Projects  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor (2)  
Then & Now  
Jail Contract – Jackson Police Department  
Jail Contract – City of Athens  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor  
Temporary Sick Leave Policy

**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 19<sup>th</sup> recommendation, the regular business meeting will be available via electronic broadcast on the Washington County Government website:  
[www.washingtongov.org](http://www.washingtongov.org)

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Temp. FMLA Policy  
Remote Access Policy  
Engineer Bridge Replacement – Benedict Bridge

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Common Pleas	200-0235-54400	\$ 5,000.00
Auditor	700-0113-57500	\$ 6.01
	700-0114-57500	\$ 270.57
	700-0114-57502	\$ 702.78
	700-0114-57504	\$ 1,414.10

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. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now Certificates: Mr. White explained what Then and Now meant for people watching them live.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Johnson Controls	\$ 410.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Johnson Controls	\$ 780.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Johnson Controls	\$ 1,231.65
Commissioners	100-0100-57501	Belpre Area Chamber	\$ 191.00
Sheriff	100-0384-57800	Marietta Police Dept.	\$ 1,587.50
JFS	200-0720-59000	AEP	\$ 397.14
JFS	200-0720-59000	Tracie Francis	\$ 900.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	Black's Rental	\$ 400.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	River Point Properties	\$ 500.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	Parkway Townhouses	\$ 161.00

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

**RE: JAIL CONTRACTS WITH JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT & CITY OF ATHENS**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve contracts with Jackson Police Department and City of Athens to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail. The contracts are effective from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 for \$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: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers 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: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to certify with the county auditor a list of delinquent sewer accounts. The Board of Commissioners requests the auditor to collect the delinquent amounts with the taxes due for the property.

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

**RE: TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE POLICY**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Temporary Sick Leave Policy. Mr. White said this was an order to comply with a mandate the state send down to allow 2 weeks of sick leave in regards of the Corvid 19 virus.

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

**RE: TEMPORARY FMLA POLICY**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Temporary FMLA Policy. Mr. White said this was one of the items he spoke of to apply with the directive policy concerning the Corvid 19 virus.

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

**RE: REMOTE ACCESS POLICY**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Remote Access Policy. This is setting up a process to work from home for employees, Mr. White said he wanted to give great thanks to IT Director, Donny Rader for taking the time & efforts to get this done.

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

**RE: ENGINEER –BENEDICT BRIDGE BID SPECIFICATIONS**

Mr. Feather said that the Benedict Bridge Rehabilitation plans & specifications were Engineer’s estimate of \$377,124.00. The project will be funded with 80% Federal Funds and 20% Local Funds, with the local funds comprising 15% Credit Bridge. A bid opening date of April 28, 2020 at 10:00 am has been set for this project.

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

**RE: QUESTIONS ASKED ON LINE**

Kim Hinkle, CSEA asked if those policies would be sent out to the departments, Mr. White said he would make sure all the Policy got sent out to Department heads.

Michelle Newbanks, Marietta Times, Ask if they were aware that four volunteer fire departments, Dunham, Lowell, Reno and Lower Salem and also local fire chiefs say they are not getting any help from the county? Mr. Feathers said their first step would be through EMA Rich Hayes. Mr Feathers ask them to define what they needed. Mr Ritter said that if they needed something then they would need to reach out. Mr. White said he got a text message from a fire chief asking for more information and Mr. White has been giving him everything they have regarding the Covid-19 virus information to him for over a week. Mr. Feathers said a fire chief reached out to them in the beginning of this and they put his name on the list of the information coming from the state and local government. Mr. Feathers said we were more of an information clearing house and if they are looking for funding that the commissioners do not have the authority to fund volunteer fire departments, We do not have a county fire department as they are all run by the townships.

Mr. White explained that none of the fire departments are county departments or agencies, so the Commissioners are extremely limited in participation. Mr White said they had gotten them turn out equipment and a new squad with CDBG funds in the pass for Grandview and that none of the other departments applied for those funds.

Mr. White said if they are needing disposal gear then he would direct them to the EMA. Mr. White said the expenses are running high during this Covid -19 virus Mr. White said he was hoping and praying that there will be grant money coming down to help with this. But we are aware that the money comes down after the fact so please keep track of all your records and expenses and they will do their best to see that reimbursements are made when that happens.

**RE: COMMENTS**

Mr. White would say that the Human Resources department has developed a form for the departments that are requesting a special sick leave. He said they would need to contact our HR department or the Commissioners department to get a copy of this form. To apply for the sick leave. Mr. White said that HB197 has passed and the commissioners are in compliance with that doing the live steams but the meetings are open meetings but they are asking people to not expose themselves or others.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_, President

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The Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio met in regular session on the 9<sup>th</sup> day April, 2020 with Mr. White, Mr. Feathers and Mr. Ritter present. The commissioners approved bills to be released for payment this week. The list of bills is on file in the Commissioners’ office