

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 30, 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
Roger Wright, Engineer
Kim Hinkle, CSEA
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
Kathy Thieman, HR
David Browne, BHB
Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, April 30, 2020

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Ohio Public Defender

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Auditor – New Fund for EMA Grant
Additional Appropriation – FCF
Additional Appropriation – Auditor
Minus Appropriation – Engineer
Transfer – CSEA
Then & Now
CSEA – Collective Bargaining Agreement
Sheriff – Request to dispose old inmate mattresses
OEPA & OWDA Loan Agreement for WPCLF
CORSA Program Cost for 2020
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Most meetings have been temporarily postponed 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

Commissioner Feathers thanked the Washington County Board of Elections for their hard work during the trying and difficult primary election. Mr. Feathers congratulated Charlie Schilling and Jamie Booth for winning the primary election and wished them the best.

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Transfer – Engineer
 Engineer – Bid Specs for Mary Avenue Upgrade

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. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 23, 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: AUDITOR – NEW FUND FOR EMA GRANT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a new fund to be added to the Auditor’s bookkeeping system. The purpose of the fund is to track revenue and expenses related to an EMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant. The new fund is numbered and named as follows:

210-0317 EMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First Auditor	602-2031-53005	\$ 1,500.00
	200-0106-57400	\$ 20,056.01

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	200-0540-55501	\$ -758,585.00
	200-0540-55502	\$ -470,001.04

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CSEA	200-0730-55200	200-0730-57450	\$ 500.00
Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	200-0540-54201	200-0540-57450	\$ 3,000.00

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>
JFS	200-0720-59000	St Lukes Lutheran	\$ 900.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53600	Old Republic Surety	\$ 250.00
Treasurer	100-0130-52000	Tammy Bates	\$ 100.00
Sheriff	100-0381-53405	William Macgill &Co	\$ 100.15
JFS	200-0720-59000	Dominion Energy	\$ 100.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	Dominion Energy	\$ 182.88

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

RE: CSEA – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a three-year collective bargaining agreement between Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Local 772B, Ohio Council 8 AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to table the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. White said, with the current economic uncertainty, he does not feel comfortable approving the agreement at this time.

Commissioner Ritter said the responsible action is to take more time to consider the agreement. Mr. Ritter has spent time with Ms. Hinkle reviewing the agreement. Mr. Ritter pointed out that the raises in the agreement are not from local funds.

Commissioner Feathers said Director Hinkle has kept the Commissioners informed of the bargaining agreement from the beginning. Mr. Feathers commends her diligent work but agrees that the Commissioners should spend more time reviewing the agreement. Mr. Feathers thanked the dedicated employees of the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

RE: SHERIFF – REQUEST TO DISPOSE OLD INMATE MATTRESSES

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to dispose of old inmate mattresses. The Washington County Jail has twenty-nine unserviceable mattresses taken out of service. The mattresses have no monetary value and will be donated to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley.

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

RE: OEPA & OWDA LOAN AGREEMENT FOR WPCLF

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund loan agreement. The loan is for preconstruction cost for the Devola Sewer Project and bears a 0% interest rate for five years. The principal amount of the loan is \$561,357.

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

RE: CORSA PROGRAM COST FOR 2020

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the CORSA Program cost for 2020. The coverage is effective from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The total premium due is \$266,970. Commissioner Feathers said CORSA is the county's insurance coverage for physical properties and liabilities. Mr. Feathers noted there is additional coverage this year for electronic data and network interruption costs and social engineering fraud.

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. 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: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter 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: ENGINEER – BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR MARY AVENUE

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the bid specifications for T-1153 Mary Avenue Upgrade. The project is funded through a partnership agreement between the county, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Warren Local Schools. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$124,562.87. Warren Local will provide \$114,692.60 to the county for this project. The bid opening is set for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the engineer's office.

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

David White aye. Motion passed.

RE: OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER

John Cornely and Ray Smith from the Ohio Public Defender Office reviewed the possible FY2021 budget numbers with the Commissioners. Mr. Cornely said there is no contract at this time because they are not sure of the reimbursement rate this year. Mr. Cornely said the county has a \$27,384 carryover from last year that will be applied against the county share this year. Two scenarios were presented to the Commissioners, a 90% reimbursement rate with a county share total of \$63,277, and a 70% reimbursement rate with a county share total of \$244,597. Commissioner Feathers said that a few years ago the county's portion was twice as much as it is now. Mr. Feathers thanked the Office of the Ohio Public Defender for their work in reducing the county burden.

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 10:05 a.m.

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_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk