

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 14, 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  
Roger Coffman, Health Department  
James Booth  
Charlie Schilling  
Cora Marshall  
Richard Hays, EMA  
Donnie Rader, I.T.  
Chris Wilson, SEOBD  
Betty Tucker  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, May 14, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

CSEA – Collective Bargaining Agreement

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to renew County Home Tax Levy  
Resolution for JFS Inter-County transfer from Morgan County  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor  
Transfer – Sheriff  
Then & Now  
Travel – Children Services  
Humane Society – Invoices for Veterinary Services, March & April 2020  
Letter of Support for National Church Residences Transportation Services  
911 – Request to move control station from Glendale Tower

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse closed for Memorial Day, Monday May 25, 2020

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Resolution for JFS to transfer Kinship Caregiver funds

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 May 7, 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: RESOLUTION TO RENEW COUNTY HOME TAX LEVY**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to renew a 2 mill tax levy for a period of five years to provide funds for the Washington County Home. The levy will be voted on in the November 3, 2020 general election.

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

**RE: RESOLUTION FOR JFS INTER-COUNTY TRANSFER FROM MORGAN COUNTY**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to allow the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to receive a transfer from Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services. The total amount of the transfer is \$54,000.

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

**RE: RESOLUTION FOR JFS TO TRANSFER KINSHIP CAREGIVER FUNDS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to allow Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to transfer Kinship Caregiver funds to the Public Children Services Agency. The resolution authorizes a transfer up to the allocation amount for each state fiscal year.

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>
Auditor	200-0106-57400	\$ 570.00

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>
Commissary Inmate Fund	200-0383-54200	\$ -48,000.00
	200-0383-54201	\$ -25,000.00
	200-0383-54400	\$ - 4,000.00
Jail	100-0381-54401	\$ -30,000.00

Commissioner Ritter said the Commissioners asked elected officials and department heads to review their budgets for possible reductions. Mr. Ritter appreciates the Sheriff taking action to reduce the budget.

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>
Sheriff	100-0384-53405	100-0384-54406	\$ 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. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now Certificates:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer	400-0113-53401	Washington County	\$ 3,379.00

Sewer	400-0113-53000	Doug Lowe	\$ 583.38
Auditor	200-0106-57400	Sabrina Buchanan	\$ 137.65
Auditor	200-0106-57400	Robert B. Mueller	\$ 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: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White 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:

Children Services

*Sabrina Buchanan:* Required home visits in Ravenna and Pleasant City on May 6; Cambridge on May 7; Youngstown on May 12; Mount Vernon and Newark on May 13; Pedro and Wellston on May 19, 2020.

*Tonya Kidder:* Required home visits in Pomeroy on May 13; Kingston on May 21; Tallmadge on May 27; Pleasantville on May 28

*Ashley Harris & Tonya Kidder:* Required home visit in Frankfort on May 11

*Karlee Hill & Tonya Kidder:* Required home visit in Rutland on May 26

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

**RE: HUMANE SOCIETY INVOICES FOR MARCH & APRIL**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of invoices from the Humane Society to the Washington County Dog Warden for veterinary services in March and April of 2020. Each invoice is for the amount of \$1,500. Commissioner White reiterated that they are still operating under last year's contract and need to address the issue going forward.

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

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending a letter of support for National Church Residences Transportation Services to apply for a wheelchair accessible van. The van will enhance the mobility of seniors and persons with disabilities, allowing for nonemergency medical transportation.

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

**RE: 911 – REQUEST TO MOVE CONTROL STATION FROM GLENDALE TOWER**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from 911 to relocate the control station from the Glendale tower to the Sheriff's Office. The total cost of the move is \$1,950. Rich Hays, EMA, said the station is used by dispatch as a tie-in between the fire department and 911.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

James Booth asked about repairs needed for a tower. Rich Hays said he has not heard about it. Mr. Booth asked about townships requesting a new permit process. Roger Wright, Engineer, said the request is very broad.

Chris Wilson, SEODB, appreciates the proactive approach by the Commissioners. Mr. Wilson said, with the help of technology, the building department has continued providing services during the pandemic.

Roger Coffman, Health Administrator, said someone in the county is planning on having a motocross race. Commissioner Feathers said that is outside the scope of the Commissioner's duties.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said the State of Ohio is issuing electronic payments of \$300 for food assistance and that JFS can help navigate the process for those in need.

Commissioner White spoke about the sad loss of Andy Thompson. Mr. White considered Mr. Thompson a personal friend and trusted advisor and said he will be sorely missed.

Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners asked departments to look at their budgets and remain mindful of constitutional requirements. The county needs to consider furloughs and layoffs. The Board of Commissioners does not want to see disruptions of

services provided. Mr. Feathers said there will be painful but necessary budget reductions.

**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 9:22 a.m.

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