

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 2, 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:

Flite Freimann, Job & Family Services  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance  
Roger Wright, Engineer  
Anna Ritter  
Liam Ritter  
Cora Marshall  
Charlie Schilling  
Roger Coffman, Health Department  
Steve Hutchinson  
Mary Grosklos  
Glen Pawloski  
Marcia Pawloski  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

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

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 2021 Tax Budget Hearing  
9:45 Grandview VFD Quote Opening

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution for OWDA Loan Agreement  
Additional Appropriation – Coronavirus Relief Fund  
Additional Appropriation – Municipal Vehicle Permissive Tax  
Additional Appropriation – Engineer  
Minus Appropriation – EMA  
Minus Appropriation – Dog & Kennel  
Minus Appropriation – Engineer  
Then & Now  
JFS – Contract with National Church Residences  
JFS – Contract with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Home Care & Transport  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Engineer – Contract for surveying at Welch Road Slip Repair  
Engineer – Contract for surveying at Grub Road Slip Repair

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse closed Friday July 3, 2020

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

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 June 25, 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 FOR OWDA LOAN AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the Board of Commissioners to apply for, accept, and enter into an OEPA/OWDA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for Phase 2 & 3 of the Devola Sewer Project. The loan will allow WSP to proceed with the project and will be repaid with wastewater revenues generated from sewer district customers.

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, asked about the loan. Marcia Pawloski, Devola resident, said she has not heard from any Devola residents that want the grinder pump system. Mrs. Pawloski referenced a recent opinion piece in the Marietta Times by former Washington County Commissioner Jim Meeks, which stated his case against the grinder pump system. Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners spent hours poring over data to make the best choice for the citizens and keep costs to a minimum.

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>
Coronavirus Relief	200-0872-57000	\$ 1,733,885.04
Municipal Vehicle Perm Tax	600-0583-57900	\$ 25,000.00
FEMA	210-0553-53000	\$ 57,785.32

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EMA	200-0315-51006	\$ - 1,923.00
	200-0315-53401	\$ - 41.00
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-51002	\$ - 30,000.00
	200-0363-51006	\$ - 2,964.00
	200-0363-51101	\$ - 435.00
	200-0363-51102	\$ - 5,430.00
	200-0363-53401	\$ - 41.00
Concealed Handgun	200-0363-57500	\$ - 873.10
	200-0382-53401	\$ - 200.00

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	400-0113-53000	OWDA	\$ 1,965.00
Commissioners	210-0830-53000	Mid Atlantic Storage	\$ 42,683.63
Building Department	100-0170-57400	Marietta Times	\$ 200.20

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

**RE: JFS – CONTRACTS FOR NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve two contracts for nonemergency transportation for Job and Family Services. The contracts are with National Church Residences and 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Home Care & Transport. The contracts are effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR SURVEYING AT WELCH ROAD SLIP REPAIR**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with CTL Engineering for surveying on CR-111 Welch Road. CTL will be paid by the county an amount not to exceed \$33,211.09 upon completion of services. This is a 2019 FEMA slip and the cost will be paid with FEMA and OEMA funds.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR SURVEYING AT GRUB ROAD SLIP REPAIR**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with ADR & Associates for surveying on CR-17 Grub Road. ADR will be paid by the county an amount not to exceed \$43,836 upon completion of services. This is a 2019 FEMA slip and the cost will be paid with FEMA and OEMA funds.

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

**RE: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – REQUEST FOR FUEL CARD ACCOUNT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from the Building Department for a separate fuel card account. The current fuel card account is shared by several county agencies and is difficult to coordinate the collection of receipts for timely payment of invoices. Commissioner White said this will help prevent late fees. Mr. White said the county needs to update the credit account policy.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Steve Hutchinson, Devola resident, received a call from fellow Devola resident Mary Grosklos. Mr. Hutchinson asked her to attend the commissioner meeting to voice her concern about the Devola Sewer Project. Mary Grosklos said the grinder pumps don't seem to do well and she can't afford to replace one. She does not know how she will be able to afford the sewer bill. Commissioner Feathers said the Commissioners were presented with four options for the sewer infrastructure. The Commissioners carefully researched each option before making a decision. The county will pay to have the homeowner's septic tank filled and for the pumps to be installed. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners are managing the project as best as they can. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said JFS will turn over every stone to help Devola residents find financial assistance.

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, thanked the Commissioners for their fight against sewerage and said Devola has not had its day in court. Steve Hutchinson said they are in the appeals process with no timeframe.

Flite Freimann introduced Madison, an intern with Ohio Means Jobs.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING – TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Budget for Washington County. The budget was on public display in the Auditor's office for two weeks in June and a certified copy will be submitted for consideration to the Washington County Budget Commission.

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

**RE: GRANDVIEW VFD QUOTE OPENING**

Grandview Volunteer Fire Department received a sealed quote from Johnson's Fire Equipment Company. The following is a summary of the quote received:

Johnson's Fire Equipment	\$ 14,868.00
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There were no representatives from Buckeye Hills Regional Council or Johnson's Fire Equipment Company present for the quote opening.

**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 9:49 a.m.

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