

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 1, 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
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kathy Thieman, Human Resources
Chris Wilson, Building Department
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
David Browne, Behavioral Health Board
Charlie Schilling
James Booth
Richard Hays, EMA
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
James Raney, Humane Society
Mike Montgomery, Humane Society
Scott Hatfield, Humane Society
Esther Salem, Humane Society
Leight Murray, Humane Society
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, October 1, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Humane Society

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warren Schools – Township Road Name Request

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
JFS Resolution for Davis Avenue Renovations
Additional Appropriation – 911 Systems
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation – Board of Elections
Transfer – Building Department
Transfer – County General
Transfer – Law Library
Transfer – Sheriff
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services
JFS – Contract with Eve
Port Authority – Bond Issuance, Marietta College Project
County Employee Health Insurance for 2021
WASCO Mail Contract
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Engineer – Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed for Columbus Day, Monday October 12, 2020
County Home Meeting, Tuesday October 13 at 11a.m. at County Home

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Dog Warden – Contract with City of Belpre

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 September 24, 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: JFS RESOLUTION FOR DAVIS AVENUE RENOVATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services is the lead tenant of 202 and 204 Davis Avenue and the buildings are in need of renovations;

WHEREAS, Peoples Bank will be the finance institution for said renovations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County will authorize Ronald L. Feathers to sign the finance documents for the JFS renovations at 202 and 204 Davis Avenue.

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> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 911 System | 200-0364-55200 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Sewer | 400-0113-53202 | \$ 500.00 |
| Board of Elections | 215-0163-54401 | \$ 10,000.00 |

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

| <u>Department</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Building Department | 100-0170-57400 | 100-0170-55200 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| County General | 100-0102-57401 | 100-0109-53000 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Law Library | 200-0520-54000 | 200-0520-53900 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Law Library | 200-0520-54000 | 200-0520-55000 | \$ 2,386.00 |
| Sheriff | 100-0384-57100 | 210-0396-49100 | \$ 31,250.00 |

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> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sheriff | 210-0317-53000 | JH Consulting LLC | \$ 1,220.00 |

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 child visit in Cambridge and Frazeyburg on October 5; Frazeyburg on October 6; Cambridge on October 8; Grove City, PA on October 14; Toledo on October 15, 2020

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

RE: JFS – CONTRACT WITH EVE, INC.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract between Job and Family Services and Eve, Inc. for a supervised visitation and safe exchange center. The contract is effective from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The total amount of the contract cannot exceed \$55,300. JFS will pay Eve, Inc. to operate a supervised service center to provide divorced or separated families a safe environment for visitation and exchanges.

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

RE: PORT AUTHORITY – BOND ISSUANCE, MARIETTA COLLEGE PROJECT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the issuance of \$34 million Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Development Revenue Bonds Series 2020. The purpose of the bond is to provide funds to Marietta College to finance the cost of educational facilities on the campus. Washington County is not obligated for payments on the Series 2020 Bonds.

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

RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2021

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to open discussion on the proposals received for county employee health insurance. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Ritter said it is his belief that continuity is important and was hopeful that CEBCO would submit a reasonable proposal. Mr. Ritter is inclined to support the CEBCO proposal. Although the county could save a small amount in the first year with another proposal, there is the risk of future increases.

Commissioner White noted that CEBCO is pooled with other counties in Ohio and offers stability. Mr. White does not like to spend more than needed with public funds, however the county insures more than three hundred lives and he is inclined to stay with CEBCO.

Commissioner Feathers said this is his third time since taking office to renew the county employee health insurance. Mr. Feathers said the county has a track record with CEBCO and any initial savings with another proposal could be lost in subsequent years. Mr. Feathers said the policy has been well-managed with CEBCO and he is inclined to vote for CEBCO. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners always ask for input from county officials before making the decision.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a three year agreement with the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio, Inc. for employee health insurance administration. The agreement is effective from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

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

RE: WASCO MAIL CONTRACT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with WASCO, Inc. for mail services. The contract will be effective November 1, 2020. The contract with WASCO is being updated because of an increase in the cost of providing mail service.

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 – HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AGREEMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a FEMA flood hazard mitigation study for Marietta Country Club. Burgess & Niple will perform the study for a fee of \$115,000. Marietta Country Club will contribute \$14,375. The State of Ohio will contribute \$14,375. The remaining \$86,250 will be funded from the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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

RE: CONTRACT FOR DOG WARDEN SERVICES WITH CITY OF BELPRE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with the City of Belpre for dog warden services. The contract is effective from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The County agrees that the Dog Warden appointed by the County shall render services to the City of Belpre for enforcement of Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code. The City of Belpre agrees to pay the County \$2,400 for this service.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health, asked if a date has been set for the Warren Township Road hearing. The Commissioners said the date has not been set.

Kathy Thieman, Director Human Resources, said it has been a pleasure serving as H.R. Director and is thankful for the opportunity. She looks forward to her new role in the county at the Probate Court. Commissioner White said he is glad she is still working for the county. Mr. White said Ms. Thieman saved the county money over the last few years in her role and did a terrific job.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY

Several members of the HSOV Board of Directors were present to reply to Commissioner Ritter’s statement from the September 17, 2020 Commissioner Meeting. Leight Murray, Vice President HSOV, presented the Commissioners with a detailed memorandum of the Human Society’s response. Mr. Murray read the memorandum and answered questions.

Commissioner Ritter said his statement did not contain personal observations. The statement relayed information Mr. Ritter obtained from other sources. Mr. Ritter said he spoke with veterinarians that do not want to go on record and Mr. Ritter will honor the promise to not disclose their names. Mr. Ritter said it would have been irresponsible to not share the information he received regarding the Humane Society. Mr. Ritter commended the Humane Society for answering questions and recommended they contact local veterinarians over disagreements.

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 10:19 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk