

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 15, 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, Job & Family Services
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Tammy Sams, Human Resources
Chris Wilson, Building Department
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
David Browne, Behavioral Health Board
Tim Williams, Probate Judge
Charlie Schilling
James Booth
Roger Coffman, Health Department
Donnie Rader, I.T.
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
James Raney, Humane Society
Mike Montgomery, Humane Society
D Robinson
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, October 15, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Humane Society

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warren Schools – Township Road Name Request
Covid Taskforce – Reimbursement Request

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
JFS Resolution for Intercounty transfer with Madison County
Additional Appropriation – County General
Additional Appropriation – Maintenance
Additional Appropriation – Board of Elections
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel
Additional Appropriation – JFS
Additional Appropriation – JFS
Transfer – JFS
Transfer – Recorder
Then & Now
Travel – FCF
911 Technical Advisory Committee – Projects Request

DATES TO REMEMBER

Finance Committee Meeting, October 20 at 10am in Commissioner Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – COPS Hiring Grant
Additional Appropriation – Coroner
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Board of Elections
Transfer – Jail
Transfer – Auditor REA
House of Hope – Request to install air purification
Engineer – C-15 Emergency Repair

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 October 8, 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 INTERCOUNTY TRANSFER

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a resolution to allow an inter-county transfer between Madison County and Washington County. The resolution authorizes Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to accept up to \$12,000 from Madison County Department of Job and Family Services in TANF money and authorize Washington County JFS to release \$13,818.45 in FAET 100% and \$9,758 in FAET 50% money to Madison County JFS.

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>
County General	100-0100-53500	\$ 4,300.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	\$ 10,000.00
Board of Elections	215-0162-54400	\$ 1,049.00
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-53002	\$ 1,500.00
JFS	200-0720-52000	\$ 5,000.00
JFS	200-0720-51104	\$ 120,000.00
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51001	\$ 25,000.00
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51101	\$ 362.50
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51102	\$ 4,525.00
Coroner	100-0361-53000	\$ 15,000.00
Sheriff Sales Tax	100-0384-57450	\$ 10,000.00
Board of Elections	215-0163-54401	\$ 10,000.00

Tim Williams, Probate/Juvenile Judge, asked about the large appropriation for Job and Family Services. Commissioner Feathers asked the Director of JFS to explain the appropriation as he had previously done for the Commissioners. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, explained the timing of receiving revenue from the State and said that, rather than making monthly corrections, the department is appropriating a large amount for the rest of the year.

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>
JFS	200-0720-59000	200-0720-51102	\$ 80,000.00
Recorder	100-0150-52000	100-0150-54000	\$ 400.00
Jail	100-0381-53403	100-0381-54400	\$ 1,000.00
Auditor	200-0122-53403	200-0122-53202	\$ 1,050.00
Auditor	200-0122-53403	200-0122-51105	\$ 23.64

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	100-0109-53600	Schwendeman	\$ 1,733.95

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

RE: FCF – REQUEST TO CLOSE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from Family and Children First to close the office on November 27, 2020, the day after Thanksgiving. All staff will use vacation or comp time for that day.

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

RE: 911 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from the 911 Technical Advisory Committee for services and equipment. The request includes cable internet service and approximately \$65,000 of backup equipment for Marietta and Belpre Police Departments.

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 C-15 EMERGENCY REPAIR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract with Bob Lane's Welding for an emergency landslip repair on County Road 15. The total amount of the contract is \$41,949.50.

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

RE: HOUSE OF HOPE – REQUEST TO INSTALL AIR PURIFIERS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from Behavioral Health Board on behalf of the House of Hope to install up to three Halo Air Purification systems. Washington County owns the property at 750 County House Lane and the House of Hope is the current occupant with a multi-year lease with the county.

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 said the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative almost has enough data to dispute the federal government regarding broadband coverage in the county. Mr. Booth encouraged residents around the county to complete the connectivity test.

Karl Comstock, Maintenance Supervisor, said construction on the Courthouse Stair Repair Project started this morning outside the main entrance to the Courthouse.

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, said there is an 18 foot wide undeveloped alley in the backyards of his street. Mr. Pawloski submitted a request with signatures from local residents to have the sewer main line placed in the alley if they are sewered. Mr. Pawloski said the majority of his neighbors would then prefer the lateral in their backyards. Commissioner White said he hopes that input was submitted on the project webpage, as that was the purpose of the virtual meeting last Tuesday. Mr. Pawloski asked what the tap fee cost will be for the Devola Sewer Project. Commissioner Feathers said the final numbers are still being determined, but it could be between \$8,000 and \$12,000 per household. Mr. Feathers said the fee could be paid upfront or placed on property taxes for the length of the sewer project loan.

Commissioner Ritter said he received a phone call commending the Building Department and thanked them for their good work.

RE: COVID TASKFORCE – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the table the COVID-19 Taskforce reimbursement request. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Washington County COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce-Request #2020-01. The taskforce reviewed COVID related expenditures from county departments and agencies. The taskforce requests a total of \$299,912.13 be reimbursed to county departments and agencies from the CARES

Act funds received by the county for COVID related expenses.
A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Ron Feathers aye. Kevin Ritter aye.
David White aye. Motion passed.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Mike Montgomery, Humane Society, provided the Commissioners with a brief update on the Humane Society. Mr. Montgomery said the HSOV is looking for new employees and that all past due bills are paid. Mr. Montgomery said the HSOV Office Manager has been reaching out to work with local veterinarians.

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 10:11 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk