

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 29, 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  
Tammy Sams, Human Resources  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance  
Roger Wright, Engineer  
James Booth  
Donnie Rader, I.T.  
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health  
Jamie Vuksic – Children Services  
Jesse Roush – Port Authority  
Hannah Schaffer – Port Authority  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners**  
**AGENDA**  
**9:00 am, October 29, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Warren Schools – Township Road Name Request

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – 911  
Then & Now  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
COVID Taskforce – Reimbursement Request #2020-03  
Washington County CARES Small Business & Nonprofit Grant Program  
Engineer – Plans & Specifications for C-20 Bridge Replacement

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Election Day, Tuesday November 3, 2020

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Indigent Application  
Transfer – Veterans

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 October 22, 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: 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> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sewer                   | 400-0113-53000 | \$ 104,804.82 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2031-53005 | \$ 2,185.00   |
| 911                     | 200-0364-53000 | \$ 65,000.00  |
| Indigent Application    | 200-0213-57100 | \$ 65,000.00  |

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. 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> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Veterans          | 100-0700-57406 | 100-0700-57400 | \$ 8,000.00   |
| Veterans          | 100-0700-57403 | 100-0700-57400 | \$ 2,213.38   |
| Veterans          | 100-0700-52000 | 100-0700-57401 | \$ 7,753.32   |
| Veterans          | 100-0700-53000 | 100-0700-57401 | \$ 2,773.93   |
| Veterans          | 100-0700-53403 | 100-0700-57401 | \$ 7,136.13   |
| Veterans          | 100-0700-57403 | 100-0700-57401 | \$ 5,286.62   |

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> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Law Library       | 200-0520-54000 | Matthew Bender | \$ 203.16     |
| Commissioners     | 200-0872-57001 | Health Dept    | \$ 13,797.02  |

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: COVID TASKFORCE – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #2020-03**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the COVID-19 Taskforce Reimbursement Request #2020-03. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenditures from county departments and agencies. The taskforce requests a total of \$46,714.52 be reimbursed to county departments and agencies from the CARES Act funds received by the county for COVID related expenses. The Commissioners approved \$299,912.13 for reimbursement on October 15 and \$26,998.02 on October 22.

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

**RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY CARES SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Buckeye Hills to administer the Washington County CARES Small Business and Nonprofit Grant Program. The program will provide eligible small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Washington County up to \$20,000 in assistance for economic hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic. Expenses eligible for reimbursement must have been incurred between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020. Buckeye Hills will accept applications from November 2 through November 25, 2020. Commissioner Feathers said this is a historic moment, put together by the Washington County COVID Taskforce, to help the community.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR C-20 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the plans and specifications, submitted by the county engineer, for County Road 20 Bridge Replacement. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$1,819,135.49. The project will be funded with 80% federal funds and 20% local funds. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the project should begin next year in April or May.

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 thanked the Commissioners and department heads for their time during his campaign.

Jesse Roush introduced Hannah Schaffer, a new employee of Southeastern Ohio Port Authority.

Commissioner White thanked everyone for the condolences he received this week.

**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 9:13 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_, President

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\_\_\_\_\_, Member

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk