

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 10, 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
Karl Comstock, Maintenance
Richard Hays, EMA
Tim Williams, Probate Judge
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Jamie Vuksic, Job & Family Services
Roger Wright, Engineer
Charlie Schilling
James Booth
Richard Best, Barlow Township
John Hannan, Barlow Township
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health
Bob Allen, Warren Local Schools
Lisa Spence, Warren Local Schools
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, December 10, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Final Public Hearing for new Barlow Township Road
9:45 Flite Freimann – Job & Family Services
10:00 Buckeye Hills Update via phone

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warren Schools – Township Road Name Request
Barlow Township – Township Road Name Request
Proposal to Remove BHB from CORSA Coverage

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff Commissary
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First (2)
Additional Appropriation – Senior Levy
Transfer – EMA
Transfer – Children Services
Transfer – JFS
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer – I.T.
Transfer – Juvenile
Transfer – Probate
Then & Now
MOU for Broadband Expansion Project
JFS – Training Proposal through WSCC
WMCAP – Contract for Transit Services Agreement
911 – Professional Medical Services Agreement
911 – Appointment of Medical Director
Coroner – Appointment of Coroner’s Investigator
COVID Taskforce – Reimbursement Request #2020-09
Humane Society – November Invoice for Veterinary Services
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for November
Engineer – Change Order

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed for Christmas, Friday December 25
Courthouse closed for New Year’s Day, Friday January 1, 2021

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Human Resources
Appointments to WCBDD
Juvenile – Contract for Out of District Detention
Resolution requesting Ohio to join Texas election lawsuit

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 December 3, 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>
Sheriff Commissary	200-0383-54201	\$ 20,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2031-53001	\$ 475.00
Family & Children First	602-2031-53003	\$ 9,510.00
Senior Levy	200-0703-53000	\$ 340.20
Human Resources	100-0366-51102	\$ 5.00

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>
EMA	200-0315-53101	200-0315-53102	\$ 350.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	200-0740-57000	\$ 130,000.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	200-0720-57400	\$ 30,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53010	100-0384-53000	\$ 1,500.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53010	100-0384-57400	\$ 1,500.00
I.T.	100-0190-53000	100-0190-53403	\$ 12,000.00
Juvenile	100-0330-53000	100-0330-51001	\$ 10,000.00
Probate	100-0220-52000	100-0220-53000	\$ 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: 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>
Maintenance	100-0109-54000	Heritage	\$ 247.80
I.T.	100-0190-53000	Ifax	\$ 559.65
Children Services	200-0740-57001	Walmart	\$ 5,000.00
Auditor	200-0122-54000	Hyde Brothers	\$ 505.00
Sheriff	100-0381-53010	Brad Kelly	\$ 650.00

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

RE: MOU FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Southeastern Ohio Broadband Cooperative. The purpose of the

MOU is to provide payment by the Commissioners from CARES Act funds to the Cooperative to pay a portion of the cost of installation of equipment in December 2020 for the expansion of broadband internet service in Washington County. The cooperative understands that the installation must be completed and the services operable and available for customers before December 30, 2020. The Commissioners will pay the cooperative the sum of no more than \$50,000 for satisfactory completion of the work. James Booth thanked the Commissioners for supporting the broadband cooperative.

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

RE: JFS – TRAINING PROPOSAL THROUGH WSCC

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a training proposal from Washington County Department of Job and Family Services. JFS will identify WIOA and CCMEP eligible participants and refer them to Washington State Community College to obtain a Certified Customer Service Professional Certificate. Classes will begin January 11, 2021 and end March 5, 2021. The maximum amount paid will not exceed \$30,000. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said this is an exciting opportunity to work with Washington State Community College and the certificates are industry recognized.

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

RE: WMCAP – CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES 2021

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract for transit services in the county for calendar year 2021. The Community Action Program of Washington-Morgan Counties will provide a minimum of 12,050 hours of transportation at \$57.50 per hour.

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

RE: 911 – PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a service agreement with Colin Brockett M.D. to provide medical director services for the Washington County 911 public safety answering points (PSAP). Dr. Brockett is a licensed physician in the State of Ohio, has knowledge of the Emergency Medical Services Systems, and is familiar with the EMS dispatch systems and methodologies. The term of the agreement is for one year commencing the date of approval.

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

RE: 911 – APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Colin Brockett as the Medical Director, to oversee and design protocols related to Emergency Medical Dispatching on behalf of the Washington County 911 Technical Advisory Committee. The appointment is effective December 10, 2020 and will be revisited after three years.

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

RE: CORONER – APPOINTMENT OF CORONER'S INVESTIGATOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to table the coroner's appointment of the coroner's investigator.

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 #2020-09

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the COVID-19 Taskforce Reimbursement Request #2020-09. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenditures from county departments and agencies. The taskforce requests a total of \$1,456,747.27 be reimbursed to county departments and agencies from the CARES Act funds received by the county for COVID related expenses, also to provide relief to the six school districts in Washington County, and to fund the Washington County CARES Small Business and Nonprofit Grant program. The Commissioners approved \$299,912.13 for reimbursement on October 15, \$26,998.02 on October 22, \$46,714.52 on October 29, \$6,699.54 on November 5, \$8,858.40 on November 12, \$43,621.04 on November 19, \$28,428.51 on November 25, and \$20,709.87 on December 3, 2020.

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

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY – NOVEMBER INVOICE FOR VETERINARY SERVICES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve payment of an invoice from the Humane Society for veterinary services for the month of November. The total amount due is \$1,500.

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

RE: SHERIFF – MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of November. The report, submitted by the Sheriff, shows a total prisoner count of 257.

RE: ENGINEER – CHANGE ORDER #1-FINAL, T-29 BRIDGE REHAB

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1-Final for the Township Road 29 Bridge Rehabilitation. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating is the contractor for the project. The change order is an increase of \$9,602. There is also an addendum for quantity correction of \$25,096.50. The new project total is \$370,050.

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO WCBDD

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Cara Silvestri and reappointment of Carolyn Ditchendorf and Kyle Boker as members of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. White moved to table the appointments to the Board of Developmental Disabilities. Motion not seconded. Failed motion.

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

RE: JUVENILE COURT – CONTRACT FOR OUT OF DISTRICT DETENTION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Juvenile Court and Multi-County Juvenile Detention District of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking and Perry for the secure detention of juvenile offenders. Washington County will pay the District a per diem rate of \$105. The contract is effective from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING OHIO JOIN TEXAS ELECTION LAWSUIT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution requesting the Attorney General of Ohio to join Texas as a plaintiff in its action against Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all voters.

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

RE: FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARLOW TOWNSHIP ROAD 1520

Roger Wright, County Engineer, presented the plans and easements for the proposed Barlow Township Road. Mr. Wright submitted his report on the establishment of T-1520, which was read aloud by Commissioner Ritter. The following is an excerpt from the engineer's report.

As a result of my observations at the road establishment viewing held November 16, 2020 at 11am, for the establishment of Barlow Township Road 1520, it is my opinion this road meets the criteria to be made public. The road was designed to support public road traffic by the Ohio Department of Transportation and constructed as part of ODOT project 109384.

The Commissioners asked those in attendance if they wished to provide testimony on the establishment of the road. Bob Allen, Warren Local Schools, asked that the road be named Big Blue Way and stated he is happy with the road.

Mr. Wright presented a letter of support from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The letter states that the new township road will be a benefit to the community and to the traveling public as well and the School.

Commissioner Ritter moved and Commissioner White seconded a motion to adopt a resolution approving establishment of Barlow Township Road 1520. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

John Hannan, Barlow Township, said the township should name the road. Melcie Wells, Warren Local Schools, is in favor of the name Big Blue Way. Mrs. Wells said the school district asked the public for suggestions and the name was voted on by the school board. Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health, thinks Big Blue Way is an appropriate name. Richard Best, Barlow Township, said most Barlow Township roads are named for landowners in the township. Mr. Best said the name suggested by the school could lead to students stealing the road sign and that is expensive to keep replacing. Commissioner White said the Commissioners generally name township roads with the input of the township.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to extend the naming of Township Road 1520 for one week.

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

RE: FLITE FREIMANN – JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said they have received four proposals for engineering and design of the 204 Davis Avenue renovations. Mr. Freimann recommends Pickering and Associates.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Pickering and Associates and to allow for negotiation of a contract.

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

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 9:58 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk