

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 17, 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
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Roger Wright, Engineer
Charlie Schilling
James Booth
Chris Wilson, Building Department
Bob Allen, Warren Local Schools
Bob Crum, Warren Local Schools
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, December 17, 2020**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:25 2021 Appropriations
9:30 Investment Committee
10:00 Humane Society Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warren Schools – Township Road Name Request
Barlow Township – Township Road Name Request
Proposal to Remove BHB from CORSA Coverage
Appointment of Coroner's Investigator

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Treasurer
Additional Appropriation – Soil & Water
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation – Capital Projects
Transfer – County General
Then & Now
ODOT – MOU for Belpre Outpost Facility
Prosecutor – 2019 Prosecutions Report
Prosecutor – 2020 DTAC Report
CDBG – Change Order #1, Lion Turnout Gear
COVID Taskforce – Reimbursement Request #2020-10
County Home – Collective Bargaining Agreement

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed for Christmas, Friday December 25
Courthouse closed for New Year's Day, Friday January 1, 2021
Commissioners Organizational Meeting, 10am January 6, 2021

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – County General
 Engineer – Change Order #1-Final, C-15 Landslip Repair
 Engineer – Rename T-1153 Mary Avenue
 Engineer – 2021 Frost Law
 Engineer – Bid Specifications for C-20 Bridge Replacement
 JFS – Contract with Community Health Improvement
Remove: Humane Society Update

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 10, 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. Ritter moved and Mr. White 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>
Treasurer	100-0130-57500	\$ 775.73
Soil & Water	200-2040-51001	\$ 15,000.00
Soil & Water	200-2040-51120	\$ 1,000.00
Soil & Water	200-2040-51102	\$ 988.16
Sewer	400-0113-53000	\$ 249,189.23
Capital Projects	300-0555-55000	\$ 11,947.50
County General	100-0100-51001	\$ 5,000.00

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>
Juvenile	100-0330-51001	100-0330-51120	\$ 590.00

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>
Sheriff	100-0384-53000	Melissa Doan	\$ 105.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53000	Keri Gillespie	\$ 187.50
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Krampe	\$ 730.00
Capital Projects	300-0599-55200	WW Plastering	\$ 6,500.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Bricker & Eckler	\$ 5,587.50

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

RE: ODOT – MOU FOR BELPRE OUTPOST FACILITY

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a memorandum of agreement between Ohio Department of Transportation and Washington County for cooperation in the design, construction, and funding of a project to extend sewer utilities to ODOT’s Belpre Outpost Facility. The facility is located at 399 State Route 618, Little Hocking. ODOT has established a budget not to exceed \$700,000 for execution of this project. ODOT agrees to contribute a sum not to exceed \$700,000 to the project.

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

RE: PROSECUTOR – 2019 PROSECUTIONS REPORT

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Prosecutor’s annual report of criminal prosecutions from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The report includes the offense, sentence, fine and cost of criminal prosecutions pursued to final conviction.

RE: PROSECUTOR – 2020 DTAC REPORT

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Prosecutor's DTAC report for 2020. The report shows total expenses of \$43,674 for the year.

RE: CDBG – CHANGE ORDER #1, LION TURNOUT GEAR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the 2019 CDBG Grandview VFD purchase of Lion turnout gear. The change order extends the contract time by 90 days, until March 1, 2021.

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 #2020-10

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the COVID-19 Taskforce Reimbursement Request #2020-10. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenditures from county departments and agencies. The taskforce requests a total of \$14,788.91 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, \$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, \$20,709.87 on December 3, \$1,456,747.27 on December 10, 2020.

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

RE: COUNTY HOME – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to table the collective bargaining agreement between Washington County Home and AFSCME, Ohio Council 8 Local 3809.

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

RE: ENGINEER – CHANGE ORDER #1-FINAL, C-15 LANDSLIP REPAIR

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1-Final for the County Road 15 Site 2 landslip repair project. Bob Lane's Welding is the contractor for the project. The change order is a reduction of \$3,020.66 for a new project total cost of \$38,928.84.

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

RE: ENGINEER – RENAME T-1153 MARY AVENUE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a name change for Barlow Township Road 1153 Mary Avenue. T-1153 will now be named County Road 810. The road connects C-804 Warrior Drive and State Route 339.

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

RE: ENGINEER – 2021 FROST LAW

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Frost Law, as submitted by the county engineer, effective from January 1, 2021 through April 15, 2021.

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

RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR C-20 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the bid specifications for the County Road 20 Cornerville Bridge Rehabilitation. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$2,136,848. The project will be funded with 80% federal funds, 20% local funds, with local funds comprising 15% Credit Bridge.

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 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATES

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a contract between Job and Family Services and Community Health Improvement Associates. CHIA will provide

certified Peer Recovery Supporters to work with individuals referred to CHIA from JFS. The total amount of the contract cannot exceed \$10,000. JFS will pay CHIA \$22 per contract hour for services. 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: BARLOW TOWNSHIP ROAD 1520 NAME REQUEST

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the table the Barlow Township request to name Township Road 1520.

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

Commissioner White said that as a new township road, the township has the right, privilege, and authority to name the road.

Commissioner Ritter said that in keeping with a principle known as subsidiarity, he believes that issues should be decided at the level of government closest to the citizens affected. Mr. Ritter respects the fact that the people of Barlow Township have elected representatives to make just these sorts of decisions. Barlow Township will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the road and Mr. Ritter believes they should have a stake in choosing a name for it. Mr. Ritter asks the Trustees to take into consideration the school's preference, but in his view the ultimate decision lies with the elected representatives of the township.

Commissioner Feathers said there is a historical precedent in Barlow Township to name roads after the family that owns the property.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the request from Barlow Township to name newly created township road Walls Way. The Walls family sold the land to Warren Schools in 1960 and the family farm still stands at the end of the new road. Roger Wright, Engineer, said his office will pay for and place the first sign for the road.

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

RE: WARREN SCHOOLS – TOWNSHIP ROAD 1520 NAME REQUEST

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the table a request from Warren Local Schools to name the new road Big Blue Way.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the request from Warren Local Schools to name the new road, Township Road 1520, Big Blue Way.

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

RE: 2021 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Appropriations Resolution for 2021 for Washington County.

Commissioner Feathers gave a summary of the appropriated amounts which included \$18,125,181 for the County General Fund and \$68,850,833 for the total of all county funds. Mr. Feathers said he anticipates County General fund revenues of \$16,000,000. Mr. Feathers said the budget is balanced, which is possible because of the carryover built up over the last eight years. This leaves the new administration over \$5 million in carryover to begin the year. Mr. Feathers cautioned the new administration that this money can be used for bread to eat or for seeds to plant. Mr. Feathers advised to do both. Mr. Feathers said that, with the exception of one department, all appropriations were approved as requested.

Commissioner White said the seeming delta between revenues and expenses is from departments not spending the entire amount appropriated.

Charlie Schilling said the new commissioners need to look at being efficient and appreciates what the county has done the last several years.

Commissioner Ritter said the county is in a good position because the efforts of Mr. Feathers and Mr. White over the last seven years.

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

RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Tammy Bates, Treasurer, presented and explained the Treasurer's report detailing fees paid and interest earned from Meeder Investment and Peoples Bank from January 2020 through November 2020. The county has earned over \$1 million in interest this year.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk