

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 1, 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: KEVIN J. RITTER, PRESIDENT. JAMES W. BOOTH, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. RITTER LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG, AND MR. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Job & Family Services
Diane Davis, Director of Human Resources
Rick Dostal, Building Department Official
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Donnie Rader, Director of I.T.
Deanna Green, Job & Family Services
David Locke
Glen Pawloski
Marcia Pawloski
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, April 1, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:45 David Locke

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JFS – Engineer Contract for 202 Davis Avenue
JFS – Engineer Contract for 204 Davis Avenue
Engineer – Request for Newport & Wesley Townships

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution – Transit Grant Application Authorization
Additional Appropriation – CDBG
Additional Appropriation – CDBG HOME
Additional Appropriation – Belpre Outpost
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Additional Appropriation – Jail
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
ODOT – 2022 Certifications and Assurances
Jail Contract – Ohio University
Jail Contract – City of Athens
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Home Meeting, 11 am Tuesday April 13, at County Home
Finance Committee Meeting, 10 am April 20, at Courthouse

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Building Department – Contract with Village of Middleport
Covid Taskforce – Request #2021-09

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye.
Motion passed.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye.
Motion passed.

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Booth 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: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION – TRANSIT GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Washington County to apply for Section 5311 and Section 5339 grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration and execute a contract with ODOT upon project approval.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve requests for the following additional appropriations:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| CDBG | 210-0807-57403 | \$ 12,100.00 |
| CDBG HOME | 210-0808-51000 | \$ - 7,652.00 |
| Belpre Outpost | 210-0556-57200 | \$ 700,000.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2031-53005 | \$ 11,273.20 |
| Jail | 100-0381-54401 | \$ 9,894.42 |

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRANSFERS

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

| <u>Department</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Belpre Outpost | 210-0556-57200 | 100-0104-49200 | \$ 25,279.75 |

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: THEN & NOW

Mr. Booth 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 | 100-0384-53800 | Morrison Inc | \$ 769.99 |
| Job & Family Services | 200-0720-57400 | Southeast Security | \$ 969.00 |

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: ODOT – 2022 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Ohio Department of Transportation standard certifications and assurances for 2022. ODOT requires applicants to provide assurance of compliance to be awarded Federal or State assistance.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: JAIL CONTRACT WITH OHIO UNIVERSITY

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Ohio University to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$68 per day. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: JAIL CONTRACT WITH CITY OF ATHENS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with City of Athens to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$68 per day. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Booth 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: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to certify with the county auditor the following list of delinquent sewer accounts. The Board of Commissioners requests the auditor to collect the delinquent amounts with the taxes due for the property.

| <u>Parcel</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Parcel</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 06-0016928-000 | \$ 321.94 | 07-0024157-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 07-0021412-000 | \$ 311.96 | 07-0020248-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 07-0024054-000 | \$ 311.96 | 07-0024064-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 07-0023640-000 | \$ 314.96 | 26-0042067-000 | \$ 301.98 |
| 26-0038484-000 | \$ 301.98 | 11-0048175-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 23-0085470-029 | \$ 311.96 | 26-0037604-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 05-0010704-000 | \$ 311.96 | 05-0010644-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 05-0013116-000 | \$ 311.96 | 05-0013460-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 11-0046188-000 | \$ 470.85 | 05-0013176-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 05-0011648-000 | \$ 311.96 | 05-0013148-000 | \$ 311.96 |
| 06-0031673-001 | \$ 329.60 | 05-0013180-000 | \$ 394.94 |

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Village of Middleport. Washington County will administer and enforce the Ohio Building Code within the village. For providing this service, Washington County shall retain all permit and inspection fees for such purposes.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: COVID TASKFORCE – REQUEST #2021-09

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Washington County COVID-19 Taskforce Request #2021-09. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenses and requests a total of \$1,410 for payment for employee COVID tests from the CARES Act funds received by the county.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: JFS – ENGINEER CONTRACTS FOR 202 & 204 DAVIS AVENUE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the table contracts with Pickering Associates for the renovation of 202 & 204 Davis Avenue.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to remove from the agenda the JFS contracts with Pickering Associates for the renovation of 202 & 204 Davis Avenue.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: ENGINEER – REQUEST FOR NEWPORT & WESLEY TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to return to the table a request from the Engineer for Newport and Wesley Townships.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to remove from the agenda the request from the Engineer for Newport and Wesley Townships.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

RE: COMMENTS

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, asked if the Commissioners told the township trustees at a recent meeting that the majority of residents oppose the Heritage right of entry agreements. Commissioner Booth said the Health Department spoke about the right of entry agreements. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners discussed supporting the effort to obtain H2O funding at the township meeting.

Commissioner Ritter said he understands that the majority of residents are frustrated with the Devola Sewer Project. Mr. Ritter said the Court has ordered the county to move forward with the project. Mr. Ritter said the two efforts of the residents appealing the Court's decision and the Commissioners following the Court Order, are parallel. Mr. Ritter celebrates the citizens right to appeal the decision. Mr. Ritter said the Commissioners are protecting the citizens by following the Court Order.

Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the union contract is in negotiation and should reach a tentative agreement with the Teamsters soon. Mr. Wright clarified a statement from a recent Marietta Times article that the former Board of Commissioners delayed the sewer project and for that reason it is ineligible for funding. Mr. Wright said the initial plan from Stantec was not going to work and would have increased cost. The county asked the EPA for a change of plan and was given two years from the date of approval to install the sewer mains.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said, on the advice of bond counsel, to have Pickering assume the worst case scenario for the Davis Avenue renovations. The new estimate for the project is \$1.8 million. Commissioner Booth said the Washington County Building Official recommends other projects as priority for now.

Commissioner Ritter thanked Kathy Thieman for her help over the last three months with the transition of the new Director of Human Resources. Mr. Ritter thanked Judge Williams for allowing Ms. Thieman to help out for the good of the county.

RE: DAVID LOCKE

David Locke spoke to the Commissioners about a federal grant opportunity that requires a 25% local match to pay to demolish and remove homes located in repetitive flood zones. The remaining 75% is paid by federal grant. Mr. Locke provided the Commissioners with paperwork about the grant program.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Booth 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 9:56 a.m.

_____, President

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk