

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 27, 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: KEVIN J. RITTER, PRESIDENT. CHARLIE L. SCHILLING, VICE 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. SCHILLING OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Flite Freimann, Director of Job & Family Services  
Rick Dostal, Building Department Official  
Crystal Earley, Health Department  
Jim Carpenter, Health Department  
Bruce Kelbaugh, Board of Health  
Jesse Roush, Port Authority  
Richard Hays, EMA/911  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
David Brown, Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative  
Glen Pawloski  
Alex Pavloff, Secretary of State Liaison  
Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension  
Heather Warner, GoPacks Program  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners**  
**AGENDA**  
**9:00 am, May 27, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:45 Secretary of State  
10:15 Board of Health  
10:30 OSU Extension – Ag Update

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Auditor – PILT Distribution

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to close Guaranty Fund for Ingenuity Center  
Additional Appropriation – CSEA  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer  
Additional Appropriation – Critical Infrastructure  
Transfer – Recorder  
Transfer – Family & Children First  
Then & Now  
Travel – Job & Family Services  
Sheriff – Request to sell vehicle  
Jail – Contract with Trident Care  
CSEA – Subgrant Agreement with ODJFS  
Juvenile Court – Grant Amendment  
911 – Contract with AVTEC for backup equipment  
EMA – Quote from Everbridge  
JFS – Biennial Subgrant Agreement with ODJFS & ODM  
JFS – Broadband Proposal  
Covid Taskforce – Request #2021-15  
Engineer – RUMA with Eureka Midstream

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31  
Courthouse closed for Independence Day, Monday, July 5

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Remove: 10:15 Board of Health

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 regular meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth 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. Charlie Schilling aye. James Booth aye. Motion passed.

**RE: RESOLUTION TO CLOSE GUARANTY FUND FOR INGENUITY CENTER**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Commissioners established a Guaranty Fund in April 2014 as security for a loan from the Ohio Development Services Agency made to the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority to construct the Ingenuity Center. The Board of Commissioners deposited \$55,291.79 at The Peoples Savings Bank as guaranty on the Port Authority's loan, equal to one year's payments on said mortgage.*

***WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority sold the Ingenuity Center in May 2021 and has satisfied the mortgage with Ohio Development Services Agency.*

***WHEREAS**, the Debt Reserve Guaranty is no longer required and the Board of Commissioners will close the account at The Peoples Savings Bank and withdraw the full amount on deposit, currently \$55,341.79.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Washington County Commissioners does hereby terminate the Guaranty Fund for the Ingenuity Center and will close the account at The Peoples Savings Bank and withdraw the full amount of the account upon closure.*

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child Support Enf Agency	200-0730-53501	\$ 7,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-54000	\$ 4,000.00
Critical Infrastructure	210-0830-53000	\$ 136,275.33
Critical Infrastructure	210-0830-53005	\$ 30,000.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Recorder	100-0150-51006	100-0150-51001	\$ 2,400.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-52001	602-2033-56001	\$ 1,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-52003	602-2033-53001	\$ 350.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now Certificates:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Workingman Store	\$ 775.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Telephonetics	\$ 199.95
I.T.	100-0190-53000	Morrison	\$ 3,350.43
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Heiss Plumbing	\$ 750.00

Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Heiss Plumbing	\$ 640.00
Building Department	100-0170-53403	Cardmember Svcs	\$ 1,995.17

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

**RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel, pursuant to county policy and in compliance with the annual appropriations for fiscal year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Job & Family Services

*Flite Freimann*: PCSAO Executive Membership Meeting in Lewis Center, Ohio on June 24 – 25, 2021

*Flite Freimann*: General Session in Lewis Center, Ohio on June 10 – 11, 2021

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

**RE: SHERIFF – REQUEST TO SELL VEHICLE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff to sell a 2004 Ford Heritage Pickup Truck VIN: 2FTRF17294CA829261997. The vehicle was purchased with Dog & Kennel funds and the sale of the vehicle will be credited to that fund.

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

**RE: JAIL – CONTRACT WITH TRIDENT CARE**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract between Washington County Jail and Trident Care, to provide portable X-Ray, Ultrasound, and EKG services. The contract is effective for one year. The fees for X-Ray and Ultrasound exams will be invoiced according to the current Ohio Medicaid Fee Schedule. The fee for EKG will be a flat rate of \$65 per exam. The portable service prevents the Jail from needing to transport inmates to the hospital for these procedures.

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

**RE: CSEA – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPT JOB & FAMILY SERVICE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and the Washington County Commissioners. The subgrant agreement is applicable to all subawards by ODJFS to Washington County for the operation of Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency. The subgrant agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

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

**RE: JUVENILE COURT – GRANT AMENDMENT**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a grant amendment for Juvenile Court. The amendment is an adjustment, moving \$3,000 from Pooled Funds to Clinical Assessments to cover psychological evaluations. The overall grant amount remains unchanged.

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

**RE: 911 – CONTRACT WITH AVTEC FOR BACKUP EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a service agreement for software/hardware maintenance from AVTEC for 911 backup equipment. The five-year agreement will cost \$3,496 per year.

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

**RE: EMA – QUOTE FROM EVERBRIDGE**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the purchase of one year of service from Everbridge for the county EMA mass notification system. The quote

from Everbridge shows a cost of \$14,698.95 for 12 months of service effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

**RE: JFS – BIENNIAL SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH ODJFS & ODM**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and Washington County Commissioners. The subgrant agreement is applicable to all subawards by ODJFS and ODM to Washington County for the operation of Washington County Department of Job & Family Services. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

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

**RE: JFS – BROADBAND PROPOSAL**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to allow Job & Family Services to draft a contract with Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative to expand broadband service in Washington County. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said SEOBC was the only proposal received from JFS's Request for Proposals for broadband. Mr. Freimann said he believes it is a good proposal. David Brown, SEOBC, said the cooperative proposes to expand the service they provide and to coordinate with JFS and local schools for fixed wireless and cable broadband to identified areas of need. Mr. Freimann said the proposal is for \$105,000 and is a fair cost for the service provided. Commissioner Schilling asked how many people are currently being served by the Cooperative. Mr. Brown said there are 65 customers from the first tower. Mr. Schilling said the cooperative provides local jobs and helps children access education. Commissioner Booth asked if the Cooperative has put any data caps on the customers. Mr. Brown said the customers have not had any caps on data.

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

**RE: COVID TASKFORCE – REQUEST #2021-15**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the Washington County COVID-19 Taskforce Request #2021-15. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenses and requests a total of \$4,885.00 for payment from the CARES Act funds received by the county.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – RUMA WITH EUREKA MIDSTREAM**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a Road Use Maintenance Agreement with Eureka Midstream. The RUMA with Eureka Midstream is for use of County Road 138, Rinard Mills Road, in Grandview Township to access its BUELS061 Dynamite Well Connect Pipeline Project.

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

**RE: AUDITOR – PILT DISTRIBUTION**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to return to the table the PILT distribution request from the County Auditor.

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

Commissioner Booth said the County Engineer questioned the distribution. The Engineer checked with the County Auditor and the PILT funds are not from national forest sales of timber and minerals and therefore not included in the state law that was changed. The Engineer has no concerns with the Auditor's distribution request.

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a request from the County Auditor to distribute \$31,303.15 of Payment in Lieu of Taxes received on behalf of Wayne National Forest. Frontier Local Schools will receive 78.95%, the County will receive 8.55%, and the related townships will split 12.5%. The township split is prorated based on the actual inside millage of each.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Glen Pawloski, Devola resident, said the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals denied the DASH appeal. Mr. Pawloski said the attorney for DASH is disappointed with the decision. Mr. Pawloski said the Washington County Board of Health found no reason to sewer Devola. Mr. Pawloski requests the Washington County Commissioners abdicate the order to sewer Devola.

Rick Dostal, Building Department, said Washington County will be providing services for the Village of Middleport.

Mr. Booth said construction on the Devola Sewer Project will not start this summer. Mr. Booth said that, with the timing of some of the funding options, construction will probably begin in May or June 2022.

Commissioner Schilling said that Monday at 4 p.m., Memorial Day, Veterans Service Commission will hold a ceremony to rename their building in memory of Chad Wright.

Commissioner Ritter said the Devola Sewer Project was not included on the Governor’s recent list of projects to fund. Mr. Ritter would like to know why it was not included. Mr. Ritter is tired of southeast Ohio being overlooked by Columbus, and funding staying in Franklin County. Mr. Booth said that if the Governor can give away \$5 million in a vaccine lottery, he can help fund our county. Mr. Schilling believes Representatives Don Jones and Jay Edwards will fight for Washington County.

**RE: SECRETARY OF STATE – REGIONAL LIAISON**

Alex Pavloff, Eastern Ohio Regional Liaison for Ohio Secretary of State, provided the Commissioners with an overview of the Office. Mr. Pavloff said new businesses file through the Secretary of State Office, and also the Office helps local Board of Elections administer elections. Mr. Pavloff said the 2020 election had the highest voter turnout in Ohio history.

Commissioner Schilling was very upset with the Governor’s March 17 election postponement. Commissioner Ritter said that can never happen again. Mr. Pavloff said the local Boards of Election handled it admirably.

Mr. Ritter asked why Ohio voter rolls are so much more accurate than other states. Mr. Pavloff said the BMV in Ohio offers voter registration when people go to get their driver’s license. Mr. Pavloff said they want to modernize to digital from paper processing. Mr. Pavloff said voters can register online in Ohio.

**RE: OSU EXTENSION – AG UPDATE**

Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension Office, and Heather Warner, GoPacks Program, provided the Commissioners with an update on agriculture programs in Washington County. Mr. McCartney said this is a good hay season, soybean prices are up, and there was a late frost into dry weather this year. Mr. McCartney said consumer horticulture is thriving and the Farmer’s Market is doing well at the Butler Street location. Ms. Warner said the GoPacks program provides nutrition to kids when away from school. There are container garden workshops and a Pack and Go store for the older students, grades 7 – 12.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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