

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 17, 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, Director of Job & Family Services
Jim Carpenter, Health Department
Crystal Earley, Health Department
Diane Davis, Director of Human Resources
Donnie Rader, Director of I.T.
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Rick Dostal, Building Department Official
Kathryn Hartline, OSU Extension
Julia Hartline, 4H Carteens
Melina Matics, 4H Carteens
James Raney, Humane Society
Scott Hatfield, Humane Society
Rachal Merrow, Humane Society
Dominic Ciano, Auditor of State Liaison
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

Washington County Commissioners

AGENDA

9:00 am, June 17, 2021

9:00 Business Meeting
9:45 OSU Extension – 4H
10:00 Humane Society Update
10:15 State Auditor Liaison

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution for new fund for Probation Funding Grant
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Additional Appropriation – CDBG
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Transfer – Juvenile Court Grant
Then & Now
JFS – Amendment of Nonemergency Transportation Contract GreenCab
JFS – Amendment of Contract with WASCO for mail services
FCF – Amendment of Agreement with Ohio Department of Health

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tax Budget Hearing, Thursday 9:45 a.m., July 1, at 1115 Gilman Avenue
Courthouse closed for Independence Day, Monday, July 5

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Covid Taskforce – Request #2021-17

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 June 10, 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 FOR NEW FUND FOR PROBATION FUNDING GRANT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor’s bookkeeping system. The purpose of the new fund is to account for the revenue and expenses of a Subsidy Probation Funding Grant. The grant will provide funds to Washington County to operate a probation department for offenders under community control within its jurisdiction. The number and name of the new fund is as follows:

215-0237 Adult Probation Dept

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>
Family & Children First	602-2031-53007	\$ 50,000.00
CDBG	210-0829-57400	\$ 5,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54003	\$ 1,170.00

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 requests for transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 11,417.85
Juvenile Court Grant	215-0344-58105	215-0344-58217	\$ 3,000.00

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>
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Rumpke	\$ 110.57
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Perfection Group	\$ 785.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	Rumpke	\$ 110.57
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Wood Heating	\$ 5,109.00

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

RE: JFS – AMENDMENT OF NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the nonemergency transportation contract with GreenCab. The amendment extends the original effective date through June 30, 2022.

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

RE: JFS – AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT WITH WASCO MAIL SERVICE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the contract with WASCO for mail service. The amendment extends the original effective date through June 30, 2022.

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

Motion passed.

RE: FCF – AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the Help Me Grow Home Visiting Provider Agreement with Ohio Department of Health. The purpose of the amendment is to provide additional funding to support the continuation of services during the time that in-home visits are suspended or reduced in response to Executive Order 2020-01D declaring COVID-19 a state of emergency.

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

RE: COVID TASKFORCE – REQUEST #2021-17

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Washington County COVID-19 Taskforce Request #2021-17. The taskforce reviewed ongoing COVID related expenses and requests a total of \$7,875 for payment 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: COMMENTS

Commissioner Booth noted that the Building Department revenues are ahead of this time last year and that citizens are pleased with the Building Department services they receive. Commissioner Ritter said the Building Department reduced the amounts charged for permit fees but the revenue is up.

Commissioner Ritter read the following statement:

In recent days both Commissioner Booth and I have had frustrations with the County health insurance provider, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Commissioner Booth has been in office a short time so I am guessing this is his first run-in with Anthem. I have been here a bit longer and I have now had three serious disruptions in medical care in as many years. I have had three medical procedures, ordered by my doctor, denied by my insurance company.

In each case, the issue was eventually settled in my favor but not without my quality of life being affected negatively and without significant effort and frustration on my part. The issue, however, is not about me and that's why I have not brought any of these issues up previously.

The reason I do raise this issue today is that if two of the three members of this Board have had significant difficulties with our insurance provider, I am left to wonder what other county employees are experiencing.

Washington County has a choice in health care providers, a point I made loudly several times yesterday, and our volume of business is not insignificant. I would like to know what sort of experience County employees have had with Anthem. As such, I am directing our Human Resources director to develop a simple survey that will be sent to every county employee so we can get an idea what sort of service we are receiving for our sizeable premiums.

RE: OSU EXTENSION – 4H

Kathryn Hartline, OSU Extension Program Coordinator, and two CARTEENS volunteers provided the Commissioners with 4-H Youth Development Program updates, which included 4-H camps being offered this summer, the CARTEENS program, and fair updates. Two CARTEENS volunteers demonstrated some of the activities from their program. Sixty youth and their parents have participated in the CARTEENS program so far this year.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

James Raney, Scott Hatfield, and Rachal Merrow from the Humane Society were present to provide the Commissioners with an update on the shelter. Mr. Hatfield noted that Giardia has been eradicated from the shelter. The monthly report from the shelter shows that one staff member was fired and another one was hired. Mr. Raney asked if there was an update to the contract proposed by the Humane Society. Commissioner Booth said the Commissioners have been reviewing the contract but have not yet made a decision.

RE: STATE AUDITOR LIAISON

Dominic Ciano, Southeast Regional Liaison for the Ohio Auditor of State, met with the Commissioners. Mr. Booth said there was not much guidance provided for using CARES Act funds and it seems like the federal government will be less zealous than the state in auditing those funds. Mr. Ciano said the state will follow federal guidelines with CARES audits. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, requested that the State level of government remember the concern of Southeast Ohio residents regarding the cost of a state-mandated sewer project. Mr. Ciano said he will share this concern with the Auditor of

State.

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 10:43 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk