

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 8, 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director of Job & Family Services
Diane Davis, HR Director
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director
Tammy Bates, County Treasurer
Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action
Mike Kindell, CEBCO
Justin Grant, CEBCO
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, July 8, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Investment Committee
10:00 Public Hearing for Transit Fares
10:15 CEBCO Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Then & Now
Resolution for Army Assistance of Devola Sewer Phase II
Non-Federal Sponsor Self-Certification of Financial Capability
Letter of Intent for Army Corps of Engineers
Agreement with City of Marietta for Permitting
FCF – Contract for Sign Language Interpreter
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for June

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Home Meeting, 11 am, July 13 at the County Home
Finance Meeting at 10 am, July 20 at the Courthouse

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Auditor – Request to establish a new fund
Additional Appropriation – Soil & Water Conservation

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 July 1, 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 ESTABLISH A NEW FUND

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor's Bookkeeping system. The purpose of the fund is to track the revenue and expenses of federal funds administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation for a bridge replacement project on County Road 20. The number and name of the new fund are as follows:

300-0557 CR-20 BRIDGE PID 109066

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First	602-2030-53201	\$ 500.00
Family & Children First	602-2030-54001	\$ 1,500.00
Family & Children First	602-2030-57400	\$ 500.00
Soil & Water Conservation	200-2040-51001	\$ 30,000.00
Soil & Water Conservation	200-2040-51102	\$ 15,000.00

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	Mr Rooter	\$ 550.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59000	Marietta City School	\$ 172.06
Law Library	200-0520-52000	Juanita Henniger	\$ 151.20

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

RE: RESOLUTION FOR ARMY ASSISTANCE OF DEVOLA SEWER PHASE II

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution approving an agreement with the Department of the Army for design and construction assistance for the Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Phase II Project. The U.S. Army District Commander has determined that the non-Federal Devola Sewer Project is eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, Public Law 106-53. The Federal share of project costs under this agreement shall be 75 percent, in the form of reimbursements. The total amount of Federal funds available under this agreement is \$1,075,000. Commissioner Schilling is the County contact person for this agreement and said the Army Corps will be a partner on the project.

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

RE: NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the Non-Federal Sponsor Self-Certification of Financial Capability for the Devola Sanitary Sewer improvements Phase II Project. Mr. Schilling will sign the document as a Financial Officer of the Washington County Board of Commissioners. This document is required as part of the above agreement with the Department of the Army.

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

RE: LETTER OF INTENT FOR ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Letter of Intent to enter into an agreement with the Department of the Army for design and construction of

the Devola Sewer Project. The estimated total project costs of the agreement are \$1,433,333, of which Washington County's share will be 25%, estimated to be \$358,333.

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

RE: AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MARIETTA FOR PERMITTING

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve an agreement with the City of Marietta to have the Washington County Building Department provide permitting and enforcement services for the City. The agreement is effective through March 31, 2025. The County will retain one hundred percent of the permit fees collected for services provided on behalf of the City.

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

RE: FCF – CONTRACT FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract on behalf of Family & Children First with Susan Barengo for sign language interpreter services for families in the Help Me Grow Program. The contract will be effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The contractor will be compensated at a rate of \$40 per hour.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth 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>
07-0059984-000	\$ 307.82	07-0021424-000	\$ 321.94
06-0016424-000	\$ 321.94	26-0035588-000	\$ 321.94
26-0035168-000	\$ 321.94	23-0085470-046	\$ 394.94
05-0011600-000	\$ 321.94	05-0012660-000	\$ 321.94
05-0010004-000	\$ 321.94	05-0010280-000	\$ 321.94
05-0010820-000	\$ 321.94	05-0011904-000	\$ 321.94
05-0011696-000	\$ 321.94	26-0037872-000	\$ 321.94
11-0047944-000	\$ 321.94	07-0024071-000	\$ 321.94
07-0020876-000	\$ 321.94	07-0022536-000	\$ 321.94
07-0024051-000	\$ 337.86	07-0024136-000	\$ 321.95
07-0020900-000	\$ 321.94	07-0024055-000	\$ 321.94

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

RE: SHERIFF – MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS FOR JUNE

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of June 2021. The report shows a total prisoner count of 312. The Jail received \$26,792 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month of June.

RE: COMMENTS

Ari Gold, local resident, said he received hundreds of responses on social media regarding the reason for people leaving the county. Mr. Gold said the reasons given included a lack of both cultural diversity and progress in the county. Commissioner Ritter said the Board of Commissioners does not directly address many of those issues. Mr. Ritter said the Board primarily serves as a budgeting function. Mr. Ritter said he believes those are important issues and offered to meet with Mr. Gold to provide guidance on more appropriate places to voice those concerns. Mr. Gold said he is voicing his concerns to the Board of Commissioners as a last resort. Commissioner Ritter said he is happy to sit with Mr. Gold to point him in the right direction to not waste Mr. Gold's energy in this forum.

Chris Schmitt, Journalist for Patch, discussed having difficulty getting an interview with an inmate at the Washington County Jail.

Commissioner Schilling said that, during his campaign, he heard about a lack of local business development. Mr. Schilling said the Board of Commissioners are working with the City of Marietta to lower rates and help citizens. Mr. Schilling noted that more building permits have been issued this year and revenues are up despite the lower rates.

RE: INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY MEETING

Tammy Bates, County Treasurer, and Nick Vaccari, Meeder Investment, presented the Commissioners with a report detailing the bank fees and interest earned on Washington County investments from January 2021 through May 2021. The report shows a total year-to-date interest earned on investments (minus fees) of \$451,193.86. Commissioner Ritter asked Mr. Vaccari what the County is doing to hedge against inflation. Mr. Vaccari said the tone of the Federal Reserve has changed and they believe inflation is transitory. Mr. Vaccari said they anticipate interest rate increases in 2023. Mr. Ritter asked if Meeder Investment thinks inflation is transitory. Mr. Vaccari thinks so because there are also deflationary pressures. With the money supply increasing, the Fed might stop purchasing treasury notes. Commissioner Booth asked if GDP will slow over the next few years. Mr. Vaccari believes it will slow because stimulus is high right now and should drop off. Mr. Ritter said he does not trust the Fed's numbers and thinks there is significant inflation. Mr. Vaccari agreed that it is hard to ignore political influence.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSIT FARES

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action, held a Public Hearing for CABL Bus Lines with the Commissioners. Ms. Rauch said CABL will implement County-Wide Demand Response Service. CABL currently has three vans for demand response. With demand response, residents are able to schedule pick up and drop off to any location in the county. CABL is eliminating fixed County Routes between Macksburg, New Matamoras, and Belpre. CABL transit fares will increase on July 9, 2021. The new fares are \$1 one-way, \$0.50 half fare for elderly and disabled, and \$2 same day fee for paratransit scheduling. Time was reserved at the end of the hearing for public discussion but none was received.

RE: CEBCO UPDATE

Justin Grant and Mike Kindell joined the Commissioners for an update on CEBCO. Mr. Grant reviewed first quarter 2021 employee health care data. Washington County had an overall rolling 12 month loss ratio of 93% and a 2021 YTD loss ratio of 86.5%. Mr. Kindell said that, in the past, CEBCO looked at each county individually to apply rebates, but this year CEBCO will begin to apply rebates equally to all counties. Commissioner Booth asked about making health insurance simpler for users. Mr. Booth spoke about having difficulty with claims with the hospital and Anthem. Mr. Grant offered to meet with employees anytime to help them with their insurance. Mr. Kindell said the annual renewal meeting will be held September 3, 2021.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adjourn. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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_____, Clerk