

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 29, 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. THE COMMISSIONERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG, AND MR. SCHILLING OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Diane Davis, HR Director  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Jim Carpenter, County Health Department  
Russell Metz, Building Department  
David Brown, Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative  
Jarrod Jenks, Job & Family Services  
Ryan Dyar  
Troy Ferrell  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, July 29, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (3)  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Transfer – Dog & Kennel  
Transfer – Wireless 911  
Then & Now  
Port Authority – Appointment to Board  
State of Ohio – MARCS Agreement with Broadband Cooperative  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

County Home Meeting at 11 am, August 10 at County Home  
Courthouse closed Monday, August 16 in observance of Juneteenth Day  
Commissioner Meeting at 9 am, Wednesday August 18

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

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. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the July 22, 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: 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>
Sheriff	100-0384-53406	\$ 5,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54406	\$ 85,246.90
Commissary	200-0383-54000	\$ 1,500.00
Commissary	200-0383-54200	\$ 25,000.00
Commissary	200-0383-54201	\$ 15,000.00
Commissary	200-0383-57400	\$ 6,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2030-54001	\$ 1,200.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-57500	200-0363-57400	\$ 371.30
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-57501	200-0363-57400	\$ 350.00
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-51002	200-0363-57400	\$ 4,278.70
Wireless 911	200-0369-51001	200-0369-51104	\$11,000.00

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Juvenile Court	215-0344-58217	Counseling Center	\$ 1,045.00
Behavioral Health Board	200-0610-52000	Shaeleigh Sprigg	\$ 276.00

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

**RE: PORT AUTHORITY – APPOINTMENT TO BOARD**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Scott Silvestri, CFO Memorial Health Systems, to the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board. Commissioner Schilling said Mr. Silvestri will be a good addition to the Port Authority Board and noted this appointment will increase the board to 13 members.

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

**RE: STATE OF OHIO – MARCS AGREEMENT WITH BROADBAND COOPERATIVE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the Broadband Master License Agreement between the State of Ohio, Office of Information Technology MARCS Program, and the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative. The agreement allows SEOBC use of the MARCS towers in Washington County to install broadband equipment. There shall be no fee for license to use the properties so long as the use complies with the terms and conditions of the agreement. The initial term of the license will be from the date the agreement is fully executed through June 30, 2025. Commissioner Booth said it has been a long road in getting broadband to rural parts of the county. Mr. Booth said the Cooperative is offering fire departments 50% off their rates for service. David Brown, SEOBC, said the Cooperative has been held to the highest standard and he appreciates the increased transparency and accountability. Commissioner Schilling said the Board of Commissioners supports the Cooperative and commended Mr. Brown for his dedication.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth 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. Charlie Schilling aye.

James Booth aye. Motion passed.

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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>
05-0010704-000	\$ 327.11	05-0013116-000	\$ 327.11
05-0013176-000	\$ 327.11	05-0011648-000	\$ 327.11
05-0013180-000	\$ 327.11		

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Diane Davis, HR Director, said the County Wellness Fair was a success and thanked the Juvenile Center for their help and support of the event.

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee, asked about a recent article in The Marietta Times about changing the type of sewer system for the Devola project. Commissioner Booth said the Commissioners looked at different systems and decided the step system is the best. Commissioner Schilling said the Commissioners weighed the short-term and long-term costs of the different sewer systems.

David Brown, Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative, thanked the Commissioners, County Prosecutor, and Broadband Ohio on behalf of the Cooperative.

Commissioner Ritter commented that while he has sometimes been critical of the state and their willingness to address the needs of southeast Ohio, he does recognize this is a "two-way street." Mr. Ritter went on to commend his fellow commissioners for their efforts in reaching out to various state offices to build relationships with those people.

Commissioner Booth announced that Rick Dostal passed his exams and is now a certified Chief Building Official.

**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 9:20 a.m.

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