

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 5, 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: KEVIN J. RITTER, PRESIDENT. CHARLIE L. SCHILLING, VICE PRESIDENT. 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Jim Carpenter, County Health Department
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, August 5, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (2)
Additional Appropriation – Sewer (2)
Additional Appropriation – Building Department
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer – Wireless 911
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
CORSA – Property Valuation Selection
ODOT – CARES Act Contract Amendment
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for July
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. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add: Travel – Children Services
 JFS – Inter-County Transfer from Monroe County
 JFS – Inter-County Transfer from Morgan County
 County Home – Contract Amendment
 Engineer – Contract for C-15 Landslip
 Engineer – Contract for C-46 Landslip

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the July 29, 2021 regular meeting.

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

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Schilling 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. Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	100-0384-53600	\$ 10,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53070	\$ 40,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-53500	\$ 5,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	\$ 10,000.00
Building Department	100-0170-53403	\$ 3,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-54301	\$1,000,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-55501	\$ 500,000.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Schilling 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>
Sheriff	100-0384-57401	100-0384-54401	\$ 2,081.00
Wireless 911	200-0650-57100	200-0369-49100	\$ 125,000.00
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 8,617.85

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

RE: THEN & NOW

Mr. Schilling 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>
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Franklin Fire	\$ 119.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter 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:

Children Services

Ashley Harris: Training in Athens on August 3; training in Athens on August 4; required child visit in Bethesda on August 11; Coshocton on August 20, 2021
Tami Downs & Kate Brockmeier: Required child visit in Kingston on August 24, 2021
Sabrina Buchanan: Required child visit in Newark on August 3; Byesville on August 5; Glouster on August 9; Malta on August 11; training in Athens on August 12; required child visit in Frezeysburg & Cambridge on August 17; Tiffin on August 18; Vinton on August 19, 2021

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

RE: CORSA – PROPERTY VALUATION SELECTION

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the CORSA Property Valuation Selection for the Courthouse and Putnam Street Office. The Commissioners elected the replacement cost valuation method, as opposed to cost of reproduction. The annual insurance premium for the replacement cost valuation method is \$8,094 less than the reproduction cost method.

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

Motion passed.

RE: ODOT – CARES ACT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Ohio Department of Transportation CARES Act Contract Amendment for project number CARE-4088-024-211. ODOT has determined there are Federal Funds remaining from the 2020 CARES Act Awards. The funds are to be used by eligible Rural Transit Systems to ensure rural transportation remains viable during the COVID-19 pandemic. ODOT is awarding additional CARES Act funds to Washington County in the amount of \$85,000. The original amount awarded was \$197,531, with an additional 1st Amendment cumulative award total of \$347,886, for a total amended federal award of \$432,886.

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

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

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of July 2021. The report shows a total prisoner count of 321. The Jail received \$29,852 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month of July.

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Schilling 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. Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Schilling 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	\$ 327.11	07-0021412-000	\$ 327.11
07-0024157-000	\$ 327.11	07-0023640-000	\$ 315.61
07-0024064-000	\$ 315.61	07-0024054-000	\$ 315.61
11-0047955-000	\$ 327.11	26-0038484-000	\$ 315.61
23-0085470-029	\$ 315.61	26-0037604-000	\$ 315.61

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

RE: JFS – INTER-COUNTY TRANSFER FROM MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to authorize Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to accept up to \$214,145.82 from Monroe County JFS in State Child Protective allocation, and up to \$2,500 in Kinship Caregiver allocation. The additional funding will be used to cover state fiscal year 2021 ceiling excess.

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

RE: JFS – INTER-COUNTY TRANSFER FROM MORGAN COUNTY

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to authorize Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to accept up to \$50,000 from Morgan County JFS in TANF allocation. The additional funding will be used to cover federal fiscal year 2021 TANF expenditures.

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

RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR C-15 LANDSLIP REPAIR

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Ohio West Virginia Excavating for the County Road 15 (Germantown Road) landslip repair. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$176,958.14 and Ohio West Virginia Excavating was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$135,486. The project will be paid using Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds and later reimbursed from FEMA/OEMA for the final amount expended. The bid tab for the project is as follows:

Ohio West Virginia Excavating	\$135,486.00
Alan Stone Company	\$153,521.50

Shelly & Sands, Inc.

\$166,999.22

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

RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR C-46 LANDSLIP REPAIR

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Ohio West Virginia Excavating for the County Road 46 (Bells Run Road) landslip repair. The Engineer’s estimate for the project was \$251,312.44 and Ohio West Virginia Excavating was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$209,427. The project will be paid using Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds and later reimbursed from FEMA/OEMA once the project is complete. The bid tab for the project is as follows:

Ohio West Virginia Excavating	\$209,427.00
Alan Stone Company	\$250,500.00
Shelly & Sands, Inc.	\$235,649.29

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

RE: COUNTY HOME – AMENDMENT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the Washington County Home Collective Bargaining Agreement. The amendment is a change to the wage rates, effective immediately. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said the increase in wages, negotiated with the union, is estimated to cost an additional \$87,000 a year. Mr. Freimann said the increased wages should stabilize the workforce and reduce overtime expenses. Commissioner Ritter said he is confident it will lead to a reduction in overtime. Commissioner Schilling said the increased pay scale will help the County Home stay competitive and retain staff.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee, thanked the Commissioners and Engineer for attending the Township Association meeting last Thursday. Karen Doan said the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department social will be held Saturday from 4 – 8.

Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the chip and seal resurfacing projects will begin on Monday.

Commissioner Schilling said it is National Farmers Week and he appreciates all that farmers do to provide our food.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schilling 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 9:23 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk