

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 9, 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
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Services
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Jim Carpenter, County Health Department
Nicole Coil, County Prosecutor
Captain Clemente, Army Corps of Engineers
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, September 9, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Army Corps of Engineers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OSU Ext. – MOU for Gardens

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution for new fund for OH Americorps
Resolution for new fund for Engineer
Resolution to recognize Coach Dan Hughes
Additional Appropriation – Job & Family Services
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Additional Appropriation – Auditor (3)
Additional Appropriation – Budget Stabilization
Transfer – Budget Stabilization
Transfer – Children Services (2)
Travel – Clerk of Courts
Sheriff – Annual Report
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for August
Jail – Request to dispose of items
ODJFS – Subgrant Agreement with Family & Children First
EODA – Board Member Nomination
Engineer – Contract for C-32 & C-102 Resurfacing

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Home Meeting, 11 a.m. September 14, at 1115 Gilman Avenue
Finance Meeting, 10 a.m. September 21, at Courthouse
Investment Committee Meeting, 10:15 a.m. September 21, at Courthouse

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – 911 System

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 September 2, 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. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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 FOR NEW FUND FOR OH AMERICORPS

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 new fund is to account for \$268,800 in federal funds awarded for an Americorps Project known as Appalachia Health Corps. The award will assist individuals in Appalachian Ohio achieve better health with initial focus on diabetes and sustained recovery from addiction. The number and title of the new fund in the Auditor's system is as follows:

210-0478 OH AMERICORPS

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

RE: RESOLUTION FOR NEW FUND FOR ENGINEER

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor's bookkeeping system for the Engineer. The purpose of the new fund is to account for \$787,592 in funding through an agreement with State of Ohio through the Ohio Public Works Commission for a road resurfacing project. The number and title of the new fund in the Auditor's system is as follows:

300-0558 RESURFACING & STRUCTURE PROJ C-02-0359 WF

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE COACH DAN HUGHES

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

WHEREAS, Dan Hughes is from Washington County and is a graduate of Fort Frye High School; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes had a long and distinguished coaching career in the WNBA, most recently as Head Coach of the Seattle Storm; and
WHEREAS, in 2018 Mr. Hughes led Seattle to the WNBA Finals, sweeping the Washington Mystics to win the title; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes finishes his career with the second most games coached in WNBA history (598), is tied for third-most wins (286), and was twice named WNBA Coach of the Year (2001, 2007); and
WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes was assistant coach for USA Women's Basketball and helped lead Team USA to the gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Washington County Commissioners acknowledges and commends Coach Dan Hughes for his outstanding contribution to women's basketball and wishes him the best in retirement.

Commissioner Schilling said Mr. Hughes will be speaking at Fort Frye High School on Tuesday. Commissioner Booth said he has been told in his career that he can't do something and mentioned a local lady from Fort Frye named Taylor Buchanan that now plays professional basketball. Mr. Booth said these are examples that things can be done.

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>
Job & Family Services	200-0720-51104	\$ 125,000.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-51105	\$ 500.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	\$ 50,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54402	\$ 4,210.00
Engineer	300-0557-55000	\$ 89,022.94

County General	100-0101-57500	\$	1,182.85
Behavioral Health Levy	200-0611-57401	\$	124.72
Behavioral Health Levy	200-0611-57503	\$	10.93
Various Purpose Bonds	700-0114-57500	\$	8.63
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57100	\$	3,118.00
911 System	200-0364-53000	\$	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. 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>
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57100	100-0100-49100	\$ 3,118.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	200-0740-52000	\$ 3,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	200-0740-57000	\$ 150,000.00

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:

Clerk of Courts

Brenda Wolfe: OCCA meeting and legal seminar in Columbus on September 15 & 16, 2021

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

RE: SHERIFF – ANNUAL REPORT ORC 311.16

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff’s Annual Report, pursuant to Section 311.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, of all fines and costs in criminal prosecutions collected by the Sheriff’s Office and paid to the Clerk of Courts of Washington County, Ohio. The report is for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and shows \$0 collected.

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

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of August 2021. The report shows a total prisoner count of 318. The jail received \$25,330 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month of August.

RE: JAIL – REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF ITEMS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff to dispose of the following unserviceable items at the jail.

16	Correction Officer shirts
32	Correction Officer pants
4	Correction Officer jackets
72	Inmate shoes
29	Mattresses

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

RE: ODJFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Washington County Family and Children First. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The total amount of the subgrant is \$40,000.

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

RE: EODA – BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to reappoint Commissioner

Schilling to the EODA (Eastern Ohio Development Alliance) Board of Directors for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Schilling is a current member of the Board with a term ending December 31, 2021.

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

RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR C-32 & C-102 RESURFACING

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Shelly & Sands Inc. for the County Road 32 & 102 Resurfacing project. The bid price for the project is \$1,272,882.10. The Engineer's estimate was \$1,509,601. Roger Wright, Engineer, said the project is 80% federal funded. Mr. Wright said they will be resurfacing with a heavier base asphalt, or interstate mix, for industrial traffic going to Muskingum River Industrial Park.

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

RE: OSU EXTENSION – MOU FOR GARDENS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to return to the table the MOU with OSU Extension. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with OSU Extension to use the grounds at the Health Department for teaching gardens. The Commissioners agree to help fund the gardens up to an amount of \$5,000.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Jim Carpenter, County Health Department, said Covid cases are at the high levels seen in December 2020. Commissioner Ritter asked about hospitalizations. Mr. Carpenter said hospitalizations are also up.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said that, out of caution, the County Home Meeting on Tuesday will be held at 1115 Gilman Avenue and not at the County Home.

Commissioner Booth thanked the Marietta/Belpre Health Department and the County Health Department, for the cooperation in supplying the Rapid Tests to the County Home. Mr. Booth said this is a great example of the City of Marietta and Washington County working together for the good of all.

Commissioner Schilling said the Sternwheel Festival is this weekend, which is good for local tourism and businesses.

Commissioner Ritter read the following statement:

Last week I told you I believed the Marietta City Council was going to be considering, in short order, whether or not to ratify the deal reached between the Commissioners and the City Administration to end the City's lawsuit against the County.

City Council has not yet taken that vote. Because this issue affects not only the citizens of Marietta but literally every resident of Washington County, I am respectfully asking City Council to take an up or down vote.

The 1200 households on County sewer need to know if they are going to face the additional costs associated with an ongoing lawsuit.

City of Marietta residents need to know whether Council is going to continue spending their tax dollars on outside legal counsel in an already decade-long suit.

...And the residents of Washington County need to be assured that their elected officials can put the unpleasantness of the past behind us and work for the common good.

Settling this lawsuit would serve as a signal to Columbus, to businesses and individuals thinking of relocating here, and to our own residents that our local entities of government are united in moving forward with a positive vision for our villages, our cities, and our County.

RE: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Captain Benjamin Clemente, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was present to have Commissioner Schilling and Prosecutor Coil sign a Project Partnership Agreement, Certificate of Financial Responsibility, and Authorization for Entry for the County to receive funding from the Army Corps for the Devola Sewer Project. Commissioner Schilling said that, in addition to this funding, the County has applied for funding from other federal and state sources and hopes to hear something in the next six weeks.

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 9:52 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk