

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Services
Diane Davis, HR Director
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Richard Hays, County EMA
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, September 30, 2021

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to release SEOBC escrow funds
Additional Appropriation – Veterans
Additional Appropriation – Job & Family Services
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas
Minus Appropriation – Veterans
Transfer – Auditor
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services
Letter of Support for Beverly Multi-Use Trail
JFS – Contract with Eve
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed Monday, October 11 for Columbus Day
County Home Meeting, October 12 at 11 a.m.

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 September 23, 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 TO RELEASE SEOBC ESCROW FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a Performance Escrow Agreement with Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, SEOBC deposited \$50,000 to Peoples Bank to secure performance to install and operate broadband service from the Highland Ridge Tower, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding dated February 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, SEOBC has satisfied performance in accordance with the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the distribution to Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative of the full amount of escrow held at Peoples Bank.

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>
Veterans	100-0700-51001	\$ 8,769.60
Veterans	100-0700-51101	\$ 205.02
Veterans	100-0700-51102	\$ 1,330.05
Veterans	100-0700-51104	\$ 1,695.33
Veterans	100-0700-57401	\$ 15,982.79
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59000	\$ 100,000.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	\$ 60,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-57000	\$ 250,000.00
Common Pleas	215-0237-51001	\$ 40,000.00
Common Pleas	215-0237-51101	\$ 580.00
Common Pleas	215-0237-51102	\$ 5,600.00

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Veterans	100-0700-55200	\$ (15,982.79)
Veterans	100-0700-57403	\$ (2,013.48)
Veterans	100-0700-57404	\$ (1,216.45)
Veterans	100-0700-57408	\$ (8,770.07)

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 request for transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auditor	100-0120-52000	100-0120-52001	\$ 600.00

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>
Commissioners	100-0102-57401	Kris Wolfe	\$ 1,650.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Miller Door	\$ 1,550.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	TriState Roofing	\$ 356.44
CEBCO	200-2050-53000	Third St Deli	\$ 141.01

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:

Children Services

Sabrina Buchanan: Required child/home visits in Glouster on October 4; Cambridge on October 6 & 7; Frazeyburg and Malta on October 13; Columbus on October 14; Tiffin on October 18; Vinton on October 19; Newark on October 21; Cincinnati on October 27

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BEVERLY MULTI-USE TRAIL

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Letter of Support for the proposed Beverly Multi-Use Trail project. The aim of the project is to create a trail in the Village of Beverly that is safe, maintained, and attractive. Commissioner Schilling said the fitness and bike trail will add to economic development in the area and is also good for health.

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

RE: JFS – CONTRACT WITH EVE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract between Job & Family Services and Eve, Inc. JFS will provide funding to Eve to assist in promoting a safe location for supervised visitation and exchanges where children are safe from being exposed to conflict. The contract will be effective from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The total amount of the contract cannot exceed \$55,300. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said this will be the fourth year of having a contract with Eve to provide these services.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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. 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>
26-0035936-000	\$ 325.95	07-0023348-000	\$ 325.95
07-0023148-000	\$ 325.95	06-0017336-000	\$ 316.89
07-0023252-000	\$ 325.95	07-0024120-000	\$ 408.93
07-0024070-000	\$ 325.95	11-0047947-000	\$ 325.95
05-0013036-000	\$ 420.43	05-0013212-000	\$ 325.95
05-0011292-000	\$ 325.95	05-0009964-000	\$ 325.95
05-0012280-000	\$ 325.95	05-0012544-000	\$ 325.95
11-0046188-000	\$ 977.83	05-0013244-000	\$ 334.92
05-0011716-002	\$ 325.95	05-0011716-000	\$ 325.95
05-0009476-001	\$ 935.85		

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

RE: COMMENTS

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, said there is a housing shortage in the county. The Port Authority would like to take part in working on a solution to increase housing. Commissioner Ritter said he does not believe it is the role of government to provide housing. Mr. Ritter suggested the Port Authority find private investors to work with. Commissioner Schilling agreed there is a lack of housing in the area.

Commissioner Booth said the visit yesterday with Lt. Governor Husted was a good moment for the county. The Lt. Governor encouraged the county to continue its rural

broadband effort. Mr. Booth thanked Shannon Schott, Engineer's Office, for helping Salem Township get American Rescue Plan funds.

Commissioner Schilling said the County's relationship with the townships is good and getting better. Mr. Schilling quoted Lt. Governor Husted, "those who collaborate win." Mr. Schilling said Washington County has decided to collaborate.

Commissioner Ritter noted that the Commissioners are moving offices next week. Mr. Ritter said the original motivation to move offices was to save money. Mr. Ritter thanked Flite Freimann and JFS for accommodating the Commissioners and their staff.

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 9:23 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk