

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 14, 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.**

Also attending:

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Services  
Deanna Green, County Home Administrator  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Cody Pettit, Ohio Treasurer of State Liaison  
Joseph Recchie, Community Building Partners  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, October 14, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Liquor Permit Application for El Palenque Tres  
County Home – Request for CARES Act funds

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to authorize Tax Levy amounts  
Additional Appropriation – County General  
Additional Appropriation – Prosecutor  
Additional Appropriation – Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Additional Appropriation – Recorder  
Additional Appropriation – Wireless 911  
Transfer – RSVP  
Then & Now  
Travel – JFS  
CSEA – Amended IV-D Contract  
Habitat for Humanity – Subordination Agreement  
Engineer – Contract for 2021 Centerline Striping  
Ohio Treasurer of State Liaison

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Bid Opening for 311 Third St, October 28, 9:30 a.m. at Commissioners Office  
Bid Opening for Transit RFP, November 4, 10 a.m. at Commissioners Office  
Public Viewing for T-171 Vacation, November 10, 11 a.m. at site  
Devola Sewer Public Meeting, November 16, 7 p.m. at WSCC

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Building Department  
Additional Appropriation – Wireless 911  
Buckeye Hills Support Services – Request for ARPA funds

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 October 7, 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 AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY AMOUNTS**

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

*WHEREAS*, this Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022; and

*WHEREAS*, the Budget Commission of Washington County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mil tax limitation; therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within the ten mill limitation as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,631,029	2.475 Inside 10 mill limit
Bond Retirement Fund	\$ 183,385	0.125 Inside 10 mill limit
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,814,414</b>	<b>2.600</b>
County Home	\$ 1,861,240	1.500 Outside 10 mill limit
WCBDD	\$ 3,906,900	3.350 Outside 10 mill limit
Senior Citizens	\$ 1,118,800	0.850 Outside 10 mill limit
Public Library	\$ 453,940	0.350 Outside 10 mill limit
911 System	\$ 481,800	0.350 Outside 10 mill limit
Behavioral Health	\$ 728,500	0.500 Outside 10 mill limit
Children Services	\$ 801,350	0.550 Outside 10 mill limit
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,352,530</b>	<b>7.450</b>

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the administrator of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

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>
County General	100-0100-54000	\$ 750.00
Prosecutor	210-0335-54000	\$ 600.00
Developmental Disabilities	210-0620-55300	\$ 25,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2031-53001	\$ 1,972.04
Child Support Enforcement	200-0730-53501	\$ 7,000.00
Recorder	200-0151-53000	\$ 15,000.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-53400	\$ 1,063.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-53200	\$ 369.00
Building Department	100-0170-53000	\$ 125,775.00

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 request for transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RSVP	210-0710-57400	210-0710-53200	\$ 400.00

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>
Auditor	200-0122-55200	Noe Office	\$ 85.60
Auditor	100-0120-54400	Noe Office	\$ 21.40
Family & Children First	602-2031-53006	Doug Delong	\$ 330.00

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. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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:

Job & Family Services

Flite Freimann, Jamie Vuksic, Dawn Freeland, Chris Buchanan: East Central Ohio District Directors Management Fall Retreat in Wayne County on October 28, 2021

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

**RE: CSEA – AMENDED IV-D CONTRACT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the IV-D Contract between Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Sheriff's Office. The contract term amended is the unit rate for the IV-D Contract to \$97.04 per Unit of Service. The total IV-D Contract cost is \$43,668.97.

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

**RE: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Subordination Agreement and Waiver of Priority for a mortgage dated October 28, 2014, filed December 10, 2014, in the amount of \$20,000.00, as recorded in Volume 574, Page 2622, Official Records of Washington County, Ohio. The Board of Commissioners agree to waive priority of the lien of its Mortgage in favor of the Mortgages from Tessa Hendershot to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$60,739 and \$13,033 which will secure the proposed loans from Habitat for Humanity. The Board of Commissioners agree to subordinate the lien of its Mortgage in favor of the Mortgages to Habitat for Humanity, securing said loans. The Mortgages are for Parcel No. 11-0045236.004.

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 2021 CENTERLINE STRIPING**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with Aero-Mark Company for the 2021 Centerline Striping Project. The Engineer's estimate was \$74,269. Aero-Mark Company submitted a bid of \$71,000, and was the only bid received.

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

**RE: OHIO TREASURER OF STATE LIAISON**

Cody Pettit, Ohio Treasurer of State Liaison, presented Flite Freimann, Director JFS, with the Compass Award for the month of October 2021. The award, from the Office of Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, is presented for demonstrating innovation and excellence in the field of financial literacy, educating and empowering Ohioans to make positive financial decisions.

**RE: BUCKEYE HILLS SUPPORT SERVICES – REQUEST FOR ARPA FUNDS**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a request from Buckeye Hills Support Services for \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Buckeye Fields Senior Housing Project. Flite Freimann said Buckeye Hills Support Services is a not-for-profit entity formed to hold the lease for the project. Mr. Freimann said the project will receive \$8 million in tax credits and will sell them for 89 cents on the dollar. Mr. Freimann said ARPA funding is needed to fill the gap between assets and liabilities. Mr. Freimann said ARPA funds can be used for low-income housing projects. Mr. Freimann said there will be funds put in escrow for future maintenance. Joseph

Recchie, Community Building Partners, said the competition is fierce for these funds and the support from the Commissioners has been pivotal.

Commissioner Ritter said if the Board approves this request, the project will remain attractive to investors. Commissioner Booth said inflation is affecting construction costs. Mr. Booth said he wants Buckeye Fields to understand this project must be an asset to the county and not a burden. Commissioner Schilling said the County Home is improving and there needs to be oversight going forward.

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

**RE: COUNTY HOME – REQUEST FOR CARES ACT FUNDS**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to return to the table a request from County Home for CARES Act funds. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Flite Freimann said the Washington County CARES taskforce did not give an opinion either for or against using CARES funds for the request. Deanna Green, County Home Administrator, said the request is for a specialized system and they have received three quotes. Ms. Green said they chose the option that works best for the County Home and limits exposure to COVID. Beth Miller, Director of Nursing, said the system will be more efficient. Commissioner Booth said that, in his opinion, the request qualifies for CARES funds.

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a request from the Washington County Home to use CARES Act funds to purchase a monitoring system, including upgrades for wireless access, at a cost of \$162,560.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Cody Pettit, Ohio Treasurer of State Liaison, announced the Treasurer’s Ohio Gains initiative to modernize debt offering with lower interest rates to encourage investment in Ohio.

Beth Miller, County Home, said there will be a roast Friday at 7 p.m. at the County Home.

**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 9:36 a.m.

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