

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 10, 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:

Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Services
Karen Pawloski, Board of Election
David Brown, SEOBC
Roger Wright, Washington County Engineer
Donnie Rader, IT
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Shelly Vincent, Acting Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, November 10, 2021

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas Probation
Additional Appropriation – TCAP Grant
Transfer – Auditor
Transfer – Veterans
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
Board of Elections – Poll Worker Pay Increase
Law Library – Appointment to Board
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for October
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Engineer – T-39 Bridge Rehab Plan
SEOBC – Request for funds

DATES TO REMEMBER

Public Viewing for T-171 Vacation, November 10 at 11 a.m.
Courthouse closed November 11th for Veterans Day
Devola Sewer Public Meeting, November 16, 7 p.m. at WSCC
Bid Opening for Transit RFP, November 18, 10 a.m. at Commissioners Office
Commissioners Meeting, Wednesday, November 24 at 9 a.m.
Courthouse closed November 25th for Thanksgiving

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – COPS Grant Fund

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 November 4, 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:

Department	Account	Amount
Sewer	400-0113-53101	\$ 100.00
Sewer	400-0113-54000	\$ 5,000.00
Common Pleas	215-0237-51104	\$ 1,130.22
Common Pleas TCAP	215-0208-51001	\$ 16,000.00
Common Pleas TCAP	215-0208-51101	\$ 500.00
Common Pleas TCAP	215-0208-51102	\$ 3,000.00
Common Pleas TCAP	215-0208-51120	\$ 500.00
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51001	\$ 6,800.00
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51101	\$ 40.00
COPS Hiring Grant	210-0396-51102	\$ 1,235.00

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:

Department	From	To	Amount
Auditor's	200-0122-55200	200-0122-54000	\$ 200.00
Veterans	100-0700-51104		\$ 25,000.00
Veterans	100-0700-51110		\$ 12,480.00
Veterans		100-0700-53000	\$ 10,214.00
Veterans		100-0700-54400	\$ 8,198.06
Veterans		100-0700-57401	\$ 19,067.94
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 4,500.00

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:

Department	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Bridgeport Equipment	\$ 159.98
Auditor	100-0120-53000	AP Technology	\$ 340.00

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

RE: BOARD OF ELECTION – POLL WORKERS PAY INCREASE REQUEST

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the request from the Washington County Board of Election to increase the rates for the poll workers:

Judge	\$ 113.00
Leaders	\$ 123.00
Voting Location Mangers	\$ 135.00

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

RE: LAW LIBRARY – APPOINTMENT TO BOARD

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the re-appointment of Attorney Cameron

Fouss to the Washington County Law Library Resources Board for the five-year term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

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 SEPTEMBER

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of October 2021. The report shows a total prisoner count of 163. The Jail received \$ 15,776.00 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month of October.

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. 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.

Parcel	Amount	Parcel	Amount
26-0035588-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024125-000	\$ 329.54
05-0011696-000	\$ 341.10	07-0020248-000	\$ 341.10
05-0011904-000	\$ 341.10	11-0047944-000	\$ 341.10
05-0011600-000	\$ 341.10	23-0085470-046	\$ 341.10
05-0013460-000	\$ 318.56	05-0010820-000	\$ 341.10
07-0021424-000	\$ 341.10	05-0010280-000	\$ 341.10
06-0016424-000	\$ 341.10	05-0010004-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024071-000	\$ 341.10		
07-0020876-000	\$ 341.10		
07-0024136-000	\$ 341.10		

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

RE: ENGINEER – BELL COVERED BRIDGE BYPASS PROJECT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the plans, specifications and engineers estimate for the above referenced project (Engineer estimate: \$894,240.80). The project will be funded with 80% Federal Funds, 15% Credit Bridge, and 5% Local Funds. Commissioners signed the title page of the resurfacing plans which will allow them to be finalized and part of the bid package. Once the plans and specifications are approved by ODOT, federal authorization will be requested and once received, a bid opening for the project will be set.

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

RE: SEOBC – REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative requests of \$47,533.23 for the renovation of backhaul components of the network.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Karen Pawlosik said they had not increased the pay for poll workers for several years and their Board came up with 11.33% increase for Judges for the Leaders it will be 10.32% increase and for Voting Location Managers it will be increase at a rate of 21.08% Ms Pawlosik said that these people are dedicated and think they deserve it. The Board of Election board members voted to approve but the Secretary of State also requires that the Washington County Commissioners approve it as well. Also Ms Pawloski said they do training sessions and will be increasing the pay from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for the training sessions. She also provided the unofficial results from last Tuesday election. She said unfortunately they only had a 22.93% turnout after last year's 78% turnout it was disappointing for them, she wanted people to know that the local elections were more important than the presidential elections because the local elections were for people they knew.

David Brown, Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative, explained they have a situation that the backhuls from tower to tower have degraded and were not built like it should have been. The Ethernet issues are the result of improper installations, primarily tower cable, failed equipment and emergency repairs that were not followed up with permanent corrective actions after inheriting the former Smart Networks/Serenity equipment many undisclosed and unknown issues and problems have been discovered. The request is for the renovation of the backhaul components of the network that are impacting speed and reliability. The total of the request is \$47,533.23. Mr. Brown said they have over two hundred customers now and have a request for another eight hundred in the future.

Mr. Schilling want to make everyone aware that the money for this is coming out of the ARP Funding and that this would qualify for the ARP funding to be used. Mr. Ritter added that if the public is looking for evidence of what the cooperative is doing, Adams Township has given even larger funds of their ARP funding to SEOBC, and they believe in what the cooperative is doing, a lot of Townships are jumping on board. Mr. Ritter said that the Commissioners are very pleased with the SEOBC.

Mr. Schilling added that Mr. Booth will be speaking at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Conference, Winter Conference next month and will be standing up and speaking about Broadband in Washington County rural area. The news is getting out there and it is positive he said.

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 9:25 a.m.

_____, President

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio met in regular session on the 18th day November, 2021 with Mr. Ritter, Mr. Schilling and Mr. Booth present. The commissioners approved a bill to be released for payment this week. The bill is on file in the Commissioners' office