

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 2, 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
Diane Davis, HR Director
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Flite Freimann, Director Job & Family Services
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Amanda Sutphin, OhioMeansJobs
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, December 2, 2021**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Home – Request for CARES Funds

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Coronavirus Relief
Additional Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities
Transfer – WV Americorps
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services
Bid Award & Contract for Washington County Transit Services
Addendum to Community-Based Corrections Program Grant
Appointment to Public Library Board of Trustees
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Commissioners Meeting, Friday, December 10th at 9 a.m.
Public Hearing to Vacate T-171, December 16th at 9:45 a.m.
Courthouse closed Friday, December 24th for Christmas
Courthouse closed Friday, December 31st for New Years

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Clerk of Courts
 Additional Appropriation – Prosecutor
 Transfer – Auditor
 Transfer – County General
 CHIP Partner Agreement with City of Marietta & Belpre

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 November 24, 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: 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>
Sheriff	100-0384-54402	\$ 5,100.00
Coronavirus Relief	200-0872-57001	\$ 49,842.20
Developmental Disabilities	215-0620-57404	\$ 150,720.00
Prosecutor DTAC	200-0141-51120	\$ 4.73
Clerk of Courts	100-0230-51000	\$ 5,385.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the following requests for transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WV Americorps	210-0475-53000	210-0475-51001	\$ 12,943.70
WV Americorps	210-0475-53000	210-0475-51101	\$ 187.57
Auditor REA	200-0122-52000	200-0122-54000	\$ 750.00
County General	100-0109-51120	100-0100-51120	\$ 40.87
County General	100-0109-51120	100-0140-51120	\$ 78.74
County General	100-0109-51120	100-0190-51120	\$ 23.99
County General	100-0109-51120	100-0240-51120	\$ 15.92
County General	100-0109-51120	100-0392-51120	\$ 45.50

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>
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Krampe Cleaning	\$ 670.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53301	SR Properties	\$ 1,500.00

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:

Children Services

Ashley Harris: Required child visits in Chandlersville on December 2; Shawnee on December 6; Youngstown on December 13; Coshocton on December 20; Nashport on December 23, 2021

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

RE: BID AWARD & CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program to provide public transportation for Washington County. The contract is effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. WMCAP will provide a minimum of 12,500 hours of transportation service at \$59 per hour. Commissioner Schilling said Washington County issued a Request for Proposal for a transit provider several months ago. Both WMCAP and Morgan County submitted bids in response to the RFP. Mr. Schilling thanked the providers for submitting

proposals. Mr. Schilling said Washington County is interested in working with Morgan County, as well as Wood County, WV, to offer more transit services to better serve the public.

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

RE: ADDENDUM TO COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve an addendum to the fiscal year 2022 Community-Based Corrections Program subsidy grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The grant award shall be increased by \$4,800 to \$100,800. Total expenditures from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 will not in any case exceed \$100,800.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to re-appoint Richard Thomas to the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees for a seven year term beginning January 1, 2022.

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>
07-0024064-000	\$ 341.10	07-0021348-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024054-000	\$ 341.10	11-0045784-003	\$ 502.25
06-0016928-000	\$ 341.10	07-0021412-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024157-000	\$ 341.10	05-0010704-000	\$ 341.10
11-0046188-000	\$ 494.39	05-0013176-000	\$ 341.10
05-0011648-000	\$ 341.10	05-0011648-000	\$ 341.10
05-0013180-000	\$ 341.10	23-0085470-029	\$ 341.10
26-0040852-000	\$ 352.60	26-0038484-000	\$ 341.10
26-0037604-000	\$ 341.10		

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

RE: CHIP PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MARIETTA & BELPRE

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program Partner Agreement between Washington County Commissioners, the City of Belpre, and the City of Marietta. The Agreement designates Washington County as the lead project applicant for the 2021 CHIP Program for the period of December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. The Agreement covers the CHIP program funds awarded from the state of Ohio's CDBG, HOME, and OHTF allocations.

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 FUNDS

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

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the request from County Home for CARES Act funds. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, explained that a little over \$40,000 was spent by the County Home during a COVID outbreak and that is the reason for requesting reimbursement. Commissioner Booth noted that the remaining

CARES Act funds are being used for the Courthouse Annex HVAC project.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Rick Dostal, Building Department, said he is submitting paperwork to municipalities to have Washington County provide service to them.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, said a cryptocurrency mining company from Australia will be touring an industrial site in the county as a potential site for operation. Mr. Roush said the company would employ electricians and engineers. Commissioner Schilling said it is the role of Commissioners to help create and keep jobs in the county.

Commissioner Booth said that yesterday, approximately one hundred Praire Farm employees received letters informing them that the facility is shutting down and the jobs are lost. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners will work with OhioMeansJobs to find jobs for those employees.

Commissioner Ritter said he learned about two federal programs at a presentation by WMCAP yesterday. One program will pay for six months of electric bills for citizens earning up to \$100,000 a year, and the other program will pay six months of mortgage payments, even for those that have never missed a payment. Mr. Ritter said this is utterly insane and the people in charge in D.C. are ruining this country. Mr. Ritter asked why anyone would work if they qualify for such programs.

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 9:23 a.m.

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_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk