

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 20, 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CHARLIE L. SCHILLING, PRESIDENT. JAMES W. BOOTH, VICE PRESIDENT. KEVIN J. RITTER, 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:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Roger Wright, County Engineer  
Doug Parks, Engineer's Office  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Richard Hays, County EMA Director  
Philip Schaffer, Assistant Administrator of Grants  
Jesse Roush, Port Authority  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, January 20, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting  
10:00 Humane Society Update

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

JFS – Approval of Cost Allocation Plan Payment Amounts

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to proceed with BHB Renewal Levy  
Letter of Support for Ohio River Museum's ARC Grant Application  
Additional Appropriation – Clerk of Courts  
Additional Appropriation – CHIP HOME  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Then & Now  
ODOD – Appalachian Development Program Grant Agreement  
EMA – Agreement with Washington County LEPC  
Lease Agreement with Buckeye Hills Support Services  
Engineer – Bid Tab for Hills Covered Bridge Rehabilitation  
Engineer – Bid Award for Haywood Bridge Replacement  
Engineer – Bid Specs for C-25 Guardrail Replacement

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

County Home Meeting, 11 a.m. February 8, 2022 at County Home  
Courthouse closed on Monday, February 21 for President's Day

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Then & Now Certificates  
Resolution to sign Easement Agreements for Devola Sewer  
ARPA – Allocation to Fire Departments

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 regular meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Booth 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: Charlie Schilling aye. James Booth aye. Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

**RE: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH BHB RENEWAL LEVY**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution declaring necessity to proceed with levy of renewal tax in excess of ten mill limitation for the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The purpose of the tax is to provide for essential prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for children, adolescents, and adults at risk for mental illness and substance use disorders. The Board of Commissioners has requested and received certification from the County Auditor of the total current tax valuation of Washington County. The term of years of the tax will be for five years, levied upon the entire territory of Washington County. The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is the May 3, 2022 primary election. The first calendar year the renewal tax would be collected is 2023. The rate of the proposed tax is 0.5 (one-half) mill, with estimated revenue of \$775,346.

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

**RE: RESOLUTION TO SIGN PERPETUAL EASEMENT AGREEMENTS AND INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS FOR THE DEVOLA SEWER PROJECT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to sign the Installation, Operation and Maintenance Agreements and Perpetual Easement Agreements for the Devola Sewer Project. The resolution authorizes the Board to sign the agreements at a time and place convenient for the Commissioners.

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

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO RIVER MUSEUM PROJECT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following letter of support for the Ohio River Museum Project:

We are writing to voice our support for the Ohio River Museum construction project and to thank you in advance for your consideration regarding the Museum's application for POWER grant monies through the Appalachian Regional Commission. Our Board of Commissioners recently provided \$150,000 in funding toward the project.

As you may already know a number of stakeholders have given the project their support. While that list continues to grow, it includes the Washington County Public Library, Ohio History Connection, Marietta College, Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and many more.

The Museum has applied for \$1.5 million in funding through ARC. We appreciate their vision and foresight in pursuing this project. As you likely know, we are just 15 years from the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance and the creation of the Northwest Territory. Rebranding and rebuilding this important museum is a vital step in our nation's observance of this historic celebration.

With Regards,  
Washington County Commissioners

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve requests for the following additional appropriations:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Clerk of Courts	100-0230-51001	\$ 29,120.00
CHIP HOME	210-0808-51000	\$ 36,139.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-53001	\$ 21,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-54000	\$ 620.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-57400	\$ 1,570.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now Certificates:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Commissioners	\$ 1,306.41
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Auto Teck & Tire	\$ 435.52
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Career Center	\$ 756.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Commissioners	\$ 1,644.03
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Ohio JFS Directors	\$ 140.61
Job & Family Services	200-0721-57402	Marietta Water Dept	\$ 101.60
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Crystal Beverages	\$ 142.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Michaela Herrick	\$ 239.68
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Yvonne Garvey	\$ 119.84
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59000	Christina Thomas	\$ 380.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Melody Jenkins	\$ 108.64
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Johni Wigal	\$ 122.08
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Lory Bruce	\$ 181.44
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Sheri Harris	\$ 189.28
Job & Family Services	200-0720-52000	Sabrina Buchanan	\$ 255.89
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Delta Dental	\$ 1,465.89
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Vision Service Plan	\$ 379.52
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	AFSCME	\$ 4,143.75
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Suddenlink	\$ 141.31
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Marietta Water	\$ 558.83
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Shred It	\$ 299.84
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Easton Printing	\$ 353.53
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Buckeye Hills	\$ 784.15
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Community Action	\$ 6,331.25
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Cincinnati Bell	\$ 1,039.47
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Morrison Inc	\$ 993.71
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	PCSAO	\$ 4,823.99
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	Southeast Security	\$ 360.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Community Action	\$ 8,062.50
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	EMAR	\$ 379.75
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Par Mar Oil	\$ 3,582.42
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	AEP	\$ 2,249.56
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Dwight Lang	\$ 360.00
Children Services	200-0740-52000	Dwight Lang	\$ 311.22
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Mohican Young	\$ 3,888.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Cornell Abraxas	\$ 131.01
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Gabriel Brothers	\$ 470.79
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Juvenile Court	\$ 210.86
Children Services	200-0740-57000	JFS	\$ 60,613.99
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Frank Schob	\$ 192.28
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Margie Pugh	\$ 245.10
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Tonya Kidder	\$ 500.79
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Marietta Times	\$ 1,409.04
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Sue Malson	\$ 150.00
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Modern Pest Contr	\$ 500.00
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Frank Schob	\$ 1,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	Konnie Yoho	\$ 183.92
911 System	200-0364-53000	Priority Dispatch	\$ 1,725.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-53200	AT&T	\$ 489.80
Veterans	100-0700-57400	Randel Williams	\$ 320.00
Sewer	400-0113-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 1,468.62
Developmental Disabilities	210-0620-53000	OACBD	\$ 14,855.00

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

**RE: ODOD – APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Appalachian Development Program grant agreement with Ohio Department of Development. Washington County will use the grant funds to make improvements to the sewer system in Devola. The grant award amount is \$368,000. Grant number S-P-21-1CY-1. The award date is December 1, 2021 and the grant completion date is February 29, 2024. Commissioner Booth explained that this a grant through ARC for the Devola Sewer Project.

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

**RE: EMA – AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY LEPC**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve an agreement between

Washington County Office of Emergency Management (EMA) and the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The Office of EMA will provide administrative support, a Community Emergency Coordinator, a Compliance Officer, a Public Records Administrator, and Grant Administrator to the LEPC on an as-needed basis. The agreement will be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. LEPC will pay EMA a total amount of \$18,500 per the agreement.

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

**RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE HILLS SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a lease agreement with Buckeye Hills Support Services.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said the lease is identical to the lease that was approved two years ago. Commissioner Schilling said he would like to add a clause to specify that any unused acreage will be returned to the County.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to table the lease agreement with Buckeye Hills Support Services.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID TAB FOR HILLS COVERED BRIDGE REHABILITATION**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the bid tabulation, as submitted by the County Engineer, for County Road 333 Hills Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project PID #109047. The lowest bidder, RC Construction, withdrew their bid due to missed items. The other two bids were more than 10% over the Engineer's estimate (\$660,228.88) and the project could not be awarded to the next lowest bidder. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said he would like to make some changes and rebid the project later. The bid tab is as follows:

RC Construction	\$724,758.00
Wolf Creek Contracting	\$906,604.42
The Righter Company	\$938,912.50

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID AWARD FOR HAYWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to award the contract for County Road 102 Haywood Bridge Replacement to Ohio West Virginia Excavating, as recommended by the County Engineer. Four bids were received. All four bids exceed the Engineer's estimate (\$274,298) by 10%. The Engineer recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, in concurrence with the Prosecutor's Office opinion, to allow the project to move forward as the Engineer does not believe re-bidding will result in lower bids. The bid tab is as follows:

Ohio West Virginia Excavating	\$333,297.28
RC Construction	\$379,030.50
The Righter Company	\$412,099.00
Wolf Creek Contracting	\$437,770.34

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECS FOR C-25 GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the plans and bid specifications, as submitted by the County Engineer, for County Road 25 Guardrail Replacement. The Engineer's estimate for the project is \$273,494.38. The project will be funded with local funds. The bid opening is set for Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10 a.m.

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

**RE: ARPA – ALLOCATION TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve allocating \$10,000 to each of the volunteer fire departments in Washington County out of the American Rescue Plan funds received by the County. Commissioner Ritter said he deeply values the service provided by the fire departments. Commissioner Schilling said the fire departments are first responders and the Commissioners appreciate their service.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee, asked if the Devola Sewer Project will include wired electric. Commissioner Booth said the County will pay for the initial setup of electric.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, mentioned the near miss of getting a new steel plant for Nucor Corporation in the area. Mr. Roush said the new plant will be built in West Virginia.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to enter executive session to consider the purchase or sale of real estate property. The Commissioners invited the Clerk and Flite Freimann to attend the session.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Charlie Schilling aye. James Booth aye. Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed to enter executive session at 9:28 a.m.

The Commissioners adjourned the executive session and returned to regular session at 9:56 a.m.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Schilling to attend and bid on real estate on behalf of the Commissioners at an auction on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

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

**RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE**

The Humane Society was not present to provide an update.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Booth 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 10:02 a.m.

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