

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 24, 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Diane Davis, HR Director
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator
Rob Grant, Grant Department
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director
Joe White, Wastewater Superintendent
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Jeff White, Local 168 Plumbers and Pipefitters
Tim Brooker, Local 168 Plumbers and Pipefitters
Sarah Layton, OSU Extension Office
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, February 24, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:45 OSU Extension – SNAP-Ed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liquor Permit Notice for Mirric Realty LLC

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Economic Development
Then & Now
Travel – Family & Children First
FCF – Operational Capacity Building Funds Application
WMCAP – Satisfaction of Mortgage
Letter of Support for City Electric Light Plant Rehabilitation
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District – Phase 6 funding

DATES TO REMEMBER

Behavioral Health Board Meeting, February 24, 6 p.m. at JFS Building
County Home Meeting, March 8, 11 a.m. at County Home

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

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. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 17, 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: 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>
Economic Development	100-0870-53091	\$ 5,556,000.00

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. Ritter 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>
EMA Hazard Mitigation	210-0317-53000	JH Consulting	\$ 3,050.00
911 System	200-0364-53000	Comproducts	\$ 130.00
County Home	200-0630-53000	Morrison Inc.	\$ 792.10
Sewer	400-0113-54000	State Chemical	\$ 523.80
Sewer	400-0113-54000	State Chemical	\$ 5,938.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel, pursuant to the policies and in compliance with the annual appropriations for fiscal year 2022 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Family & Children First

Jon Higgins: Travel to Noble County Correctional Institute on March 1, 2022 to pick up blankets for Help Me Grow families

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

RE: FCF – OPERATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDS APPLICATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Operational Capacity Building Funds Application for state fiscal year 2023 on behalf of Washington County Family & Children First. The application is for \$15,750 from the State's general revenue fund to support Washington County Family & Children First operational capacity building. The allocation must be spent by June 30, 2023.

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

RE: WMCAP – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage, certifying the mortgage deed and promissory note dated February 20, 2001 recorded in the Recorder's Office, Official Records Volume 314, Page 1779 and executed by Teresa Cline, 1010 Grandview Avenue, New Matamoras, Ohio to the Board of Commissioners, has been fully paid and satisfied and the Recorder is authorized to discharge the same record.

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 CITY ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT REHABILITATION

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve sending the following Letter of Support:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to support the City Electric Light Plant application for State Historic Preservation Tax Credits.
The 10,490 sf building was designed as the City of Marietta's first electric plant.

The historic building is located within the Marietta National Register Historic District at the corner of Front and W. Butler Streets, abutting the Muskingum River and the historic Harmar railroad bridge to the west. A historic stone marker is situated to the south of the building which denotes and commemorates the landing place of the first families on August 19, 1788.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners are very supportive of the proposed rehabilitation of the building for commercial office use by the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 168. Federal and State Historic Tax Credits are an essential component for additional financing of the project. Rehabilitation of the City Electric Light Plant will serve as a catalyst for further rehabilitation within the downtown community, while preserving the local historical district.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners advises the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 168 that the County is eligible to apply for the Ohio History Fund Grant on their behalf. This program awards grants which range from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

If you have any questions regarding our support of the City Electric Light Plant application for State Historic Preservation Tax Credits or regarding the Ohio History Fund Grant, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlie Schilling
Washington County Board of Commissioners President

Jeff White, Local 168, said to apply for the tax credit grant requires support from the City of Marietta and Washington County. Mr. White said the City Electric Light Plant was the first electric plant in the Northwest Territory.

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

RE: TRI-COUNTY RURAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT – PHASE 6 FUNDING

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve reimbursement up to \$50,000 to Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District for its Phase 6 Project. On December 16, 2021, the Commissioners approved reimbursements up to \$50,000 to rural water associations in Washington County using American Rescue Plan funds. The reimbursements are for defined projects and only available during calendar year 2022. Commissioner Booth said the Tri-County expansion of water service is exactly what the reimbursement program is for. According to Tri-County, the project is estimated to serve between 35 and 50 homes as well as the Muskingum River Industrial Park. The improvements to the existing system will benefit all 1,500 existing Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District residential and commercial customers.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs, said about 50 employers have already registered for the job fair, which will be held March 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marietta College campus.

Rick Dostal, Building Official, said the Village of Pomeroy will present an ordinance next week to join the Southeast Ohio Building Department. Mr. Dostal said department revenues are above average this year.

Commissioner Ritter said he is praying for Ukraine and encouraged others to pray as well.

Commissioner Booth said the Commissioners had a discussion with the Auditor and Prosecutor regarding late payment fees with vendors. Mr. Booth said departments can pay the balance on fuel accounts each week instead of waiting until the end of the billing cycle to issue payment.

RE: OSU EXTENSION – SNAP-ED UPDATE

Sarah Layton, OSU Extension Office, provided the Commissioners with an update on the SNAP-Ed program. SNAP-Ed is a free evidence-based nutrition education program that reaches lower income residents through partnerships with local agencies. Ms. Layton said during the month of February the focus is on heart health. Ms. Layton said program classes are returning to in person from virtual, and there is a new curriculum for pre-k through eighth grade. Ms. Layton said OSU Extension gave copies of the Chop Chop magazine to each of the schools.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation with the City of Marietta. The Commissioners invited the County Prosecutor and County Engineer 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 10:26 a.m.

The Commissioners adjourned the executive session and returned to regular session at 11:27 a.m.

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 11:27 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk