

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 3, 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
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
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kathy Thieman, Probate/Juvenile Court Administrator
Ray Smith, Washington County Public Defender
Joe Medici, Ohio Public Defender
Jana Crock, Ohio Public Defender
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

Washington County Commissioners

AGENDA

9:00 am, March 3, 2022

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Ohio Public Defender – FY2023 Contract

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liquor Permit Notice for Mirric Realty LLC

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to approve Bond Counsel Agreement
Additional Appropriation – Building Department
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Transfer – Family & Children First
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services
Building Dept – Request to purchase vehicles
State of Ohio – Consent Order for Civil Penalty
Jail Contract – Marietta College Campus Police
Jail Contract – Monroe County
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Home Meeting, March 8, 11 a.m. at County Home
Devola Electric Public Meeting, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at WSCC Auditorium

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth 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. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 24, 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 APPROVE BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has a need for legal representation relating to bond counsel and for advice in public finance matters; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has requested the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP as bond counsel and to provide advice in public finance matters pursuant to section 305.14 of the Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Washington County Commissioners is authorized to enter into an agreement for legal services with Bricker & Eckler LLP to serve as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of bonds for the benefit of Memorial Health System.

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>
Building Department	100-0170-54400	\$ 108,000.00
Family & Children First Engineer	602-2031-53005	\$ 34,304.29
	300-0557-55000	\$ 321,660.67

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Ritter 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>
Family & Children First	602-2033-52001	602-2033-52003	\$ 500.00

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>
Children Services	200-0740-57000	Megan Mason	\$ 150.00
County Home Auditor	200-0630-53000	First Settlement	\$ 367.66
	100-0120-53000	Vision Government	\$ 888.30
Auditor	200-0122-53400	Vision Government	\$ 4,046.70

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. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth 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:

Children Services

Tami Downs: Required child visit in Thurman on March 18, 2022

Sabrina Buchanan: Required child visit in Lafayette, IN on March 1; Bedford on March 3; Newark on March 7; Cambridge on March 8; Training in Cambridge on March 15; Required child visit in Frazeyburg on March 16; Youngstown on March 17; Caldwell on March 21; Training in Athens on March 22; Required child visit in Vinton on March 23; New Marshfield on March 24; Cambridge on March 28, 2022

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

RE: BUILDING DEPT – REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLES

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from the Building Department to purchase three (3) new vehicles from C&C in Marietta. The cost per vehicle is \$33,747 with a total cost of \$101,241. The vehicles are 2022 Toyota RAV4, all-wheel drive. The first of the vehicles is on the lot and ready for delivery. VIN # 2T3P1RFV0NC268716. Commissioner Schilling thanked the Building Department for providing services to municipalities and counties outside of Washington County.

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

RE: STATE OF OHIO – CONSENT ORDER FOR CIVIL PENALTY

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the Consent Order for Civil Penalty (Case No. 18-OT-44). The State of Ohio, at the request of the Ohio EPA, has filed a Complaint seeking injunctive relief and civil penalties against the Washington County Board of Commissioners. Washington County will pay a \$10,000 civil penalty to the State of Ohio for violation of the Director’s Final Findings and Orders issued on September 12, 2012.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MARIETTA COLLEGE CAMPUS POLICE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Marietta College Campus Police to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$83 per day. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Monroe County to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$83 per day. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Booth 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.

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07-0024071-000	\$ 341.10	07-0021424-000	\$ 341.10
23-0085470-046	\$ 341.10	11-0047944-000	\$ 341.10
07-0020248-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024125-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024136-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024055-000	\$ 364.10
05-0010280-000	\$ 341.10	05-0010004-000	\$ 341.10
05-0010820-000	\$ 341.10	05-0011904-000	\$ 341.10
05-0013460-000	\$ 341.10	11-0046188-000	\$ 241.45
05-0012544-000	\$ 429.25	26-0035588-000	\$ 329.60
06-0016424-000	\$ 341.10		

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

RE: LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE FOR MIRRIC REALTY LLC

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to return to the table the liquor permit notice for Mirric Realty LLC. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve sending notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control indicating that Washington County does not request a hearing for the Mirric Realty LLC liquor permit application. Commissioner Booth said the notice was tabled for two weeks and that no public input was received during that time.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Bob Lane said there are three applications for disposal wells in the area and he is concerned about the local water supply. Mr. Lane said his wells are losing production caused by flooding from disposal wells. Mr. Lane said he has filed a lawsuit against the disposal wells. Mr. Lane said the state is making a fortune from the wells and there is no political support to stop them. Commissioner Ritter asked what the benefit to the County is when we are exposed to the risk of the wells. Mr. Ritter is interested in hearing from the drilling companies to get their side of the story. Commissioner Schilling said it is a real concern. Commissioner Booth said the County has improved its relationship with the State and hopes to have discussions with them on this issue.

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, said the new software for the Building Department is going live this week.

RE: OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER – FY2023 CONTRACT UPDATE

Joseph Medici, Office of the Ohio Public Defender, joined by Ray Smith and Jana Crock, Washington County Public Defender Office, were present to discuss the fiscal year 2023 contract with the Commissioners. Mr. Medici said there is no contract yet. Mr. Medici expressed doubt that the contract will continue to be reimbursed at 100%. Mr. Medici said felony cases have gone up over the years along with a decrease in defense attorneys. Mr. Medici said it is difficult to find enough contractors to handle cases. Mr. Medici said this is a statewide issue.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ritter 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 10:14 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk