

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 7, 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES W. BOOTH, VICE PRESIDENT. KEVIN J. RITTER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE VICE 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  
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator  
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Kathy Thieman, Probate Administrator  
Jesse Roush, Port Authority  
Karen Pawloski, Board of Elections  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, April 7, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Recorder – Contract for Archive Project

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – County General  
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health Board  
Additional Appropriation – Engineer  
Transfer – Budget Stabilization  
Transfer – Treasurer  
Transfer – Family & Children First (2)  
Then & Now  
JFS – County Mandated Share SFY 2023  
WCBDD – Board Appointment  
Marietta Municipal Court – Annual Report  
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for March  
RAISE Grant Application  
CORSA Agreement  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Engineer – Bid Tab for T-364 Bridge Replacement

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Commissioners Meeting, Friday, April 15 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Room  
Finance Meeting, April 19 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioner Assembly Room

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Juvenile Center – Dominion bill for payment  
Letters of Support for Memorial Health System

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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 March 31, 2022 regular meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Ritter 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: 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>
Maintenance	100-0109-53600	\$ 7,000.00
Behavioral Health Board	200-0610-53000	\$ 400,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-55501	\$ 500,000.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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>
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57100	200-0740-49100	\$ 25,000.00
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 30,183.80
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	215-0163-48200	\$ 1.82
Family & Children First	602-2031-52000	602-2031-53403	\$ 800.00
Family & Children First	602-2034-57400	602-2034-55204	\$ 920.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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>
Commissioners	100-0100-53203	CEBCO	\$ 664.28
Job & Family Services	200-0721-57402	Marietta Electrical	\$ 21,814.82
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Building Bridges	\$ 1,157.50
County Home	200-0630-53000	OMNI Care	\$ 183.32
Treasurer	200-0131-53000	McCauley Webster	\$ 350.00

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

**RE: JFS – COUNTY MANDATED SHARE SFY 2023**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve Washington County's mandated share of public assistance cost for Job & Family Services for state fiscal year 2023. The total amount of the mandated share is \$176,368 to be paid in monthly installments of \$14,697.33 from July 2022 through June 2023. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, noted that JFS will pay \$53,597.43 more than the mandated share back to the county in cost allocations during the year.

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

**RE: WCBDD – BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the recommendation from Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities to appoint Patrick Arnold McKinney to the Board of DD for a term of four years. Mr. Arnold McKinney meets the requirement set forth in ORC 5126.022 to appoint at least two individuals who are eligible for services provided by the county board or are immediate family members of such individuals.

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

**RE: LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve sending the following Letter of Support to U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson and Senator Sherrod Brown:

It is the pleasure of the Washington County Commissioners to provide this letter of support for Memorial Health System's plan to develop and construct in partnership with Akron Children's Hospital a new Women and Children's Hospital on the Belpre Medical Campus.

It is the understanding of the Commissioners that approximately 25% of area births occur at facilities outside the service area and nearly 50% leaving our area are complex cases. Our community members are traveling up to 2 hours to give birth at a hospital with a level II nursery for these complex births. The citizens of Washington County and surrounding communities are at a disadvantage for available women and children's care. The ability to have these services close to home will improve local and regional access to high quality care for women and children.

The Washington County Commissioners kindly ask you and your fellow members of the United States Congress to strongly consider supporting this important project for southeast Ohio.

We appreciate your and Memorial Health System's commitment to enhancing health care in our region.

Sincerely,

Washington County Commissioners

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

**RE: MARIETTA MUNICIPAL COURT – ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the 2021 Annual Report from Marietta Municipal Court. The report shows the Court collected \$44,814.87 in restitution through the Probation Department and Clerk's Office. This sum was then paid over to victims of criminal offenses. The Court is owed \$436,317.02 for unpaid fines and costs imposed in calendar year 2021. The report shows 1,156 hours of community service worked in lieu of jail.

**RE: SHERIFF – MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS FOR MARCH**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of March 2022. The report shows a total prisoner count of 248. The Jail received \$8,194 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month.

**RE: RAISE GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the RAISE Grant application, contingent upon an MOU with the City of Marietta and Marietta College. The grant application is to seek funding to support the planning of an intermodal transportation corridor that will connect Marietta College and Historic Harmar Village to downtown Marietta.

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

**RE: CORSA AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Participation Agreement with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA). The agreement will be effective from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025. CORSA provides a joint self-insurance pool to members to prevent loss from claims being made against members of CORSA. Diane Davis, HR Director, said the premium increased 6.1% this year due to a combination of inflation, the loss of a COVID-19 credit, and the County adding \$4 million in property value.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth 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: James Booth aye. Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Ritter 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>
05-0011160-000	\$ 328.85	05-0010704-000	\$ 341.10
07-0021348-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024064-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024054-000	\$ 341.10	07-0021412-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024157-000	\$ 341.10	06-0016928-000	\$ 341.10
05-0011696-000	\$ 429.25	05-0013244-000	\$ 302.90
05-0013176-000	\$ 341.10	05-0011648-000	\$ 341.10
26-0037604-000	\$ 329.60	23-0085470-029	\$ 341.10
23-0085470-015	\$ 341.10	26-0040852-000	\$ 341.10
26-0038484-000	\$ 341.10		

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID TAB FOR T-364 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the bid tab for Township Road 364 Bridge Replacement Project, as submitted by the County Engineer. The two bids received were over the Engineer's estimate (\$175,056.75) so the project could not be awarded. Due to price fluctuation and availability of materials, the County Engineer has decided not to rebid the project at this time. The bid tab is below.

RC Construction Co. & Son	\$211,910
Ohio West Virginia Excavating	\$225,318

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Karen Pawloski, Board of Elections, said 44 people have voted in-person so far. Ms. Pawloski said they have sent out 179 absentee ballots and there are plenty of sample ballots available. Ms. Pawloski said Washington County Board of Elections received \$70,000 from the Ohio General Assembly for the election. Also, the Board is looking into using local schools as voting locations in November.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, said SEOPA received a letter of intent for a Muskingum Industrial Park project.

Commissioner Ritter said there is a meeting this afternoon that will include food suppliers to discuss supply chain issues. Mr. Ritter is hopeful the discussion will lead to better connections between local purchasers and suppliers.

Commissioner Booth said Washington County is moving in the right direction. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners met with other government officials in Columbus yesterday, including Governor DeWine. Mr. Booth spoke with Governor DeWine about the need for safe water in the County.

**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 9:24 a.m.

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