

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 21, 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Kim Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Richard Hays, EMA Director
Diane Davis, HR Director
John Jackson, Health Department Administrator
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Karissa Reynolds, Humane Society Director
Leight Murray, Humane Society President
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, April 21, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Humane Society Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First (2)
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Transfer – Family & Children First
Then & Now
Travel – Family & Children First
Letter of Support for O’Neill Center
Building Dept – Contract with Village of Pomeroy
Law Library – MOU for Statewide Consortium Grant Award
MOU with SEOBC for ARC Grant
ADR – Change Order #1, Belpre Outpost
ARPA Water District Reimbursement – Newport Water & Sewer
ARPA Water District Reimbursement – Little Hocking Water

DATES TO REMEMBER

Finance Meeting, April 26 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioner Assembly Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: CDBG – RROF

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 April 15, 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. 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: 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> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Family & Children First | 602-2031-53005 | \$ 12,420.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2033-55204 | \$ 9,375.00 |

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> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Belpre Outpost | 210-0556-57200 | 100-0104-49200 | \$ 24,803.55 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2030-52000 | 602-2030-57400 | \$ 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> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sewer | 300-0113-53000 | iamGIS | \$ 8,500.00 |
| Sewer | 400-0113-53401 | Commissioners | \$ 2,862.00 |
| Maintenance | 100-0109-53000 | RW Miller | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Maintenance | 100-0109-53000 | RW Miller | \$ 3,756.28 |
| Developmental Disabilities | 210-0620-53000 | Commissioners | \$ 2,850.00 |
| Common Pleas | 100-0201-54500 | Lexis Nexis | \$ 190.36 |

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
Kelly Byrne: Counseling and Wellness Center in Parkersburg, WV on April 26, 2022

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 O'NEILL CENTER

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the following Letter of Support for the O'Neill Senior Center:

The Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the O'Neill Senior Center's application to the Ohio Department of Transportation's Specialized Transportation Program. The O'Neill Center provides valuable transportation services to medical appointments for seniors in our county. The Specialized Transportation Program will allow the O'Neill Center to replace aging vehicles in their medical transportation fleet and continue providing this important service to our seniors. The Washington County Board of Commissioners appreciates your consideration of their application and acknowledgment of our support.

Sincerely,

Washington County Commissioners

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

RE: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF POMEROY

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Village of Pomeroy. The Washington County Building Department will provide inspections and administer and enforce the Ohio Building Code within the incorporated areas of the Village of Pomeroy.

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, said he will be giving a presentation to Gallipolis next Tuesday. Commissioner Schilling thanked the Building Department for its effort.

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

RE: LAW LIBRARY – MOU FOR STATEWIDE CONSORTIUM GRANT AWARD

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Boards on behalf of the Washington County Law Library. The Consortium will provide a grant award to the Law Library in the total amount of \$2,853.95. The MOU shall be effective upon execution and continue until May 31, 2023. The technology grant award will be used to purchase computers (3), surge protectors (5), webcam, headphone, external storage drives (3), and a display port adapter for the Washington County Law Library.

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

RE: MOU WITH SEOBC FOR ARC GRANT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative for purposes of submitting an application for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) RAISE Initiative grant, due on April 29, 2022. The Board of Commissioners will serve as the government sponsor and SEOBC will be a cooperating partner. SEOBC will provide the required local matching funds, estimated to be \$240,000 based on twenty percent of the total grant request of \$1,200,000. The Commissioners will administer the grant, if awarded, and charge to the grant the “de minimis” rate of ten percent. Commissioner Booth commended the Grant Department for its effort in pursuing this opportunity. Mr. Booth said the Broadband Cooperative is doing a great job expanding broadband access throughout the County.

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

RE: ADR – CHANGE ORDER #1, BELPRE OUTPOST

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the ODOT Belpre Outpost/Washington County Utility Extension project. Stonegate Construction is the contractor for the project. ADR & Associates is the engineer firm. The change order is an increase of \$181,196 to the contract for a new total amount of \$394,428. The change order is for a scope change of the existing pump station and time extension. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the original quote did not include the exact pump, SCADA system, or electric panel that the County would prefer. Commissioner Ritter said he wants a system that will provide the best service for the longest period. The Commissioners noted the agreement date is incorrect on the change order.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 and allow the County Engineer to modify the Change Order to correct the agreement date.

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

RE: ARPA WATER DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT – NEWPORT WATER & SEWER

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a reimbursement to Newport Water & Sewer District in the amount of \$35,749.30. Commissioner Ritter said this is a program the Commissioners created to reimburse water districts with County ARPA funds, up to \$50,000 per district, to fix existing infrastructure. Newport Water & Sewer District upgraded its meters to improve efficiency and track water loss. Newport Water & Sewer has submitted invoices and proof of payment for the amount of reimbursement requested.

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

Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

RE: ARPA WATER DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT – LITTLE HOCKING WATER

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a reimbursement to Little Hocking Water Association in the amount of \$50,000. Little Hocking Water had hydraulic-modeling completed on their system to determine areas that need to be repaired. Little Hocking Water has submitted invoices and proof of payment of \$67,065.72 and requests reimbursement of \$50,000 from the County ARPA Water District Program.

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

RE: CDBG – REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects. The RROF is for grant agreement B-F-21-1CY-1. The following is the list of projects requested for release of funds:

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|------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Village of Lower Salem | \$88,100 | New equipment in park area |
| Village of Matamoras | \$76,700 | Replace equipment at public pool |

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 asked why the County pays jail costs for state inmates. Commissioner Ritter said it is because the state has the legislative authority.

Rob Grant thanked the Commissioners for their leadership on expanding broadband.

Commissioner Booth said the Safe Water Initiative funding request has been compiled and submitted to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. Mr. Booth said the County is requesting \$61 million for water infrastructure.

Commissioner Schilling said that for Child Abuse Prevention Month he would like to bring awareness to the need for foster families and good homes for children.

RE: HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Karissa Reynolds, Director HSOV, and Leight Murray, President HSOV Board, were present to provide an update on the Humane Society. Ms. Reynolds said the shelter has a high capacity of animals at the moment. Mr. Murray said the dog population is higher than average at the shelter. Mr. Murray contributes the rise to increased owner surrenders and strays. Mr. Murray said veterinary costs are rising as a result of inflation. Mr. Murray said HSOV is considering a project to capture rainwater and use it to clean kennels. The estimated cost of the project is \$25,000 - \$30,000. The Commissioners suggested the Humane Society work with the Grant Department on funding the project. Mr. Murray mentioned planning for a new building and Mr. Booth asked how much money the Humane Society has in its new building fund. Mr. Murray said there is about \$18,000 in the fund.

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 10:30 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk