

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 5, 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
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Richard Hays, EMA Director
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Jennifer Casey, Building Department
Mike Stalnaker, Building Department
Corban Brooker, Building Department
Traci Zimmerman, Building Department
Natasha Mayle, Building Department
Mark Heiner, Building Department
Diane Davis, HR Director
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Brenda Robinson, Job & Family Services
Dawn Rauch, WMCAP
Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension Office
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, May 5, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:45 Transit Application
10:00 OSU Extension - Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Unclaimed Funds
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
EMA – Everbridge Service Agreement Quote
Building Dept – Building Safety Month Proclamation
MOU with Ohio University Voinovich School
JFS – Subgrant Agreement (5)
Jail Contract – City of Wellston
Workers Comp – Group Retro Application
Bid Award & Contract for Devola Electric Project
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

DATES TO REMEMBER

Devola Phase 2 Bid Opening, May 12 at 11 a.m. Commissioner Assembly Room
Proposed Class II Injection Well – ODNR Public Meeting, June 2nd at 6 p.m., at the
St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Little Hocking

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Resolution to rescind MOU with SEOBC
Resolution to submit ARC Grant application

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 April 28, 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 RESCIND MOU WITH SEOBC

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

A Resolution to rescind the Memorandum of Understanding between the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative, dated April 21, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Appalachia Regional Commission Power Initiative Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners is planning to expand fixed wireless broadband internet service to remote areas of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the Appalachia Regional Commission Power Initiative Program; and

WHEREAS, a competitive selection process must be conducted after grant award to select a partnering entity and/or contractor to procure necessary transmitting equipment and labor to install same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Commissioners: The Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative is hereby rescinded as of April 29, 2022.

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT ARC GRANT APPLICATION

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

A resolution authorizing the President of the Washington County Board of Commissioners to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Appalachian Regional Commission Power Initiative and to execute contracts as required.

WHEREAS, the Appalachia Regional Commission Power Initiative Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners is planning to expand fixed wireless broadband internet service to remote areas of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the Appalachia Regional Commission Power Initiative Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Section 1: The President of the Washington County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to apply to the Appalachia Regional Commission Power Initiative Program for funds as described above.

Section 2: The President of the Washington County Board of Commissioners is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Commissioner Booth said they put the cart before the horse when the MOU was approved. Mr. Booth said that, if the grant is awarded, the Port Authority will put out a Request for Qualification.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, clarified that the Port Authority has not formally voted on the matter to participate in the grant.

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unclaimed Funds	200-0106-57100	\$ 3,300.00

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 request for transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 71,142.22

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>
Transit	215-0856-57401	Treasurer of State	\$ 2,271.00
Sewer	100-0109-53101	AT&T	\$ 311.77

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

RE: EMA – EVERBRIDGE SERVICE AGREEMENT QUOTE

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a service agreement quote from Everbridge for the Washington County Emergency Management Agency. The quote is for one year of service beginning July 1, 2022 for a total fee of \$15,433.90. Rich Hays, EMA Director, said Everbridge provides notification services for the county. Mr. Hays said residents can sign up to receive notifications, such as road closures.

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

RE: BUILDING DEPT – BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Building Safety Month Proclamation, as submitted by the Building Department, to proclaim the month of May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, the International Code Council asks people to consider the commitment to improve building safety and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building departments. Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, said this year marks the 42nd annual Building Safety Month.

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

RE: MOU WITH OHIO UNIVERSITY VOINOVICH SCHOOL

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. The MOU is still being drafted and is not yet finalized. Mr. Ritter said the MOU will allow the Voinovich School to prepare a comprehensive plan for the County. Mr. Ritter said the last time the County had a plan prepared was in 2004 at a cost of \$40,000. With possible funding from grants, the cost to have a new plan prepared will be \$6,500. Mr. Booth said a plan was created in 2004 and then it sat on a shelf. Mr. Booth said this Board intends to act on a plan. Mr. Schilling said the County needs a comprehensive plan for infrastructure and economic development going forward.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to table the MOU with Ohio University's Voinovich School.

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

RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH CAREER CENTER

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Department of Job & Family Services and the Washington County Career Center. JFS will pay the Career Center for the costs of TANF eligible youths to attend the Career Pathways Exploration Program, a program offering educational, nutritional, and physical activity for youth ages 13-16. The payment through this grant shall not exceed \$88,805. The agreement will be in effect from June 6, 2022 through June 10, 2022. This grant award is funded in whole or in part by federal funds provided under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

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

RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Department of Job & Family Services and the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County. JFS will pay the costs of eligible youth to attend summer camp at the Boys & Girls Club. The subgrant agreement will be in effect from May 30, 2022 through September 3, 2022. The total amount of the grant is \$25,000. The weekly fee is not to exceed \$100 per child. This grant award is funded in whole or in part by federal funds provided under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

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

RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO VALLEY EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Department of Job & Family Services and the Ohio Valley Education Service Center. JFS will pay the costs of eligible youth to attend the 2022 Future STEM Leaders Camp. The subgrant agreement will be in effect from May 2, 2022 through June 16, 2022. The total amount of the grant is not to exceed \$44,240. JFS will pay the total camp cost, in the amount of \$1,769.60 per student. This grant award is funded in whole or in part by federal funds provided under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

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

RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH BETSEY MILLS CLUB

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Department of Job & Family Services and the Betsey Mills Club. JFS will pay up to \$165 per week per child to attend a summer youth camp operated by Betsey Mills. The total amount of the grant is \$20,000. The agreement will be in effect from May 31, 2022 through August 19, 2022. This grant award is funded in whole or in part by federal funds provided under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

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

RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH BUILDING BRIDGES TO CAREERS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Department of Job & Family Services and Building Bridges to Careers. JFS will pay Building Bridges to Careers to provide job readiness training, financial literacy training, and life skills training to TANF eligible youths ages 14-18. The agreement will be in effect from May 31, 2022 through June 3, 2022. The grant is in the total amount of \$11,745. JFS will pay a program fee of \$375 for each youth, in addition to a maximum cost of \$2,400 for transportation. This grant award is funded in whole or in part by federal funds provided under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT – CITY OF WELLSTON

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with the City of Wellston to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$83 per day. The contract is 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: WORKERS COMP – 2023 GROUP RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve Washington County’s application for the 2023 Group Retrospective Rating Program. The program is offered by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to allow employers through a sponsoring association (County Commissioners Association Retro Group) to earn refunds or be charged assessments based on the performance of the group. Washington County will pay a merit-rated premium to BWC in 2023. The estimated premium is \$159,791, with a target refund of \$36,751. The program’s third-party administrator is Sedgwick. Commissioner Booth said he looked into the group retro program and it will save money for the County.

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

RE: BID AWARD & CONTRACT FOR DEVOLA ELECTRIC PROJECT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Award and contract with Davis Pickering & Co. for the Devola Electrical Improvements Project. The contract price is estimated to be \$1,600,000. The purpose of this electric project contract is to provide a single pole 30-amp circuit breaker and junction box, located on the exterior face of approximately 565 households in Devola. A future sewer project contractor will utilize this circuit breaker to connect power to the low-pressure pump system. Mr. Booth said Davis Pickering will be contacting residents. If residents are concerned about being contacted by scammers, they can call Davis Pickering at 740-373-5896 to set up an appointment.

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. 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: Charlie Schilling aye. 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>
07-0023136-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024048-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024066-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024061-000	\$ 317.75
07-0023358-000	\$ 341.10	07-0024031-000	\$ 341.10
11-0047967-000	\$ 341.10	11-0047955-000	\$ 307.93
11-0045784-003	\$ 429.25	26-0037872-000	\$ 289.50
26-0035168-000	\$ 324.00	23-0076412-013	\$ 341.10
05-0011600-000	\$ 517.40	05-0011148-000	\$ 341.10
05-0012548-001	\$ 343.60	05-0012548-000	\$ 343.60
05-0012684-000	\$ 341.10	05-0013116-000	\$ 341.10
05-0009268-000	\$ 341.10	05-0009272-000	\$ 341.10
05-0010644-000	\$ 352.48	05-0011716-000	\$ 252.95
05-0011716-002	\$ 252.95	11-0046188-000	\$ 494.39
05-0012280-000	\$ 252.95	05-0013036-000	\$ 252.95
05-0009476-001	\$ 252.95	05-0009476-001	\$ 252.95
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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 she is excited about Governor DeWine’s announcement of a potential investment of \$500 million in 32 Appalachian counties.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority Director, praised the Building Department for supporting economic development with their service.

Diane Davis, HR Director, said the County Wellness Fair will be Wednesday, May 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the Juvenile Center.

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, introduced the Building Department staff. Commissioner Schilling said he has seen positive changes with the Building Department

and appreciates the work they do.

Commissioner Ritter said he is proud of our local Board of Elections and their bipartisan effort to ensure every vote is counted. Mr. Ritter thanked the Board of Elections for doing a great job.

Commissioner Booth said the Governor's pledge of \$500 million to Appalachian counties is not available yet, but the Commissioners are prepared to put the money to work.

Commissioner Schilling said the JFS summer program subgrants are a good way to show youth the local opportunities that are available.

RE: TRANSIT APPLICATION

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing Washington County to file an application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration and the State of Ohio. Dawn Rauch, WMCAP, was present to discuss the 2023 Transit Grant application. Washington County is requesting more money for 2023 to provide more transit service in the county. Commissioner Schilling said he spoke with a citizen that wanted transit service later in the day. Ms. Rauch mentioned the possibility of a pilot program to provide evening routes. The County could then see the number of passengers at each time of day to decide which operating hours would provide the most service. Ms. Rauch said demand response service has been increasing.

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

RE: OSU EXTENSION – UPDATE

Marcus McCartney, OSU Extension Office, and Heather Warner, GoPacks Program, provided the Commissioners with an update on agriculture programs in Washington County. Mr. McCartney said food prices are rising. Mr. McCartney said some farmers are skipping corn to grow soybeans again, instead of rotating crops every year. Fertilizer prices are high. Mr. McCartney pointed out that lower crop yields reduce the amount of produce on the market. Ms. Warner discussed container garden workshops and the Garden Club for students in grades 7 – 12. Washington State Community College has a greenhouse project to grow produce.

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 10:17 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk