

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 14, 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  
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator  
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Emily Griffin, Engineer Office  
Roger Wright, County Engineer  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
David Browne, Behavioral Health Board  
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Kathy Thieman, Probate/Juvenile Court Administrator  
Mike Melliore, Ice Miller  
Scott Silvestri, Memorial Health System  
Zach Eddy, Bricker & Eckler LLP  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, July 14, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:45 Larry Coler – Muskingum River 821 Bridge Project  
10:00 Resolution – MHS Bond Issuance

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to establish new fund for OneOhio Opioid  
Resolution to establish new fund for the Engineer  
Additional Appropriation – Maintenance  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – Prosecutor DTAC  
Transfer – Prosecutor DTAC  
Transfer – Probate/Juvenile Court  
Transfer – Veterans  
Then & Now  
Travel – Children Services  
Letter of Support for Bauer Aquatic Center  
Bond for County Buildings Energy Project  
Engineer – Devola Electric Project, Invoice #2 & #3  
Engineer – Contract for C-2 Bridge Repair

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Finance Meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 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: Transfer – County General  
RSVP – MOU with Buckeye Hills  
FCF – Help Me Grow Provider Agreement Amendment  
WV Americorps – Mileage Reimbursement  
Additional Appropriation – WV Americorps

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 July 7, 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: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW FUND FOR ONEOHIO OPIOID**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor’s bookkeeping system. The purpose of the new fund is to account for the revenue and expenses of the OneOhio Distributor Settlement. Ohio reached an \$808 million agreement with the three largest distributors of opioids. The State developed the OneOhio plan, a mechanism to ensure that any money from a negotiated settlement is distributed fairly to communities hit hardest by the opioid crisis. The OneOhio funds must be utilized in a manner consistent with the “Approved Purposes” definition in the OneOhio memorandum of understanding. The first year distribution amount to Washington County is \$28,792.66. The number and name of the new fund in the Auditor’s system will be as follows:

215-0614 ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT

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

**RE: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW FUND FOR THE ENGINEER**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor’s bookkeeping system. The purpose of the new fund is to account for the revenue and expenses of federal funds for the construction of a single-span steel beam bridge on Township Road 39 in Barlow. The number and name of the new fund in the Auditor’s system will be as follows:

300-0591 WAS-TR 39-02.47 PID 112891

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>
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	\$ 75,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-55204	\$ 9,625.00
Prosecutor DTAC	200-0141-57200	\$ 4,231.54
WV Americorps	210-0475-52000	\$ 6,000.00

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>
Prosecutor DTAC	200-0141-57200	100-0101-49200	\$ 4,231.54
Probate/Juvenile	100-0220-58203	100-0220-57400	\$ 15,000.00
Veterans Service	100-0700-51006	100-0700-51001	\$ 4,222.00
Veterans Service	100-0700-54000	100-0700-53403	\$ 3,000.00
Economic Development	100-0870-53091	100-0101-57100	\$ 350,000.00
County General	100-0101-57100	300-0113-49100	\$ 350,000.00

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. 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>
County Home	200-0630-53000	Marietta Memorial	\$ 2,000.00
CHIP	200-0800-53000	Fouss Septic	\$ 400.00
Recorder	100-0150-57400	Kofile Technologies	\$ 308,601.40

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

*Karlee Hill:* Required child visit in Powell on July 7; Dayton on July 18, 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 BAUER AQUATIC CENTER**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the following Letter of Support for the design and construction of a new aquatic center:

The Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the design and construction of a new aquatic center and is greatly pleased by the intention to name the facility after Doctor Bill Bauer. The Board of Commissioners believes that the construction of this facility would benefit not only Washington County but the surrounding Appalachian counties as well by providing a local location at which both water safety and aquatic athletics can be practiced. This facility will not only reduce the burden of driving many miles to a similar facility, but it will also fuel economic activity within the County by drawing families and athletes from outside Washington County. If you have any questions regarding our support of the Bauer Aquatic Center, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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: BOND FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS ENERGY PROJECT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a \$10 million bank loan for the Courthouse, Children Services & County Home Energy Savings Project. Commissioner Ritter said that as a private business owner he might consider a loan with a balloon payment, but he is not comfortable obligating the County to that type of financing. Commissioner Schilling said they have had multiple meetings with elected officials and the consensus is that the project is necessary. Commissioner Booth said he considers taking on debt to be a serious issue and feels that it is the best decision with the knowledge he has.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to table the bank loan to allow time for public comment.

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

**RE: RSVP – MOU WITH BUCKEYE HILLS**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with Buckeye Hills Regional Council on behalf of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Buckeye Hills will provide funds to RSVP in the amount of \$3,277. The MOU is for National Senior Service Corps services provided by RSVP for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. RSVP agrees to use the funds in conformance with current Ohio Department of Aging policies.

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

**RE: FCF – HELP ME GROW VISITING PROVIDER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the Help Me Grow Agreement (No. 48970) between the Ohio Department of Health and Family &

Children First. The purpose of the amendment is to expand home visiting services in Ohio in deliverable 6.18, insert an area for a total amount, and update Section 7.13 under the same terms and conditions as detailed in Section 4.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – DEVOLA ELECTRIC PROJECT, INVOICE #2 & #3**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve payment to Davis Pickering & Company for the Devola Electric Upgrade Project – Invoice #2 & #3. The total amount of Invoice #2 is \$124,967.50. The total amount of Invoice #3 is \$60,057.50. Prevailing wage and invoice quantities were verified and approved by the County Engineer.

Mr. Booth said this is the only time the County will pay for the electric upgrade. If homeowners wait until after the project, the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of the upgrade. Mr. Schilling said he has received positive feedback from residents about the contractor.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR C-2 BRIDGE REPAIR**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with R.C. Construction Co. & Son for the County Road 2 Bridge Repair in Belpre Township. The total amount of the contract is \$49,995. R.C. Construction was the only contractor available that could meet the project timelines. The bridge will be removed and replaced while school is out of session as the road is a major connector for multiple school systems.

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, Muskingum Township Trustee, asked when the blighted property project work will begin. Mr. Booth said Community Action would have a better idea of the timeline.

Roger Wright, Engineer, said the new tractor for the County Home is waiting on John Deere to approve the paperwork.

Mr. Schilling said he and Rob Grant met with John Carey and discussed the \$500 million House Bill 377 investment in Appalachia and how to utilize that funding. Mr. Schilling said projects will be evaluated and scored by the Department of Development. Mr. Schilling said the Grant Department is a great benefit to the County.

Mr. Ritter said he was in Texas this week with Commissioner Booth to attend the USAging Conference.

Mr. Booth said that if veterans are having financial, mental, or medical difficulties they can reach out to Veterans Service for help.

**RE: LARRY COLER – MUSKINGUM RIVER 821 BRIDGE PROJECT**

Larry Coler, retired ODOT, said that in the past there was a study done for a bridge to cross the Muskingum River at State Route 821. Mr. Coler said the project had the support of the city, the fire department, and Marietta Memorial Hospital. Mr. Coler believes the project is still viable and that now is a great time to revive it. Commissioner Ritter asked if the old study was still viable. Roger Wright, Engineer, said it is possible ODOT still has the study. Commissioner Booth asked who would be responsible for what. Mr. Coler said ODOT would be responsible for the bridge and local government would keep the right-of-way. Commissioner Schilling said the County is working on an updated comprehensive plan.

**RE: RESOLUTION – MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM BOND ISSUANCE**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution determining the necessity of and authorizing the issuance and sale of Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (Memorial Health System obligated group) of the County of Washington, Ohio, in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000,000 for the purpose of financing and refinancing costs of hospital facilities and the costs incidental to the issuance of the bonds.

Commissioner Schilling said it is important to note that the County's counsel has advised that the bonds will not cost the County any money or affect its bond rating. Mike Miller, bond counsel for MHS, said the County is the conduit issuer, which is required for tax

exempt bond issuance. Mr. Miller said there is no administrative burden for the County and no impact on the credit rating of the County. Commissioner Booth said this is a benefit to the County with zero cost. Mr. Schilling said this helps the hospital and will bring jobs and better services to the County. Scott Silvestri, CFO MHS, said the bonds will create 250 jobs in Washington County and add a women and children's center in Belpre.

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

**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 10:12 a.m.

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