

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 28, 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:

Rob Grant, Grants Administrator  
Roger Wright, County Engineer  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent  
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Brian Gifford, Veregy  
Adam Grubb, Veregy  
Sarah Layton, OSU Extension SNAP-Ed  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners**

**AGENDA**

**9:00 am, July 28, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:45 OSU Extension – SNAP Update

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – County General (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer  
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel  
Additional Appropriation – Wireless 911  
Additional Appropriation – Juvenile Court DYS Grant  
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health Board (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Engineer  
Transfer – Engineer  
Transfer – Sheriff  
Sheriff – Request to donate vehicles  
Jail Contract – Meigs County  
Broadband Cooperative – Request for funds  
Veregy – Contract for Energy Savings Project  
Veregy – Notice to Proceed  
Engineer – Change Order #2-Final, C-17 Landslip Repair  
Engineer – ADR Contract Revision for GIS Proposal

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

COG Meeting, August 1<sup>st</sup>, noon at Lori's in Caldwell  
Finance Meeting, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. at 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: Additional Appropriation – WV Americorps  
Minus Appropriation – American Rescue Plan  
Engineer – Change Order #1-Final, C25 Guardrail Replacement

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 21, 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. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve requests for the following additional appropriations:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County General	100-0101-53401	\$ 35,000.00
Coroner	100-0361-53000	\$ 30,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-53100	\$ 15,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-53202	\$ 1,500.00
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-51104	\$ 7,000.00
Wireless 911	200-0369-51104	\$ 22,000.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51001	\$ 30,000.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51101	\$ 845.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51102	\$ 8,154.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51104	\$ 23,529.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51105	\$ 24.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-51120	\$ 670.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-52004	\$ 2,499.96
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-53400	\$ 56,000.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-53500	\$ 1,250.00
Juvenile Court DYS Grant	215-0344-55200	\$ 45,000.00
WCBHB Community Plan	210-0616-53000	\$ 10,439.50
WCBHB Grant 93.992	210-0618-53000	\$ 156,668.89
Engineer	210-0553-57100	\$ 7,445.58
WV Americorps	210-0475-51001	\$ 2,000.00
WV Americorps	210-0475-51101	\$ 600.00

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

**RE: MINUS APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve requests for the following minus appropriations:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Rescue Plan	200-0874-53000	\$ (2,151,830.13)
American Rescue Plan	200-0874-53900	\$ (3,000,000.00)

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>
Engineer	210-0553-57100	200-0540-49100	\$ 7,445.58
Sheriff Sales Tax	100-0384-53401	100-0384-54407	\$ 1,032.00

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

**RE: SHERIFF – REQUEST TO DONATE VEHICLES**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to donate two vehicles to Washington County law enforcement agencies. A 2016 Ford Explorer with 160,990 miles (VIN 1FM5K8AR3GGB73682) will go to the Village of Lowell Police Department. A 2013 Ford Explorer with 163,070 miles (VIN 1FM5K8AR2DGC73543) will go to the Village of Matamoras Police Department. These localities are in need of the retiring fleet vehicles and the vehicles are in serviceable

condition for the needs of Lowell and Matamoras. Commissioner Schilling commended the Sheriff for supporting other law enforcement agencies in the County.

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

**RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MEIGS COUNTY**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Meigs County 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: BROADBAND COOPERATIVE – REQUEST FOR FUNDS**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative for \$46,000. SEOBC is requesting \$46,000 for 4 tower cable retrofits. The request will be funded using American Rescue Plan funds. David Brown, SEOBC, said the money is needed to stabilize the network that the Cooperative inherited. Mr. Brown described cables that were not properly installed and will need repaired. Mr. Brown said the Cooperative has 343 customers and expects up to 700 customers to be added. Commissioner Ritter commended the Cooperative for providing a detailed explanation of the request. Mr. Ritter read the following statement:

*While I am very cautious any time we are allocating funds outside our regular budgeting process, I believe this is an ask worth supporting.*

*The previous Board of Commissioners helped the Cooperative get off the ground with a \$50,000 infusion of CARES Act funds and the results have been good. We now have hundreds of households in Washington County that have excellent service where they previously had none.*

*I am convinced the Cooperative understands the County cannot, and will not, be an ongoing investor in their success. Nevertheless, the Board of Commissioners understands the need for broadband is real.*

*Speaking only for myself, I think the most expedient and responsible way to get service to parts of our County that the big providers won't touch is through the Cooperative.*

*As such, I am in favor of using some of our remaining ARPA funds to grant this funding request.*

Commissioner Booth said the State has shown interest in the SEOBC model and has helped by providing the Cooperative with two vehicles and the use of MARCS towers.

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

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative for \$45,000 to hire a technician. The funds will be made available after the Cooperative hires the technician. The request will be funded using American Rescue Plan funds.

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

**RE: VEREGY – CONTRACT FOR ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with Veregy for the Courthouse, Children Services & County Home Energy Savings Project. The contract sum for the Scope of Work is guaranteed by Veregy not to exceed \$14,188,034. The date for final completion of the project is September 29, 2023. Veregy guarantees the County will realize energy savings of at least \$50,300 per year for the first five years.

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

**RE: VEREGY – NOTICE TO PROCEED**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Notice to Proceed for Veregy to begin the Courthouse, Children Services & County Home Energy Savings Project. A Notice of Commencement and all other required documents must be submitted by Veregy to Washington County no later than one (1) day prior to commencement of work.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – CHANGE ORDER #2-FINAL, C-17 LANDSLIP REPAIR**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve Change Order #2-Final for County Road 17 Landslip Repair. The change order is a reduction of \$5,530.95 for a new total project cost of \$348,370.05.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – CHANGE ORDER #1-FINAL, C-25 GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1-Final for County Road 25 Guardrail Replacement. The change order is a reduction of \$4,845.18 for a new total project cost of \$308,256.32.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – ADR CONTRACT REVISION FOR GIS PROPOSAL**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract revision with ADR & Associates for the Washington County Inspection and GIS Proposal Project. The revision is an increase of \$6,420 beyond the original contract amount for a new total of \$204,308. The additional cost is to purchase a GPS unit. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the revision is money well spent, as the GPS unit will be very useful.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the new tractor for the County Home was delivered. Mr. Wright said he is waiting until it stops raining to begin the County Road 2 culvert project.

David Brown and Peggy Bailey, Southeast Ohio Broadband Cooperative, thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Mr. Ritter said the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will be here next week. Mr. Ritter appreciates the attention to our region and is impressed by the Governor's commitment of \$500 million for Appalachian counties in the State.

Mr. Booth said the Appalachian Regional Commission will be visiting to discuss upcoming opportunities in our region. Mr. Booth said an Ohio Deputy, Matthew Yates, lost his life in the line of duty and that he is our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Schilling said we don't always have to agree but communication is important. Mr. Schilling said the Commissioners continue to discuss our needs with state officials and is optimistic the \$500 million investment will greatly benefit our region.

**RE: OSU EXTENSION – SNAP UPDATE**

Sarah Layton, OSU Extension SNAP-Ed, provided the Commissioners with an update on the program. Ms. Layton said the Boys & Girls Club of Belpre and Eli Chapman are new partners to the program. Ms. Layton said the Walk with Ease program will start again in the fall. Walk with Ease is an exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. Ms. Layton said they are partnering with Phillips, Washington, Belpre High and other schools in the area.

**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 9:50 a.m.

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