

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 11, 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.**

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS  
Roger Wright, County Engineer  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Kathy Thieman, Probate/Juvenile Court Administrator  
Donnie Rader, I.T. Director  
Nancy Taylor  
Michele Newbanks, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, August 11, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Children Services – Collective Bargaining Agreement

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer  
Transfer – Auditor  
Then & Now  
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for July  
Family & Children First – Lease with Ely Chapman  
Children Services – MOU with Family & Children First  
RFP for Group Health Insurance

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Finance Meeting, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. at 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: WCBHB – Board Appointment

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 August 4, 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>
Sewer	400-0113-52001	\$ 6,500.00

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>
Auditor	100-0120-54000	100-0120-52001	\$ 2,000.00

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>
Engineer	200-0540-53700	Column Software	\$ 267.76
County Home	200-0630-53000	Portsmouth Emerg	\$ 224.83

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

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

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of July 2022. The report shows a total prisoner count of 256. The Jail received \$17,491.50 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month.

**RE: FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST – LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ELY CHAPMAN**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a lease agreement between Ely Chapman Education Foundation and Family & Children First. FCF will rent space for their Strengthening Families Program in the Ely Chapman Education Center located on Scammel Street in Marietta. The term of the lease is 14 weeks, beginning September 13, 2022. Rent is \$65 per day, billed monthly.

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

**RE: CHILDREN SERVICES – MOU WITH FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between Children Services and Family & Children First. Children Services received a Multi-System Youth allocation to be used to prevent parental relinquishment of custody, support of care of children in custody of Children Services for congregate care, and to ensure successful transition from congregate care facility following discharge. Children Services is required to allocate 10% of the amount to Family & Children First. The maximum amount to be reimbursed through the MOU will not exceed \$11,438.20. The MOU is effective through June 30, 2023.

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

**RE: WCBHB – BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Marion to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The appointment is for a term of four years, beginning June 30, 2026. Commissioner Booth said Mr. Marion has the right credentials for the appointment.

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

**RE: RFP FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Request for Proposal to

provide group health insurance and prescription drug benefits to eligible employees of Washington County for the year beginning January 1, 2023. Interested parties may request a copy of the RFP and additional data needed for proposals from Diane Davis, Director of Human Resources. Commissioner Ritter said the County is looking at a 14% increase next year with the current provider and is shopping for better rates.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ritter introduced Nancy Taylor, reporter for the Marietta Times. Ms. Taylor will replace Michele Newbanks as the reporter for the Commissioner meetings.

Kathy Thieman asked why the health insurance cost is going up. Mr. Ritter said there were a few very large claims. Mr. Booth said CEBCO historically uses \$10 million of reserve funding each year to offset costs, but has cut back this year.

Mr. Ritter thanked Leah O'Donnell for her summer internship in the Commissioners Office. Ms. O'Donnell is a student at Hillsdale College and worked primarily with the grant department this summer.

Mr. Ritter said Michele Newbanks rendered a valuable service to the people of the county by reporting the news accurately, fairly, and faithfully. The Commissioners declared their genuine thanks to Ms. Newbanks for a job well done. Ms. Newbanks thanked the Commissioners and said she enjoyed reporting on the meetings.

Mr. Booth mentioned Thelma Lauer, who dedicated 51 years serving the Fearing Volunteer Fire Department and 46 years as an EMT for Fearing Township, and said her passing is a loss for the fire departments.

Mr. Booth said there is discussion about adding sewer along Route 7 South. Mr. Booth said utilities are necessary for economic development.

**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 9:20 a.m.

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