

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 18, 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.**

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS  
Roger Wright, County Engineer  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Joseph White, Wastewater Superintendent  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator  
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator  
Jesse Roush, Port Authority  
Brian Gifford, Veregy  
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, August 18, 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  
Resolution to authorize bonds to improve County facilities  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – CHIP CDBG  
Additional Appropriation – CHIP HOME  
Additional Appropriation – County General  
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas OMHAS Grant  
Travel – Family & Children First, Sewer, Commissioners  
Building Dept – OFMA Scholarship Contract  
USGS – Joint-funding Agreement for Streamgages  
Broadband Coop – Glendale Tower Lease Agreement  
Engineer – Devola Electric Project, Invoice #7  
Engineer – Devola Sewer Phase 2 Notice to Proceed

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Finance Meeting, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. at Commissioner Assembly Room  
Courthouse closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Sheriff  
Additional Appropriation – Engineer

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 11, 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: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BONDS TO IMPROVE COUNTY FACILITIES**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount not to exceed \$14,200,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, repairing, renovating, replacing, and improving county facilities, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; and authorizing and approving related matters. Mr. Ritter believes it is important to be good stewards of county property by maintaining facilities for future benefit.

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>
Family & Children First	602-2031-53005	\$ 26,707.50
CHIP CDBG	210-0807-51001	\$ 50,972.00
CHIP CDBG	210-0807-53000	\$ 27,200.00
CHIP HOME	210-0808-53000	\$ 40,683.00
County General	100-0100-51110	\$ 1,414.29
Common Pleas OMHAS	215-0215-53000	\$ 14,500.19
Common Pleas OMHAS	215-0215-57400	\$ 4,000.00
Sheriff Sales Tax	100-0384-54401	\$ 291,066.00
Engineer	300-0558-55200	\$ 43,380.23

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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:

Family & Children First  
Cindy Davis: DODD Early Intervention Stakeholder Group Meeting in Columbus on August 16, 2022

Sewer Department  
Joseph White: Wastewater Training Continuing Education in Byesville on September 7, 2022

Commissioners  
Commissioner Schilling, Commissioner Booth, Commissioner Ritter, Clerk Ben Cowdery, and Philip Schaffer: CCAO Workforce, Families and Children Symposium on August 25-26, 2022. Due to distance and time, overnight lodging is required August 25.

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

**RE: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – OFMA SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a 2022 Scholarship Contract with the Ohio Floodplain Management Association on behalf of the Building Department. The \$385 scholarship was awarded to Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, to attend the Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference scheduled for August 24-25, 2022.

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

**RE: USGS – JOINT-FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR STREAMGAGES**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a joint-funding agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of the East Fork Duck Creek streamgage, West Fork Duck Creek streamgage, and Duck Creek streamgage

during the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Washington County Commissioners will contribute \$5,990 and U.S. Geological Survey will contribute \$690 for a total of \$6,680. The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey.

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

**RE: BROADBAND COOP – GLENDALE TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a lease agreement with the Southeastern Ohio Broadband Cooperative to provide space on the Glendale Tower for the Cooperative to install equipment for broadband services. The Commissioners own the Glendale Tower, located at 1959 Glendale Road in Marietta. The term of the lease is five years, effective August 18, 2022 and ending August 31, 2027. The Cooperative will pay the Commissioners a monthly access fee of \$200 for use of space on the Tower. The Cooperative will operate and maintain the equipment in a good state of repair at their own expense for the purpose of making broadband internet services available to the citizens of Washington County. Mr. Ritter said the tower is used by the Sheriff's Office and fire departments. Mr. Booth said this lease will help provide broadband to underserved residents in the County.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – DEVOLA ELECTRIC PROJECT, INVOICE #7**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve payment to Davis Pickering & Company for the Devola Electric Project – Invoice #7. The total amount of the invoice is \$25,847.50. Prevailing wage and invoice quantities were verified and approved by the County Engineer. The total of all invoices for the project to date is \$364,360.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – DEVOLA SEWER PHASE 2 NOTICE TO PROCEED**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the Notice to Proceed for RDR Utility Services Group to begin the Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 2. With the Notice to Proceed date of August 18, 2022, the following are timelines for project milestones:

<u>Project Milestone</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Sewer Main Completion	September 1, 2023
50% of total pump stations operational	December 31, 2023
80% of total pump stations operational	March 27, 2025
Final Completion of entire project	October 1, 2025

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

**RE: CHILDREN SERVICES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to return to the table the Children Services Collective Bargaining Agreement. A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, discussed changes with wages in the agreement. There will be a 5% increase for cost of living the first year of the agreement and a 2% increase for the next two years. Mr. Ritter said he would prefer all three Commissioners be present to vote on the agreement.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to table the Children Services Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Gary Doan thanked the Commissioners for attending the Oak Grove Fire Social.

Rick Dostal said the Building Department is now issuing permits for the Devola Electric Project.

Commissioner Ritter read the following statement:

*Reminder on Public Comment  
Before we turn to the gallery there is something we'd like to make clear.  
Let me remind everyone...while the public does have a right to observe these*

*proceedings, individuals do NOT have a comparable right to make a statement.*

*The fact that this Board has traditionally allowed visitors the opportunity to make a short statement comes solely at the indulgence of the Chair.*

*And while we are committed to maintaining this tradition, we are likewise committed to respecting everyone's time by ensuring that comments are germane to subjects over which this Board has authority.*

*The relatively wide latitude we have allowed in the past should not be taken as a sign that we will allow this comment period to be used for any other purpose.*

*Please do keep your comments brief and on point.*

*Thank you.*

Commissioner Booth asked for cooperation from residents with the Devola Electric Project. Mr. Booth said there will be an end date of monetary assistance from the County for the electric upgrade. Mr. Booth also mentioned that it is fair season and encouraged everyone to participate.

**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 9:23 a.m.

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