

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 25, 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
Roger Wright, County Engineer
Diane Davis, HR Director
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
John Jackson, County Health Department
Mike Haught, IBEW 972
Ryan Dyar, IBEW 972
Boyd Carter
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, August 25, 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
Additional Appropriation – Human Resources
Additional Appropriation – Jail
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First (2)
Transfer – Human Resources
Transfer – EMA
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer – Auditor
Then & Now
Travel – Job & Family Services
ODOT – Amendment to 5311 Program Grant
FCF – Contract for Interpreter Services
FCF – Supplemental Funding Amendment for Early Intervention Grant
Devola Sewer – Letter for remaining Electric Inspections & Easements

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities
Resolution to apply for Partners in Watershed Management Program
Resolution to fund County Home Development Project

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 August 18, 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 APPLY FOR PARTNERS IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Washington County Board of Commissioners to submit an application to participate in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Partners in Watershed Management Program on behalf of the Marietta Country Club. The District provides financial assistance for improvements to tributaries within the District. The Commissioners wish to assist the Marietta Country Club to obtain funding to mitigate water quality and control on an unnamed tributary which runs across the MCC and County Home property. The Commissioners are applying for \$250,000 for the mitigation, with the knowledge that no county funds will be expended. Mr. Ritter thanked the Grant Department for their work on the application.

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO FUND COUNTY HOME DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution directing a portion of the County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment to the Washington County Home Development Project by authorizing expenditure to Buckeye Hills Regional Council as a provision of government services. The County Home premises are being developed for county residents' use. Buckeye Hills, as a council of governments in service to southeastern Ohio, and for which it receives appropriations of state funds to support its operations, will receive funds from the County to advance Buckeye Hills efforts in Washington County. The cost of all agreements authorized by this resolution shall not exceed \$500,000. Mr. Booth said the project will allow seniors to live independently. Mr. Booth said he has asked the City of Marietta to partner on the project and noted that 24 of the 51 current County Home residents are from the City.

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> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sewer | 400-0113-53000 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Sewer | 400-0113-53202 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Human Resources | 100-0366-51001 | \$ 3,647.20 |
| Human Resources | 100-0366-51101 | \$ 39.61 |
| Human Resources | 100-0366-51102 | \$ 725.00 |
| Jail | 100-0381-53403 | \$ 600.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2034-53000 | \$ 2,640.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2034-53010 | \$ 1,331.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2034-55204 | \$ 1,935.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2034-57500 | \$ 591.00 |
| Family & Children First | 602-2031-51120 | \$ 534.03 |
| Developmental Disabilities | 215-0620-57404 | \$ 150,720.00 |

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the following requests for transfer of funds:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Human Resources | 100-0366-51006 | 100-0366-51001 | \$ 1,352.00 |
| EMA | 200-0315-53401 | 200-0315-52001 | \$ 29.00 |
| EMA | 200-0315-53200 | 200-0315-52001 | \$ 1,171.00 |
| EMA | 200-0315-53200 | 200-0315-54000 | \$ 600.00 |
| Sheriff | 100-0384-57800 | 100-0384-54406 | \$ 30,000.00 |

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| Sheriff | 100-0384-53800 | 100-0384-54406 | \$ 19,829.40 |
| Auditor | 100-0120-53403 | 100-0120-57500 | \$ 150.00 |
| Auditor | 100-0120-52000 | 100-0120-57500 | \$ 150.00 |

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> |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Maintenance | 100-0109-53000 | Double L Construct | \$ 1,575.00 |

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:

Job & Family Services

Flite Freimann: OJFSDA General Session at Lewis Center on September 9, 2022. Due to distance and time, overnight lodging is requested for September 8, 2022.

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

RE: ODOT – AMENDMENT TO 5311 PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve an amendment to extend the performance period of the Ohio Department of Transportation 2020 Formula Grant for Rural Areas (5311). The original performance period ended on December 31, 2021 and will now be extended to December 31, 2022. This applies to project numbers RPTF-4088-005-201 and RPTM-0088-005-201. All other portions of the contract remain unchanged.

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

RE: FCF – CONTRACT FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with Monica Carhuay for interpreter services on behalf of the Washington County Family & Children First Council. FCF administers the Help Me Grow Program and is in occasional need of interpreter services. The contract is effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The contractor will be compensated at a rate of \$30 per hour.

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

RE: FCF – SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AMENDMENT FOR EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a supplemental funding amendment for the Family & Children First Early Intervention Service Coordination grant with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The total revised budget is \$33,892.12.

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

RE: DEVOLA SEWER – LETTER FOR REMAINING ELECTRIC INSPECTIONS & EASEMENTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to Devola households regarding electrical upgrade inspections and/or Installation Operation and Maintenance Easement agreements. Residents are receiving a letter because DPC Contractors has made three unsuccessful attempts to contact the residence for electrical review and/or the residence has not completed the easement agreement for sewer system installation, after multiple attempts by Heritage Land Services. The Devola Sewer Project will go forward and the Board of Commissioners want to make sure residents understand there could be a significant cost if they refuse to participate. Homeowners who refuse to participate in the project and are ordered to tie onto the sewer per the Commissioners Resolution will be required to pay the cost of all the sewer connection

work out of their own pocket, along with the sewer capacity connection fee. The additional cost will certainly be significantly more than what was paid by all other homeowners who are participating. Residents that would like to resolve this issue prior to having their home listed as nonparticipating can contact the County Project Inspector, Doug Parks at 740-434-7359.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Charlie Schilling aye. 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 remote work and wages in the agreement. Remote work will be based on the needs of the agency. 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. The agreement is effective August 3, 2022 through August 3, 2025.

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

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 they are going door to door in Devola to reach everyone they can before having to court order connecting to the sewer. Commissioner Booth said residents can contact Engineer Wright with any issues or concerns regarding the Devola Sewer Project.

Commissioner Ritter said that student debt forgiveness by the Federal Government will have an effect on us at the local level. Mr. Ritter said loan forgiveness will exacerbate inflation and the young won't develop the virtue of repaying debts.

Commissioner Booth encouraged citizens to volunteer for Fire and EMS service.

Commissioner Schilling said the Commissioners recently visited several farms in the area. Mr. Schilling said farmers in Washington County are passionate about agriculture.

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 9:26 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk