

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 23, 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  
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Caitlin Decker, Job & Family Services  
Philip Schaffer, Special Projects Administrator  
Roger Wright, Engineer  
Emily Griffin, Engineer's Office  
Jesse Roush, Port Authority  
Katherine Warden, Marietta Police Chief  
Mike Montgomery, Humane Society  
Esther Salem, Humane Society  
Michele Newbanks, Humane Society  
Janelle Patterson, Historic Harmar Bridge Company  
Geoff Schenkel, Historic Harmar Bridge Company  
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, November 23, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Resolution to partner with Buckeye Hills for Appalachian Community Grant

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Engineer (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – Job & Family Services  
Additional Appropriation – Children Services  
Additional Appropriation – Sewer  
Additional Appropriation – I.T.  
Additional Appropriation – Budget Stabilization  
Transfer – Budget Stabilization  
Transfer – Auditor  
Transfer – Family & Children First  
Transfer – Sewer  
JFS – Subgrant Agreement with Eve  
Historic Harmar Bridge Company – Joint Use Agreement  
Building Department – Credit Card Authorization  
ARPA Water District Reimbursement – Reno Area Water District  
Engineer – Bid Specs for C-76-0095 Bridge Replacement

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Courthouse closed November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving 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 – Common Pleas Special Projects  
Sheriff – Teamsters Health Participation Agreement

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 November 17, 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>
Engineer	200-0540-54201	\$ 50,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-54301	\$ 85,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-55201	\$ 3,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-55202	\$ 350,000.00
Engineer	200-0540-56100	\$ 300,000.00
Engineer	210-0553-57600	\$ 37,996.50
Family & Children First	602-2031-53005	\$ 4,793.25
Job & Family Services	200-0720-51001	\$ 465,000.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	\$ 64,395.00
Sewer	400-0113-54000	\$ 5,000.00
I.T.	100-0190-53403	\$ 2,010.00
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57200	\$ 1,900,000.00
Common Pleas Special Projects	200-0235-54400	\$ 800.00

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>
Budget Stabilization	100-0104-57200	300-0118-49200	\$ 1,900,000.00
Auditor	100-0120-54000	100-0120-57500	\$ 300.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-52001	602-2033-55203	\$ 1,200.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-52001	602-2033-57400	\$ 300.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-55202	602-2033-57400	\$ 2,650.00
Sewer	400-0113-56200	400-0113-56100	\$ 547.62

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

**RE: JFS – SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH EVE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subgrant agreement between Washington County Job & Family Services and Eve Inc., to operate supervised visitation and/or child exchange service. JFS will provide funding to Eve in accordance with the agreement. The total amount of the subgrant is \$46,084 for the provision of supervised visitation and safe exchange center, billable at \$175 per eligible visit. The subgrant agreement will be in effect from December 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Funding is provided by TANF Block Grant through the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said Eve will provide a location when the court orders supervised visitation.

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

**RE: HISTORIC HARMAR BRIDGE COMPANY – JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve an updated Joint Use Agreement between the City of Marietta, Washington County, and the Historic Harmar Bridge Company. This is an update to the Joint Use Agreement that was approved at the October 27, 2022 Commissioners meeting. The City of Marietta requested amendments to the agreement, which include that use of the bridge by the pedestrian public shall be free, and that no unreimbursable local government funds for maintenance shall be expected or required.

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

Kevin Ritter aye. Motion passed.

**RE: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a request from the Building Department to open a credit card account for the purchase of fuel. The Department has had many billing issues with their Speedway Gas cards, such as misapplied payments and unwarranted late fees, and is requesting to open a new credit card account to resolve the issues. Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, said Department employees turn in all receipts and the account is monitored closely.

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

**RE: ARPA WATER DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT – RENO AREA WATER DISTRICT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a reimbursement to Reno Area Water and Sewer District in the amount of \$50,000. Reno Area Water District has submitted invoices and proof of payment of \$60,972.98 for a new telemetry system and requests reimbursement of \$50,000 from the County ARPA Water District Reimbursement Program.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECS FOR C-76-0095 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve plans and specifications for the County Road 76 Wickens Bridge Replacement Project. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$574,676.55. The project will be funded with \$352,800 in CDBG Critical Infrastructure grant funds, with the remaining balance paid using local funds. Buckeye Hills has authorized the project for bidding. A bid opening date of December 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. has been set for the project. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said he is glad to have the Critical Infrastructure funding for the project and hopes the work is completed during the summer because it is a busy road during the school year.

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

**RE: SHERIFF – TEAMSTERS WELFARE FUND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Michigan Conference of Teamsters Welfare Fund participation agreement between Washington County Sheriff's Office and Teamsters Local Union No. 637. The Sheriff's Office and Local Union entered into a collective bargaining agreement that provides for participation by the Sheriff's Office to obtain health and welfare benefits for employees represented by the Local Union and employed by the Sheriff's Office. The period covered by the participation agreement is December 4, 2022 through November 29, 2025.

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

**RE: ARCHITECT SERVICES FOR WASCO BUILDING**

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a proposal by Pickering Associates to provide feasibility plan services for the WASCO Building. The Commissioners reviewed two proposals for architect services for the WASCO Building. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said both proposals have a flat fixed fee. The total cost for services by Pickering is \$22,500. Mr. Ritter said there had been a concern that Pickering would be unable to finish on time, but Pickering has assured them they can. Mr. Booth said he values local work but also wants the highest quality of work.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Chief Warden, Marietta Police Department, asked what work Pickering Associates will be doing for the WASCO Building. The Commissioners said Pickering is doing design services for the space. Commissioner Schilling said Chief Warden looked at the WASCO Building with the Commissioners to consider its potential as the 911 Center.

Roger Wright, Engineer, said digging work for the Devola Sewer Project will be invasive in the beginning.

Mike Montgomery, Humane Society, said there was a dog at the shelter deemed dangerous by the Dog Warden. Mr. Montgomery said the Humane Society Board made the decision last night to euthanize the dog.

Janelle Patterson, Historic Harmar Bridge Company, thanked the Commissioners and said they are excited for the next phase of the project.

Commissioner Ritter wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Booth said the American Veterans Post 1788 will be sponsoring the adoption of a dog for a veteran.

Commissioner Schilling asked to keep the Virginia shooting victims in our prayers. Mr. Schilling wished the Fort Frye football team good luck at the state semifinals. Mr. Schilling said the Commissioners are giving their employees paid time off for Black Friday and thinks the County should be consistent going forward.

**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 9:37 a.m.

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