

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 7, 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS
Rob Grant, Grants Administrator
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Kathy Thieman, Probate Court Administrator
Traci Zimmerman, Building Department
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, December 7, 2022

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to certify revenue of Children Services Renewal Levy
Resolution to apply for Appalachian Community Development Grant
Additional Appropriation – Dog & Kennel
Additional Appropriation – Sewer
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas
Additional Appropriation – Clerk of Courts
Additional Appropriation – Title Office
Additional Appropriation – Tax Map
Additional Appropriation – Jail (2)
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Minus Appropriation - Jail
Transfer – Auditor (4)
Transfer – Family & Children First (2)
Transfer – Sheriff (2)
Transfer – Prosecutor
Transfer – Recorder
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services, County Home
Grant Department – Appalachian Community Grant Subrecipient Agreements (6)
Letter of Support for Chillicothe Veterans Hospital
Letter of Support for Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
JFS – Approval of Cost Allocation Plan Payments
Solicitation of Bids for Depository of Funds
ARPA – Allocation to Friends of the Barker House
Sheriff – Monthly Report on Care of Prisoners for November
Engineer – Contract for Hills Covered Bridge Rehab

DATES TO REMEMBER

Records Commission Meeting, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. in Assembly Room
Finance Meeting, December 20th, 10 a.m. in Commissioner Assembly Room
Investment Meeting, December 20th, 10:15 a.m. in Commissioner Assembly Room
Courthouse closed Monday December 26th for Christmas
2023 Appropriations Resolution, December 29th at 10 a.m. in Assembly Room
Courthouse closed Monday January 2nd for New Year's Day
Commissioner Organizational Meeting, January 3rd at 10 a.m. in Assembly Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Letter of Support for Multi-County TA Application
Board of Elections – Request for vacation/comp time payout

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 December 1, 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 CERTIFY REVENUE OF CHILDREN SERVICES LEVY

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution declaring necessity and requesting that the Auditor certify to the Board of Commissioners an estimate of a levy's annual collections based upon revenue that would be generated by 0.55 mill of tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. The levy would be a renewal of the existing five-year Children Services Levy placed on the tax list in the year 2018. The tax will be levied upon the entire territory of Washington County. The date of the election at which the levy shall appear on the ballot is November 7, 2023 general election.

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 APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to promote downtown revitalization, community health and workforce development by aiding select projects with grant funds from the Appalachian Community Development Fund

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office desires to apply for an Appalachian Community Development Grant to secure funds from the Appalachian Community Development Fund

WHEREAS, it is the practice of the Washington County Board of Commissioners to publicly approve the submission of grant applications through their department

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of application for funding Appalachian Community Development Grant.

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>
Dog & Kennel	200-0369-51102	\$ 1,186.64
Sewer	400-0113-53000	\$ 7,000.00
Common Pleas	200-0207-51001	\$ 3,529.60
Common Pleas	200-0207-51101	\$ 51.13
Common Pleas	200-0207-51102	\$ 494.15
Common Pleas	200-0207-51120	\$ 38.82
Clerk of Courts	100-0230-51102	\$ 1,918.27
Clerk of Courts	100-0230-51104	\$ 2,644.32
Clerk of Courts Title Office	200-0233-51102	\$ 485.77
Clerk of Courts Title Office	200-0233-51104	\$ 2,690.28
Clerk of Courts Title Office	200-0233-51105	\$ 9.16
Tax Map	100-0510-51104	\$ 347.12
Jail	100-0381-53700	\$ 52,235.00
Jail	100-0381-54150	\$ 1,250.00
Jail	100-0381-54200	\$ 16,000.00

Sheriff 100-0384-54401 \$ 169,599.00

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jail	100-0381-53140	\$ (3,700.00)
Jail	100-0381-53150	\$ (550.00)

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>
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	215-0163-48200	\$ 1.78
Treasurer	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 32,078.03
Auditor REA	200-0122-53203	200-0122-51102	\$ 2,800.00
Auditor REA	200-0122-53400	200-0122-51001	\$ 22,000.00
Family & Children First	602-2033-51001	602-2033-51105	\$ 5.00
Family & Children First	602-2030-51001	602-2030-51104	\$ 346.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54405	100-0384-54406	\$ 2,550.00
Sheriff	100-0384-52100	100-0384-53600	\$ 4,500.00
Sheriff	100-0384-52200	100-0384-53600	\$ 2,500.00
Sheriff	100-0384-52400	100-0384-53600	\$ 1,850.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53010	100-0384-53600	\$ 4,600.00
Sheriff	100-0384-53020	100-0384-53600	\$ 3,000.00
Prosecutor	100-0140-51006	100-0140-51001	\$ 40,000.00
Recorder	100-0150-51006	100-0150-51001	\$ 3,469.00

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. 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>
CHIP Repayments	200-0800-53000	Double E	\$ 6,767.00

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. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter 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:

Children Services

Rebecca Trent: Training in Cambridge on December 5,6,7,19,20; Required child visit in Vienna, WV on December 21; Cambridge on December 22, 2022

Alisha Riddle: Required child visits in Wood County, WV on December 13 & 19, 2022

Sarah Lillich: Training in Cambridge on December 5,6,7; Training in Athens on December 19, 20, 2022

Tami Downs: Required child visit in Powell on December 12; Newark on December 19; Vinton on December 30, 2022

Ashley Harris & Katy Biehl: Required child visit in Zanesville on December 2;

Millersburg/Newark on December 13; Cincinnati on December 19, 2022

Ashley Harris: Required child visit in Cambridge on December 7; Chandlersville on December 21; Caldwell on December 22, 2022

County Home

Tonia Blevins & Kacie Bennett: Resident appointments in Parkersburg, WV on December 5, 6, 13, 29 and Vienna, WV on December 14, 2022

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

RE: GRANT DEPARTMENT – APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS (6)

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a subrecipient agreement with the Betsey Mills Corporation for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. The Betsey Mills will contribute to community health by offering a safe indoor pool for recreation and therapy.

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 subrecipient agreement with Ohio History Connection for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Ohio History Connection will contribute to a vibrant downtown in the City of Marietta by constructing a new Ohio River Museum and provide a location for the Washington County Public Library local history and genealogical materials.

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 subrecipient agreement with Marietta College for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Marietta College will renovate a blighted structure and contribute to the downtown revitalization of the City of Marietta.

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 subrecipient agreement with Boys & Girls Club of Washington County for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Boys & Girls Club will construct a teen center downtown in the City of Marietta.

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 subrecipient agreement with Harmar Rowing Club for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Harmar Rowing Club will contribute to community health by offering a club sport activity to students and improve a structure in downtown Marietta.

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 subrecipient agreement with Building Bridges to Careers for the purpose of project development funded by the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Building Bridges to Careers will offer additional manufacturing and technology opportunities and improve a structure in downtown Marietta.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHILLICOTHE VETERANS HOSPITAL

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Letter of Support for the full funding of the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital. Mr. Booth said he will be speaking at the CCAO Winter Conference tomorrow and will present the letter to all 88 counties. Mr. Booth read the following letter aloud:

As County Commissioners, we hear about the mental health needs of our citizens on a regular basis. While it is important to provide mental health treatment for all citizens, it is increasingly important to provide those services to our country's veterans as more and more veterans return home from the War on Terror and other foreign wars.

That being said, the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital is a primary provider of mental health services to approximately 20,000 veterans in Ohio each year. We were thankful that the hospital was not fully shut down following a recent report from the Department of Veterans Affairs that recommended closing 20 facilities across the country and cuts to another 37 facilities nationwide.

However, our fight is not close to being finished. Despite the facility remaining open, many of the services and programs were reduced. We were told that the program reductions were a result of larger budget cuts at the federal level and that additional cuts may be on the horizon. Providing care to our veterans is a paramount responsibility of the government and should be prioritized over other non-essential government spending.

Many of our constituents are veterans and we, as County Commissioners, have a

duty to represent our constituents. The federal government made a promise to take care of every member of our Armed Forces and we believe they should be held to that promise. Therefore, we ask that the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital be fully funded and programs that were cut be restored as soon as possible.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MUSKINGUM VALLEY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER'S APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Letter of Support for the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center application for Appalachian Community Grant funding. Muskingum Valley ESC would serve as lead partner in the design of three STEM Centers located at Muskingum Valley, Ohio Valley, and East Central Ohio. The STEM Centers will provide community schools with STEM activities and professional development for teachers. Mr. Schilling said this would allow students to obtain hands-on experience.

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTHEAST OHIO DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION TO APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a Letter of Support for the Southeast Ohio Development Partnership application to the Appalachian Community Grant Program. The partnership consists of local governments from Athens, Hocking, Morgan, and Washington counties and, if funded, will coordinate planning efforts across the counties for projects to submit for funding during the Appalachian Development Grant application period. The counties are seeking Technical Assistance funds from the Appalachian Community Grant Program.

Mr. Ritter said Sunday Creek Horizons would be part of the process. Mr. Ritter said the Commissioners started a grant department within the Commissioner's Office to better manage these opportunities and to control the County's message.

Mr. Booth said Sunday Creek has done great things for the County on the Devola Sewer Project and for Lowell water. Mr. Booth differs on his opinion in this matter because Buckeye Hills is better equipped to handle this project. Mr. Booth said Washington County is on the hook as the lead agency. Mr. Booth is putting his trust in Buckeye Hills to do the right thing for Washington County.

Mr. Schilling said his idea is to work with both entities. Mr. Schilling thinks Washington County needs to determine an allocation amount out of the Technical Assistance funds for the work done by the County. Mr. Schilling suggested \$50,000 to Buckeye Hills and \$200,000 to Washington County.

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

RE: JFS – APPROVAL OF COST ALLOCATION PLAN PAYMENTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Cost Allocation Plan amounts to be paid by Job & Family Services to the County General Fund for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The total amount JFS will pay for the 2023 year is \$54,694. The Maximus Company compiled the County Wide Cost Allocation Plan for Washington County.

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

RE: SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the solicitation of bids to serve as the depository of Washington County public funds for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2027. Proposals must be received by January 19, 2023. The Board of Commissioners will select a depository at the February 2, 2023 regular meeting. Tammy Bates, County Treasurer, estimated the amount of active funds for the four-year period commencing May 1, 2023 to be \$25,000,000.

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

RE: ARPA – ALLOCATION TO FRIENDS OF THE BARKER HOUSE

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve an allocation of \$10,000 from American Rescue Plan funds received by the County to be disbursed to the Friends

of the Barker House. This allocation is intended as an aid to tourism for Washington County. The Barker House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Mr. Schilling said the Commissioners have previously allocated ARPA funds to help organizations such as the Convention & Visitors Bureau, volunteer fire departments, and local fairs.

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

RE: SHERIFF – MONTHLY REPORT ON CARE OF PRISONERS FOR NOVEMBER

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the monthly report on the care of prisoners at the Washington County Jail for the month of November 2022. The report shows a total prisoner count of 250. The Jail received \$9,508 for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions for the month.

RE: ENGINEER – CONTRACT FOR HILLS COVERED BRIDGE REHAB

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Righter Company for the County Road 333 Hills Covered Bridge Rehab Project. The bid price for the project is \$804,827.

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

RE: BOARD OF ELECTIONS – REQUEST FOR VACATION/COMP TIME PAYOUT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from the Board of Elections for a payout to employees of vacation and/or comp time. Mr. Ritter said the Board of Elections submitted the request after the deadline for the meeting and the Commissioners need proper time to consider the request.

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to table the request from Board of Elections.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee, said the annual Oak Grove and Devola Santa Run is this weekend.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said Pickering Associates has completed the design for 311 Third Street and the project will soon go out to bid. Mr. Freimann said it will be a two-phase construction project.

Mr. Ritter thanked his colleagues for their approach to a difficult issue and for working together.

Mr. Booth said that even if the Commissioners differ on one issue, they will continue to work together as a team. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners will be attending the CCAO Winter Conference and that Rob Grant will be there to speak about operating a grant department in a rural area.

Mr. Schilling said he will be speaking as a moderator at the CCAO Winter Conference. Mr. Schilling testified yesterday at the Ohio Statehouse on House Bill 685. Mr. Schilling said the County received another tranche of ARPA funds from Belpre Township.

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 9:47 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk