

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 29, 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, Grant Department
Philip Schaffer, Grant Department
Diane Davis, HR Director
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Mark Warden, Sheriff's Office
Pam Sullivan, Sheriff's Office
Katie Warden, Marietta Police Chief
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, December 29, 2022**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Appropriations Resolution for 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Additional Appropriation – Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed Monday January 2nd for New Year's Day
Commissioner Organizational Meeting, January 3rd at 10 a.m. in Assembly Room
Courthouse closed Monday January 16th for MLK 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 – Auditor
 Additional Appropriation – Specialized Docket
 Additional Appropriation – Auditor REA
 Additional Appropriation – Sewer
 Transfer – County General (2)
 Transfer – Sheriff

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 22, 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: 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>
Treasurer	100-0130-57500	\$ 2,450.70
Auditor	100-0120-51000	\$ 2,419.00

Specialized Docket	215-0215-51001	\$	160.00
Specialized Docket	215-0215-51101	\$	2.19
Auditor Real Estate Assessment	200-0122-51101	\$	76.11
Sewer	400-0113-51101	\$	57.84

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>
Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0109-51001	\$ 780.00
Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0100-51001	\$ 2,800.00
Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0100-51101	\$ 85.00
Maintenance	100-0109-51006	100-0140-51101	\$ 530.00
Prosecutor	100-0140-51104	100-0140-51001	\$ 9,900.00
Prosecutor	100-0140-51104	100-0140-51101	\$ 20.00
Sheriff	100-0384-51001	100-0384-51101	\$ 617.38

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

RE: COMMENTS

Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs, said she is proud of everyone working to make a difference in Washington County.

Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official, said Jackson County is interested in using the Southeast Ohio Building Department.

Commissioner Ritter will begin his second term in January and is thankful for the support. Mr. Ritter appreciates working with the other two Commissioners and is happy with the direction the County is heading.

Commissioner Booth provided a brief update on current and future projects, which included safer water in Lowell and Matamoras, Courthouse renovations, a SR 821 Bridge, and Route 7 South sewer. Mr. Booth commended the Grant Department for their hard work. Mr. Booth said that, going into next year, the VA Hospital initiative will continue to be a high priority for him.

Commissioner Schilling believes the County is running efficiently and working well together as a team. Mr. Schilling said the Commissioners are able to give a higher than normal raise this year to retain good employees. Mr. Schilling is optimistic going forward with their vision.

Chief Deputy Warden said the new 911 Center will be a great benefit to Washington County. Mr. Schilling agreed and thinks the county-wide 911 should include everyone working together.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION FOR 2023

Mr. Ritter moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt the 2023 Annual Appropriations Resolution for Washington County. Mr. Schilling read the Budget Notes and said there is a comfortable carryover amount in the County General Fund to start 2023. Mr. Schilling said the Commissioners were focused on increasing wages for employees. Mr. Ritter said that, even though inflation is higher than in the past, the County is managing costs well. Mr. Booth noted the upcoming renovation of 311 Third Street into the OhioMeansJobs Employment Center to help everybody find work.

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

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 10:09 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk