

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: KEVIN J. RITTER, PRESIDENT. CHARLIE L. SCHILLING, 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. RITTER OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS
Rob Grant, Grant Department
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Amanda Sutphin, OhioMeansJobs
Michelle Brown, Job & Family Services
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee
Karen Doan
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Kim Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Janet Welch, Municipal Court Judge
John Halliday, Common Pleas Judge
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, February 16, 2023**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to add new fund for Grant Department
Additional Appropriation – Jail
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Transfer – Commissioners
Then & Now
Travel – JFS
Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Grant Amendment
Sheriff – Body Camera Grant Agreement
Sheriff – Request to sell (3) vehicles
Jail Contract – Morgan County
RSVP – Cindy Leonard Consulting Agreement
CSEA – Title IV-D Contracts (3)
FCF – Contractor Agreements (7)
JFS – Thermo Layoffs

DATES TO REMEMBER

Courthouse closed Monday, February 20th for Presidents Day
Finance Meeting, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Assembly Room
Investment Meeting, March 21 at 10:15 a.m. in Commissioners Assembly Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Resolution to establish Local Corrections Planning Board

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular meeting.

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

Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter 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: Kevin Ritter aye. James Booth absent. Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a Local Corrections Planning Board. The Board will consist of twenty-one members that includes elected officials, appointed officials, and Board of Commissioners appointments. The majority of the members of the Board shall be employed in the adult criminal justice field. The Local Corrections Board shall, within three months, adopt a revised comprehensive plan for the development, implementation and operations of corrections services in the county. This Resolution supersedes all resolutions previously adopted establishing the membership, scope and duties of the Local Corrections Planning Board. Judge Halliday, Common Pleas, and Judge Welch, Municipal Court, worked together on the Resolution and said having a Corrections Board is a requirement to receive subsidies for community corrections.

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO ADD NEW FUND FOR GRANT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor's bookkeeping system for the Grant Department. The purpose of the new fund is to account for the revenue and expenses of the Grant Department. The new fund will be included in the County General Fund. The number and name of the new fund in the Auditor's system is as follows: **100-0105 Grant Department**

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jail	100-0381-54400	\$ 11,050.06
Sheriff	100-0384-54400	\$ 158,510.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Schilling 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>
Commissioners	100-0100-53500	100-0100-57501	\$ 3,000.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW

Mr. Schilling 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>
Job & Family Services	200-0720-59001	Javen Franklin	\$ 422.69
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Southeastern Elect	\$ 135.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Southeastern Elect	\$ 430.00
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Miller Communicat	\$ 480.00
Sewer	400-0113-55001	Haas Septic	\$ 300.00
Sewer	400-0113-55001	Haas Septic	\$ 300.00
Engineer	200-0540-55202	Atmay Equipment	\$ 221,825.51
Jail	100-0381-53140	City of Marietta	\$ 3,469.64
Sheriff	100-0384-54004	Eleven 10	\$ 2,085.81
Sewer	400-0113-55001	Fouss Septic	\$ 300.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Schilling 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 2023 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Job & Family Services

Amanda Sutphin: AOP-20 Council Meeting in Muskingum County on February 23, 2023

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

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION & SITE REVITALIZATION GRANT AMENDMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the First Amendment to Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Development. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the expiration date of the Agreement to June 30, 2024. Washington County will have 30 days after the expiration date to submit a financial reimbursement request.

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

RE: SHERIFF – BODY CAMERA GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a Subgrant Award Agreement for the Body Worn Camera Grant Program. The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice has awarded \$67,012.50 to the Washington County Sheriff's Office for body cameras. The award period is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Chief Deputy Warden said the cameras will improve corrections safety and thanked the Grant Department.

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

RE: SHERIFF – REQUEST TO SELL (3) VEHICLES

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to sell three (3) vehicles to the Meigs County Sheriff's Office. To sell the vehicles at auction would require an additional cost to remove the law enforcement package. The following vehicles will be sold to Meigs County:

2013 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR7DGC73540	155,454 miles / \$3,500
2013 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR9DGB54470	183,791 miles / \$1,500
2013 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR0DGB54471	150,771 miles / \$3,500

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MORGAN COUNTY

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a contract with Morgan County to house prisoners at the Washington County Jail at a cost of \$100 per day. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

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

RE: RSVP – CINDY LEONARD CONSULTING AGREEMENT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve a request from RSVP for website consulting services.

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

RE: CSEA – TITLE IV-D CONTRACT WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Title IV-D Contract between the Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Washington County Sheriff's Office to purchase services for the effective administration of the support enforcement program. The contract is effective from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. CSEA and the Sheriff's Office certify that all units of service are eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement. The unit rate for this contract is \$69.75. The total contract cost is \$27,898.69. The total units produced are figured by using the average number of papers received for service in 2022.

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

RE: CSEA – TITLE IV-D CONTRACT WITH CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Title IV-D Contract between the Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Washington County Clerk of Courts to purchase services for the effective administration of the support enforcement program. The contract is effective from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. CSEA and the Clerk of Courts certify that all units of service are eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement. The unit rate for this contract is \$24.73. The total contract cost is \$15,628.80. The unit of service for this contract is a filing on a IV-D case processed by the Clerk of Courts – Legal Division. The total units produced are based on prior year data, annualized.

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

RE: CSEA – TITLE IV-D CONTRACT WITH COMMON PLEAS-JUVENILE DIVISION

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve the Title IV-D Contract between the Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Washington County Court of Common Pleas – Juvenile Division to purchase magistrate services for the effective administration of the support enforcement program. The contract is effective from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. CSEA and the Court of Common Pleas – Juvenile Division certify that all units of service are eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement. The unit rate for this contract is \$168.90. The total contract cost is \$50,669.71. The unit of service for this contract is an hour of Magistrate services by the Common Pleas – Juvenile Division, and includes both direct and indirect cost. The total units for this contract is 300 hours.

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

RE: FCF – CONTRACTS FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES & INCREDIBLE YEARS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Ritter seconded a motion to approve seven (7) contracts on behalf of Washington County Family and Children First Council for the Strengthening Families Program and Incredible Years Preschool Program. The contracts are effective from February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. The contractors will be compensated at a unit rate per class.

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

RE: JFS – THERMO LAYOFFS

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said that last week Thermo Fisher laid off 40 people locally as part of a nationwide layoff. JFS has reached out to Thermo Fisher to provide information about JFS services to those individuals that were laid off. Amanda Sutphin, OhioMeansJobs, said 15 to 20 of those individuals have already filed for unemployment. Ms. Sutphin said OhioMeansJobs will offer job search and resume building assistance. Michelle Brown, JFS, said she is working with AOMC to find available job opportunities. Mr. Freimann said the individuals that were laid off are in a good position to find new jobs and he believes most of them will find employment before their severance package expires. Commissioner Schilling said the response by JFS was incredible and their work is appreciated.

RE: COMMENTS

Rick Dostal, Building Department, announced several new businesses coming to the Marietta area, which include a Texas Roadhouse restaurant and Harbor Freight Tools.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, commended JFS for their work with helping the people that were laid off.

Commissioner Schilling thanked Sunday Creek Horizons for helping the Commissioners with a presentation to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Schilling said they discussed infrastructure and tourism and met with state representatives while in Columbus.

Commissioner Ritter the following statement:

I posted something recently that I have been thinking a lot about. This may be far removed from County business but I think elected officials at ALL levels of government should be thinking and speaking about our country's relationship with the Chinese Communist Party.

The CCP has stolen our technology, perverted the minds of our young people with TikTok, and murdered scores of Americans with fentanyl.

They have undermined and infiltrated many of our universities, threatened our food supply, and sought to influence elected officials at all levels of government.

The Chinese Communist Party is at war with America.

It is time to speak about that openly and do whatever we can to help protect our country's interests. It's time for community leaders like those of you in this room to urge state and national elected leaders to confront this very real threat to America.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schilling 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 9:29 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk