

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: KEVIN J. RITTER, PRESIDENT. JAMES W. BOOTH, VICE 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. BOOTH OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS  
Diane Davis, HR Director  
Gary Doan, Muskingum Township Trustee  
Karen Doan  
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent  
Brenda Robinson, OhioMeansJobs  
Roger Wright, Engineer  
Bob Lane  
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*  
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 am, February 23, 2023**

9:00 Business Meeting  
10:00 Brad Kennedy (Senate Liaison)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to open credit card account for Commissioners  
Then & Now  
Sewer – David Burt Lift Station Lease  
Opioid Settlement – Participation Forms (5)  
Village of Macksburg – ARPA Reimbursement Request  
Jail Contract – Monroe County, Village of Beverly  
State of Ohio – Proposed MARCS Renewal Lease Addendum 1  
ODOT – 2023 Transit Grant Agreement  
Engineer – Bid Specs for 2023 Asphalt Concrete Materials  
Engineer – Bid Specs for 2023 Aggregates

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Remove: 10:00 a.m. Brad Kennedy (Senate Liaison)

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 regular meeting.

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

**RE: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**RE: RESOLUTION TO OPEN CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT FOR COMMISSIONERS**

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

*WHEREAS*, Section 301.27 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the use of county credit cards and the Washington County Board of Commissioners has established a Credit Card Policy for the use of credit cards; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary to open a credit card account in the name of the Washington County Commissioners; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has selected Huntington Bank as the issuer of the credit card account; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Officials and employees of authorized appointing authorities to use the county credit cards for permitted expenses under the County Credit Card Policy; and

*WHEREAS*, late charges or finance charges are not allowable expenses unless authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Washington County Commissioners to authorize establishing a credit card account with Huntington Bank.

Mr. Booth said the account through Huntington Bank offers good controls for government use.

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First	602-2030-53000	\$ 30,000.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW**

Mr. Schilling 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>
I.T.	100-0190-53000	DMG Auto	\$ 684.24
Sheriff	210-0320-53000	EMA	\$ 18,500.00

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

**RE: SEWER – DAVID BURT LIFT STATION LEASE**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a lease with David Burt for 1.772 acres along Veto Road in Dunham Township. The term of the lease is for 10 years, with five renewable terms of 10 years each following the initial term. Mr. Booth said the lift station on the property needs repaired. Roger Wright, County Engineer, said the lease give the County rights to the property for maintenance of the lift station. Mr. Schilling said the lease represents a real solution for the sewer system.

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

**RE: OPIOID SETTLEMENT – PARTICIPATION FORMS (5)**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve five (5) Participation Forms for Washington County to be included in the proposed National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Proceeds will be allocated and distributed in accordance with the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Schilling said he will be attending a OneOhio Region 12 Meeting tomorrow in Zanesville.

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

**RE: VILLAGE OF MACKSBURG – ARPA REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a reimbursement request from the Village of Macksburg for \$12,500 for preliminary engineering of a sewer project. In July 2022, the Commissioners committed \$50,000 to Macksburg through the

ARPA Community Investment Program. The Commissioners reimbursed Macksburg \$15,100 in November for a permit to install fee. Mr. Ritter said the Commissioners are happy to help Macksburg with this project.

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

**RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MONROE COUNTY**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Monroe 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 aye. Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

**RE: JAIL CONTRACT – VILLAGE OF BEVERLY**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Village of Beverly 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 aye. Charlie Schilling aye. Motion passed.

**RE: STATE OF OHIO – PROPOSED MARCS RENEWAL LEASE ADDENDUM 1**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a proposed extension of a MARCS lease with the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services. The proposal is to extend the lease a total of ten additional two year renewal periods, ending June 30, 2043, at a rate of \$0.00.

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

**RE: ODOT – 2023 TRANSIT GRANT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the ODOT 2023 Rural Transit Program Subaward Grant Agreement CFDA 20.509. The award is \$129,934 in federal funds and \$37,500 in state funds from the 5311 Rural Transit Program.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECS FOR 2023 ASPHALT CONCRETE MATERIALS**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the specifications and request to bid for 2023 Asphalt Concrete Materials, submitted by the County Engineer. The bid opening will be March 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the office of the County Engineer. Roger Wright, Engineer, assumes material costs have increased and expects to receive five or six bids.

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

**RE: ENGINEER – BID SPECS FOR 2023 AGGREGATES**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the specifications and request to bid for 2023 Aggregates, submitted by the County Engineer. The bid opening will be March 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the office of the County Engineer.

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

**RE: COMMENTS**

Diane Davis, HR Director, recognized the first responders at the East Palestine train derailment and encouraged support for volunteer fire departments.

Bob Lane spoke of disposal water trucks and pumping water near a fault line. Mr. Lane said radiation cannot be removed out of water. Mr. Lane mentioned a farmer has wet spots in his field now. Mr. Lane said his oil wells are flooded. Mr. Lane filed a lawsuit but a judge dismissed the suit. Commissioner Ritter said the Commissioners spoke with Representative Jay Edwards last week on the issue and they will continue to push the issue.

Mr. Schilling said the Building Bridges to Careers event at Warren helped students learn about the government process.

Mr. Booth said his commitment to broadband in the County has not changed. Mr. Booth also said Little Hocking Water needs more capacity and he will be working on the issue.

Mr. Ritter said Senator Vance is looking to establish a regional office in southeast Ohio. Mr. Ritter would like that office to be in Washington County. Mr. Ritter said he will be attending the CCAO New Member Training next week. Mr. Ritter said building relationships between counties is useful.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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.

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