

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 2, 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. RITTER 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
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Katie Warden, Marietta Police Chief
Philip Schaffer, Grant Department
John Ferragonio, ABM Infrastructure Solutions
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, March 2, 2023**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas
Additional Appropriation – Veterans
Transfer – County General
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
Travel – Recorder, JFS, Children Services, County Home, FCF
Building Department – Credit Card charges
Veregy – Proposal for 311 Third Street
Jail Contract – Muskingum County, Athens County
State of Ohio – MARCS Renewal Lease Addendum 2
CDBG – Residential Public Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts

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

Add: Engineer – Request to purchase 2 vehicles
Remove: Building Department – Credit Card charges

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. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Common Pleas	100-0201-54000	\$ 3,000.00
Veteran Services	100-0700-55200	\$ 11,958.67

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

RE: TRANSFERS

Mr. Schilling 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>
County General	100-0100-51001	100-0105-51001	\$ 114,436.00
County General	100-0100-51101	100-0105-51101	\$ 1,660.00
County General	100-0100-51102	100-0105-51102	\$ 16,021.00
County General	100-0100-51104	100-0105-51104	\$ 39,259.00
County General	100-0100-51120	100-0105-51120	\$ 1,560.00
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 621.00

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. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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	200-0721-57402	Micro Machine	\$ 1,946.70
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Ohio Public Defend	\$ 32,524.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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:

Recorder

Tracey Wright: CE Sessions, Summer Conference in Dayton, and Winter Conference in Columbus on the following dates: April 19 & 20; June 11 – 14; September 13 & 14; November 12 – 15, 2023

Job & Family Services

Deanna Green: Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services in Columbus on March 23; Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging Conference in Columbus on March 21 & 22, 2023. Due to distance and time overnight lodging is requested.
Brenda Robinson, Sherri Nolen, Peggy McElfresh, Laura Adams, Kellie Jeffers & Melissa Fernandez: Ohio Means Jobs Training in Caldwell on March 21, 2023.
Amanda Sutphin, Kellie Jeffers & Brenda Robinson: Appalachian Ohio Manufacturer’s Coalition Dinner in Caldwell on March 21, 2023

Children Services

Tami Downs: Required monthly visit in Maysville, KY on March 1; Vinton on March 13; Lancaster on March 14; Coshocton on March 21, 2023
Sabrina Buchanan: Required monthly visit in Youngstown on March 2; Dayton on March 6; Cambridge on March 7; Bedford on March 8; Frazeytsburg on March 9; Columbus on March 13 & 16; Caldwell on March 16 & 23, 2023
Mel Jenkins: Required monthly visit in Noble County on March 9; Ironton on March 12; Guernsey County on March 14; Franklin County on March 15; Muskingum County on March 24; Youngstown on March 28, 2023

Ashley Harris: Required monthly visit in Pleasantville on March 2; Caldwell on March 8 & 16; Newark on March 10; Cambridge/Chandlersville on March 15 & 21, 2023

County Home

Tonia Blevins & Kacie Bennett: Resident appointments in Parkersburg, WV on March 1, 16, and 23, 2023

Family & Children First

LeAnn Welch: Early Childhood Conference at Salt Fork Lodge in Cambridge on March 3 & 4, 2023

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

RE: VEREGY – PROPOSAL FOR 311 THIRD STREET

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a proposal from Veregy to complete Phase 1 of the renovation of 311 Third Street in Marietta. The proposal price for Phase 1 is \$612,816. Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said the vision for 311 Third Street is to have a one-stop jobs center. Mr. Freimann said JFS will repay the County for 100% of the cost of the renovation over a twenty year schedule.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACT – MUSKINGUM COUNTY

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Muskingum 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 – ATHENS COUNTY

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with Athens 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: STATE OF OHIO – MARCS RENEWAL LEASE ADDENDUM 2

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve Addendum 2 to the May 28, 2003 Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Beebe High Ground tower Lease with the State of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services. Effective April 15, 2023, Article IV will be updated with new renewal terms. The state will have the option to renew the lease for up to 10 additional terms of 2 years each at an annual rate of \$0.00. The two-year terms begin July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2043.

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

RE: CDBG – RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the CDBG 2022 Residential Public Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Development. CFDA 14.228. Grant Number B-W-22-1CY-1. Grant Award amount \$750,000. The award date is February 1, 2023 with a work completion date of January 31, 2025. Washington County requests \$750,000 to assist with a waterline extension project in Adams Township. The project will extend existing waterlines to serve additional homes in the Tri-County Rural Water and Sewer District. The project will install 42,000 linear feet of water lines, mains, and laterals, as well as one backup generator to connect 24 homes to safe, reliable water. Total project cost is estimated to be \$1.65 million. Mr. Schilling said this project will be a great benefit to housing in that area. Mr. Booth said the Grant Department facilitated this grant for Tri-County.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting immediate payment on those accounts.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to certify with the County Auditor the following list of delinquent sewer accounts. The Board of Commissioners requests the Auditor to collect the delinquent amounts with the taxes due for the property.

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06-0016424-000	\$ 329.60	07-0021424-000	\$ 341.10
07-0023268-000	\$ 280.22	07-0024125-000	\$ 341.10
07-0024071-000	\$ 341.10	07-0023896-000	\$ 282.55
05-0013460-000	\$ 341.10	05-0013176-000	\$ 429.25
26-0038088-000	\$ 313.42	26-0042078-000	\$ 341.10
05-0011904-000	\$ 341.10	05-0010004-000	\$ 341.10
05-0009932-000	\$ 342.00	07-0024157-000	\$ 252.95
07-0021412-000	\$ 252.95	07-0021348-000	\$ 252.95
07-0020656-001	\$ 252.95	05-0012544-000	\$ 252.95
05-0010804-000	\$ 252.95	05-0010704-000	\$ 252.95
07-0024064-000	\$ 252.95	07-0024049-000	\$ 252.95

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

RE: ENGINEER – REQUEST TO PURCHASE 2 VEHICLES

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve a request from the County Engineer to purchase two 2023 Ram 5500 vehicles from Mark Porter Chevrolet. The purchase price is \$68,464 for each vehicle. The Engineer received quotes from two dealerships and compared them to the STS purchase price of a Ford F550. The vehicles will be purchased with Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds.

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

RE: COMMENTS

Brenda Robinson said OhioMeansJobs is seeking employers to mentor students this summer.

Roger Wright, Engineer, provided a brief update on the Devola Sewer Project. Mr. Wright said they are installing 2 inch mainline and the 4 and 6 inch lines are still delayed. Mr. Wright said they are working around the supply chain issues and are still on schedule.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said emergency Covid SNAP benefits have ended. Mr. Freimann said JFS is ready to handle the impact of reduced benefits. Mr. Freimann added that OSU Extension has been a great partner with providing training.

Commissioner Schilling said Ohio House Bill 509 is in the Senate now and commended the House for passing the bill. Mr. Schilling said Senate Bill 50 will help with funding Next Generation 911 locally.

Commissioner Booth said the Fire Chief called him about two individuals wanting to volunteer. Mr. Booth reached out to State Representative Don Jones for help. Mr. Booth said the County has outstanding representation from Mr. Jones. Mr. Booth said that last year the Commissioners identified \$61 million in needed water infrastructure throughout the County. The request was not funded so the Commissioners are working to tackle each project individually. Mr. Booth mentioned the Vietnam Homecoming event at Dyson Baudo Center on March 29.

Commissioner Ritter read the following statement:

I know I am a week late but I have something to add regarding Black History Month.

In 1932, the United States Public Health Service began a 40-year program in which it identified hundreds of poor, uneducated black men with syphilis. Over the next 40 years, the Agency monitored them while they died entirely avoidable deaths.

The program continued even after a cure was found lasting until 1972.

This is but one of several shameful federal government programs aimed at the black community in our nation's history.

I don't know how many of you are aware but the Johnson & Johnson shot disappeared from the market recently with virtually no official explanation. Early indications appear to show rates of vaccine injury were especially high with this experimental formula.

Furthermore, I don't know how many of you are aware that it was this particular formulation that was most aggressively marketed by the federal government to predominantly black communities during the pandemic.

If we are going to talk about black history in America, we need to do more than

highlight musicians and athletes.

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 9:30 a.m.

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_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk