

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 30, 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. SCHILLING OFFERED PRAYER.

Also attending:

Flite Freimann, Director JFS
Diane Davis, HR Director
Roger Wright, Engineer
Rick Dostal, Chief Building Official
Karl Comstock, Maintenance Superintendent
Kimberly Lowers, Child Support Enforcement Agency
Rob Grant, Grant Department
Philip Schaffer, Grant Department
Jesse Roush, Port Authority
Nancy Taylor, *Marietta Times*
Ben Cowdery, Fiscal Manager/Clerk

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 am, March 30, 2023**

9:00 Business Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution to establish new fund for Country Club Creek Project
Additional Appropriation – Grant Department
Additional Appropriation – County Home
Additional Appropriation – Unclaimed Funds
Additional Appropriation – Belpre Outpost
Transfer – Belpre Outpost
Then & Now
Travel – Children Services, JFS, County Home
Sheriff – Mower purchase
Jail Contract – Village of Matamoras
Engineer – Annual Township Trustees Meeting
Engineer – C-15 Emergency Landslip Repair (2)
Engineer – C-406 Emergency Landslip Repair (3)
Engineer – Bid Specs for C-10 & C-16 Paving
Engineer – Bid Specs for C-126 Paving

DATES TO REMEMBER

County Home Meeting, April 11 at 11 a.m. at the County Home
Finance Meeting, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioner Assembly Room

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Jail
Additional Appropriation – WCBDD
Transfer – WCBDD
Transfer – Veterans

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 March 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. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling 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 ESTABLISH NEW FUND FOR COUNTRY CLUB CREEK PROJECT

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a new fund in the Auditor's bookkeeping system for the Marietta County Club Creek Restoration Project, funded by Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. The purpose of the new fund is to account for the revenue and expenditures of the grant. Grant funds will be used to locate and design a treatment wetland along County Home Creek near the confluence of Duck Creek and the Ohio River. The grant award amount is \$60,000. The number and name of the new fund in the Auditor's system is as follows:

600-3027 MCC Creek Restoration Project

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>
Grant Department	100-0105-52000	\$ 500.00
Grant Department	100-0105-54000	\$ 300.00
County Home	200-0630-51110	\$ 2,021.00
Unclaimed Funds	200-0106-57400	\$ 171,241.31
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	\$ 69.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54412	\$ 29,616.26
Jail	100-0381-54002	\$ 10,000.00
Developmental Disabilities	215-0620-55300	\$ 1,215,000.00

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 requests for the following transfer of funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Belpre Outpost	210-0556-57200	100-0104-49200	\$ 69.00
Developmental Disabilities	215-0620-53420	215-0620-55300	\$ 70,000.00
Developmental Disabilities	215-0620-57401	215-0620-55300	\$ 1,416,060.00
Veterans Service	100-0700-54000	100-0700-53401	\$ 333.00

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	200-0721-57401	Curail Clinton	\$ 864.53
Children Services	200-0740-57200	AEP	\$ 188.47

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. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth 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:

Children Services

Mel Jenkins: Required monthly visits in Ironton on April 4; Guernsey County on April 5; Noble County on April 6; Franklin County on April 10; Youngstown on April 25, 2023

Job & Family Services

Amanda Sutphin: OhioMeansJobs Operator Solutions Group Training in Columbus on April 13 & 14, 2023

Amanda Sutphin, Sherri Nolen, Laura Adams, Brenda Robinson, Peggy McElfresh: KEY Summit in Zanesville on April 21, 2023

County Home

Deanna Green: Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force in Nelsonville on April 6, 2023

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

RE: SHERIFF – MOWER PURCHASE

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a tractor mower for the Sheriff's Office. The mower will be used at the Jail, Davis Avenue, Masonic Park Road, and at the MARCS towers. The price of the tractor is \$11,147 and will be split equally from the Jail, Sheriff Sales Tax, and 911 System funds.

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 MATAMORAS

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Village of Matamoras 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: ENGINEER – ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve a request from the County Engineer to hold the Annual Township Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 4, 2023 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell. The meeting will be preceded with a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

RE: ENGINEER – C-15 EMERGENCY LANDSLIP REPAIR (2)

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve two (2) contracts with Bob Lane's Welding for emergency landslip repairs on County Road 15 (Germantown Road). The first contract amount is \$39,462 for a repair at 3.795 mile mark. The second contract amount is \$19,327 for a repair at 2.240 mile mark.

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

RE: ENGINEER – C-406 EMERGENCY LANDSLIP REPAIR (3)

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve three (3) contracts with Larry Lang Excavating for emergency landslip repairs on County Road 406 (Tice Run Road). The first contract amount is \$11,126 for a repair at 0.320 mile mark. The second contract amount is \$14,896.40 for a repair at 0.314 mile mark. The third contract amount is \$26,691 for a repair at 0.304 mile mark.

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 C-10 & C-16 PAVING

Mr. Schilling moved and Mr. Booth seconded a motion to approve the bid specifications for the OPWC Round 36 County Road 10 & County Road 16 Resurfacing Project. The estimated project cost is \$1,398,894. The bid opening is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. This project was approved and scheduled to be bid fall 2022 but was delayed due to the sharp increase in cost of asphalt materials and petroleum products.

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 C-126 PAVING

Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Schilling seconded a motion to approve the bid specifications for County Road 126 Resurfacing Project. The estimated project cost is \$1,206,244. The project will be funded with Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds and 1% Sales Tax. The bid opening is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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, OhioMeansJobs, said they are still looking for employers to partner with OMJ.

Roger Wright, Engineer, said the 4" and 6" pipe was received for the Devola Sewer Project and there will be more activity over the next few weeks as it is installed.

Jesse Roush, Port Authority, said he is working to get maritime funding through the Ohio River Coalition.

Rick Dostal, Building Official, said next month is the 35th anniversary of the Building Department providing service for the Cities of Marietta and Belpre. Mr. Dostal said Mark Heiner is now certified as a Building Department Inspector.

Flite Freimann, Director JFS, said he is meeting with Representative Jay Edwards tomorrow to discuss budget items and funding.

Commissioner Schilling said that a Central 911 system would benefit the County. Mr. Schilling supports Senate Bill 50, which could provide funding for Next Generation 911. Mr. Schilling said this is a public safety priority because the current 911 system is outdated.

Commissioner Booth met with Horizon, the company that can provide the necessary internet bandwidth for Next Generation 911. Mr. Booth attended the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home last night. Mr. Booth's thoughts and prayers are with the two Black Hawk helicopters that crashed in Kentucky yesterday. Mr. Booth said construction has begun at 311 Third Street. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners will be hosting the EPA and touring Lowell and Little Hocking. Mr. Booth said the Commissioners remain focused on safe water.

Commissioner Ritter read a press release for the New Matamoras water grant. Mr. Ritter said the hard work of this Board and Grant Department is paying dividends. Mr. Ritter testified in Columbus for House Bill 6. Mr. Ritter noted he did not hear any concern about women from Democrats. Mr. Ritter hopes the legislation passes.

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 9:28 a.m.

_____, President

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk