
THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER, AND TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. MR. FEATHERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN PRAYER.

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

February 28, 2013

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utility Construction Permits

NEW BUSINESS, TO BE CONSIDERED AT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

9:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda
Bills from Various Departments
Additional Appropriation - Sheriff
Transfer - Sheriff (3)
Then & Now's

10:00 Smart Networks - Project Update

10:30 Susan Wulfert - County Road 244 Issues

11:00 Claudia Staley - Sewer Connection, Hickory Grove

1:30 Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Dev. District - Project Update

NEW BUSINESS, TO BE CONSIDERED AT WATERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

6:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda
Travel Request - Child Support Enforcement Agency
Travel Requests - Family & Children First (3)
Transfer of Liquor Permit
Application to Serve on Children Services Board of Directors
Request to Distribute Payments in Lieu of Taxes
Grant Awarded to Sheriff: Southeastern Ohio Narcotics Unit
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor
Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension - Tax Incentive Relief Credit
Smart Networks Presentation - County-wide Broadband Service

INFORMATION

Monthly meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 12
Monthly Finance Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 12

RE: AGENDA

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from various departments.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following request for additional appropriation:

Sheriff	100-0384-54400	\$10,000.00
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye,

Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRANSFER

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following request for transfer of funds:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	210-0402-57200	100-0384-49200	\$ 3,888.33

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: THEN & NOW'S

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now's:

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	210-0847-5-3002	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 8,000.00
Commissioners	210-0847-5-3001	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 38,371.00
Veterans	100-0700-5-7400	Computer Solutions	\$ 303.77
DJFS	200-0720-5-3400	RSVP Volunteer Program	\$ 166.65
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3100	City of Marietta	\$ 139.14
DJFS	200-0720-5-3400	Coalition for Adult Protective	\$ 250.00
DJFS	200-0720-5-7400	City of Marietta Water Dept.	\$ 266.50
DJFS	200-0720-5-9000	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	\$ 300.00
I.T.	100-0101-5-5200	CDW	\$ 542.07
Maintenance	100-0109-5-3000	Ang's Flooring	\$ 1,844.10

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: APIARY INSPECTION

Mr. Cunningham informed the Commissioners he has received resignation from Cheryl Myers as the Washington County Apiary Inspector, effective immediately. He noted there are approximately 74 beekeepers in the County, and that \$3,100.00 has been appropriated for compensation to the Apiary Inspector. The Commissioners asked Mr. Cunningham to determine if it is required of Washington County to have a designated Apiary Inspector, and if the County can share such a position with a neighboring county.

RE: 911 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Cunningham commented the 911 Technical Advisory Committee recently met in Belpre and discussed the following:

- Composition of Committee - should include mayors, VFD's, police departments.
- Committee should have non-voting members, including County Administrator and I.T. Director.
- There is updated hardware/software for the system in the near future.
- Importance of reviewing financial data from all three dispatch centers.

Mr. Feathers said there was a 911 Planning Board many years ago, but that group disbanded with the implementation of the system. He considers it of great value to have the Advisory Committee overseeing activity of the 911 program, and wonders if all three call centers are necessary.

The Commissioners determined that:

- It is appropriate for the Technical Advisory Committee to continue to serve the County.
- They will ask three consumers to serve on the Committee.
- The Village of Beverly Chief of Police and Village Council should be deleted from the Committee.
- Mayors of all cities and villages should be well-informed of the Committee's work, and encouraged to attend meetings as non-voting members.
- Review by the Committee of the necessity of three dispatch centers is needed.

RE: SMART NETWORKS

Eric Mostrom and Chad Henson from Smart Networks updated the Commissioners and I.T. Director Eric Skomra on their project to provide access to high-speed internet service throughout Washington County. They noted they continue to work in neighborhoods to secure places to install equipment. They currently have about 100 customers. Setbacks have occurred, including lack of useful fiber optic cable. Problems are being resolved as the project moves forward.

The Commissioners advised the Smart Networks team to:

- Schedule every-other-week updates for the Commissioners.
- Communicate well with customers.

- Not bill customers for times when service is unavailable to them.
- Return calls for service or repair in a timely manner.
- Resolve the problems they are experiencing in the Waterford area, and let customers know status.
- Link the Smart Networks website to the County's website.
- Return calls for service or repair in a timely manner.
- Resolve the problems they are experiencing in the Waterford area, and let customers know status.

RE: COUNTY ROAD 244 ISSUES

Susan Wulfert expressed her concern to the Commissioners and County Engineer Roger Wright that there is no speed limit posted on County Road 244, and that there is an increasing amount of heavy truck traffic on the road. She said she is afraid a major accident will happen. To reduce the probability of accident and/or injury, she recommended posting a speed limit of 35 mph. She indicated the limit was 35 mph prior to the bridge on the road being reconstructed. She noted she has driven the road for 28 years and this is the most traffic, driving at a high rate of speed, she has ever seen.

Mr. Wright said:

- The speed limit of a road must be journalized to be legal.
- If the speed limit is not journalized and set at something else, it is 55 mph.
- A speed study is not only expensive, but also will likely reduce the limit to 50 mph, if at all.
- The road surface is good, there are shoulders along the road, the road width is more than adequate, the bridge is in good shape, houses (except for a few) are set back from the road, and sight lines are excellent.
- He will consider a speed study, but will not place it in high priority.
- He will accept a signed petition requesting reduction of the speed limit, but that alone will not prompt it.
- If there is road and/or bridge damage due to normal wear and tear from heavy truck traffic, the taxpayers will likely foot the bill for repair.
- He and his staff are aware of the increased traffic, and are spending more time monitoring not only that road but also those near drilling sites.

Ms. Wulfert thanked the County Engineer and Commissioners in advance for anything they are able to do to facilitate any reduction in the speed limit on CR 244, and to post appropriate speed limit signage.

RE: HICKORY GROVE BUSINESS SEWER CONNECTION

Hickory Grove owner Claudia Staley and her accountant Jennifer Burton talked with the Commissioners and Prosecutor Jim Schneider about the recent letter from the Commissioners requesting her to pay a capacity fee of \$12,000.00 for a new laundromat they are preparing to open alongside their Hickory Grove business on State Route 339. Ms. Burton expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to talk with the Commissioners. She noted Ms. Staley and Hickory Grove have since 2008 provided services and employment to members of their community. As a result of the major power outage nearly a year ago, Ms. Staley determined a laundromat is needed. She believes sufficient capacity fee was assessed and paid by Ms. Staley prior to the opening of Hickory Grove, and that an additional amount charged for the opening of the laundromat is unfair. Ms. Burton said she understands the rules and how the fees are calculated, but she believes sufficient capacity fee has already been paid.

Ms. Staley said that when Hickory Grove was built in 2008 the property was designed to accommodate additional businesses in future years. She said the \$18,750.00 capacity fee paid at that time covers not only Hickory Grove, but the additional businesses as well. She noted that she installed a lift station at her own expense for the Hickory Grove complex, and she indicated she will not pay any additional capacity fees to Washington County. She agreed it is appropriate to pay for additional flow of sewage the laundromat will create, but not for tapping into the County system.

Mr. Feathers said he doesn't believe the capacity fee of \$18,750.00 would have been calculated on Hickory Grove and "future" businesses, as the types of those businesses would be needed to do that calculation.

Mr. Schneider said he will research the issue, consult with the Commissioners, and communicate with Ms. Staley and Ms. Burton.

RE: BUCKEYE HILLS-HOCKING VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Misty Casto, Executive Director of Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (Buckeye Hills), updated the Commissioners and Andy Coleman, Development Director of the City of Marietta, on the activities of Buckeye Hills. She thanked the Commissioners for their continuing support, along with seven other counties.

Ms. Casto described some of the projects facilitated by Buckeye Hills, and explained the funds that flow through Buckeye Hills, including ARC, CDBG, and OPWC. Buckeye Hills also provides Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services for a variety of entities.

Ms. Casto pointed out the return on investment (ROI) for Washington County. In Washington County, dues were paid as follows for 2012:

Washington County	\$ 4,125.20
City of Marietta	\$ 1,408.50
City of Belpre	\$ 644.10
Total dues paid	\$ 6,177.80

During 2012 Washington County entities and organizations received \$5,462,007 in grants, loans and services. This represents an ROI of \$884 for every \$1 in dues paid.

More than \$2.2 million was received by Buckeye Hills for Area Agency on Aging programs in 2012.

Ms. Casto forewarned that reductions in federal funding that are currently under consideration will impact several agencies in Washington County, including the O'Neill Senior Center, SE Ohio Transportation, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and Ohio State Legal Services. The impact of those reductions won't immediately be known.

The meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. White welcomed those attending and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. He then introduced the Commissioners, the County Administrator and the Clerk, and expressed his appreciation to the Watertown residents for attending and hosting the meeting.

Attending the meeting were Christian Hudspeth of *The Marietta Times*, Darlene Lukshin of the OSU Extension Office, Eric Mostrom and Chad Henson of Smart Networks, County Administrator Paul Cunningham, Clerk Rick Peoples and ten visitors.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the February 21, 2013 minutes and approve them as submitted.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

CSEA

Barb Tergolina: One-day trips to Canton to attend OCDA Canton/Cleveland District meetings; March 18, June 17, September 30, and December 16, 2013.

FCF

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Zanesville to attend Battelle for Kids Ohio Collaborative meeting; March 6, 2013.

LeAnn Welch, Jennifer Klintworth, Melissa Cox, Cindy Davis, Jon Higgins, Teresa Schilling: One-day trip to Byesville to attend Ohio Department of Health's Help Me Grow Home Visiting Regional Technical Assistance meeting; March 7, 2013.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association Executive Committee meeting; March 8, 2013.

I.T.

Eric Skomra: One-day trip to Columbus to meet with the State Chief Information Officer; March 5, 2013.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRANSFER OF LIQUOR PERMIT, OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to acknowledge from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control a request to transfer liquor license from David Lee Burt to Waterfall Catering LLC, doing business as Jid's Drive Thru & Carryout, in Dunham Township, Vincent, Ohio, and to allow the Clerk to indicate on the form "We do not request a hearing" and return it to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of an Application to serve on the Washington County Children Services Board of Directors from Jerry Lee King, 22 Painters Crossing, Williamstown, West Virginia.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: REQUEST TO DISTRIBUTE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the request from County Auditor Bill McFarland to distribute payments received from Wayne National Forest in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$56,070.96, with 80.3% to the Frontier Local School District, 8.0% to Washington County, and 11.7% to be split among those townships in which Wayne National Forest is located, pro-rated based on the actual inside millage of each.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: SOUTHEASTERN OHIO NARCOTICS UNIT GRANT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, *Southeastern Ohio Narcotics Unit*, Subgrant Number 2012-JG-A01-6979, in the amount of \$25,512.75 with a local match of \$8,504.25, to be shared with Athens, Monroe, Morgan, and Noble Counties, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Subgrant Award Agreement, as requested by County Sheriff Larry Mincks.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: REQUEST FOR DRAWDOWN, URBAN TRANSIT PROGRAM

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the request for drawdown of the Urban Transit Program, Project UPT-4084-760-121 for the year 2012, in the amount of \$3,565.00, the remaining balance in the project, and to allow Mr. White to sign the document, as requested by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification indicating there were no Equitable Sharing Funds received or disbursed by Washington County during 2012, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Agreement and Certification, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve sending notices to the following sewer account holders, notifying them their accounts are delinquent and payment must immediately be made: Chad and Jennifer Rowley, Fred and Savannah Newlon, David Lightner, Kareem Wright, Sharon Callow, Ekrem Eksi, James and Heather Hensley, Ralph Murphy, Jason Barnum, Reda Nichols, David Miller, Kathy McKitrick, Susan McCoy, Christopher Pearson, Cheriee Mayle.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to the County Auditor, requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Amy and Zack Huffman, Dari Anstatt, John and Joann Edwards, Cheryl Latham Mackey, John Walsh, Angela Rhodes Lewis, Kristy Haynes, Thomas Hart, Patricia Eagle, Angela Parker, Ernest Cornell, Debora Wingrove, Jean Yost, Bank of New York Mellon, Randy and Stephe Johnson, Kenneth Vigneron, Christopher and Patty Carver, Karen Anstatt, Michael Cameron.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: TAX INCENTIVE RELIEF COUNCIL

Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension Office, informed the Commissioners of the annual review of

six Washington County businesses participating in tax incentive relief. She serves as the Enterprise Zone Manager for Washington County. The review will include factors such as job retention, investment, and goals. The Relief Council is chaired by County Auditor Bill McFarland and includes representatives from the County Commissioners, the Township Trustees, and local school districts.

RE: SMART NETWORKS

Eric Mostrom and Chad Henson of Smart Networks described how they are proceeding with a project to install high-speed internet service throughout Washington County, particularly to areas with no or limited service. They indicated:

- They are aware of problems with equipment and fiber optic lines in the Watertown area, and anticipate resolution within five to seven days. Subscribers will not be charged for days when service was not available.
- They intend to improve lines of communication and response time for service requests and reports of outage.
- They have been working in the Beverly, Waterford, and Watertown areas, and will soon start in Lowell.
- They are looking for property and/or towers for their equipment.
- They intend to provide service to residents on Ash Road in Marietta.

The Smart Networks representatives discussed with the Watertown area residents the problems they are experiencing, the resolution to those problems, and how to better handle the communication of issues in the future.

Mr. White commented that this effort to provide access to high-speed internet service to remote parts of Washington County, initiated by former Commissioners, is not a County project but facilitated by the County with support from area legislators and a grant from the Appalachia Regional Commission. He noted access to quality internet service by everyone in the County is critical and worthy of the Commissioners' support, as it impacts education, emergency response, and economic development. He noted this is a challenging project due to the terrain of the County and the location of houses and businesses.

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Watertown Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gary Quimby expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners and Ms. Lukshin for their assistance in securing funds to build the new fire house in Watertown, which was built and equipped without incurring debt. He noted the meeting room is utilized for a wide variety of purposes, and is a welcome addition to the Watertown community.

RE: COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Irvine announced the County has received a grant to proceed with the creation of an Emergency Operations Center, to be housed at the Washington County Children Services facility on Davis Avenue in Marietta. Total project cost is \$475,000.00. The project is on a fast track, as the grant requires completion by June 30, 2013. The County is now working with an architect on design, specifications, and bid documents.

Mr. Feathers thanked everyone for attending, and encouraged residents and Township Trustees in the Watertown area to regularly communicate with the Commissioners.

Mr. White noted that he drove several township roads prior to the meeting, and complimented the Watertown Township Trustees for maintaining the roads in good condition, especially at this point in the winter season. He thanked guests for attending and the Volunteer Fire Department and Township Trustees for hosting the meeting.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

_____, President

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

