
THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 7, 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 Christian Hudspeth of *The Marietta Times*, Shannon Houser of *WTAP News*, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Board of Commissioners
Washington County, Ohio**

MEETING AGENDA

March 7, 2013

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Annelle Edwards, Eve, Inc. - Safe Havens Grant
10:30 Pre-Construction Conferences - Fearing VFD and Village of Macksburg CDBG Projects
11:00 Roger Wright, Co. Engineer - Purchase of New Radios
11:30 Terry Tamburini, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority - Project Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utility Construction Permits

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution - Request for New Fund
Additional Appropriation - EMA
Additional Appropriation - Engineer
Then & Now's
Travel - Engineer
Travel - CSEA
Travel - JFS (2)
Engineer - Mill Creek Road Project

INFORMATION

Annual Marietta Chamber of Commerce Dinner, **Monday**, March 11, Marietta College
Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 12
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 12
Groundbreaking for Kyle Hockenberry's Smart Home, 1:00 p.m., **Friday**, March 15

RE: AGENDA

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept the agenda, with the following amendment:

9:30 Eric Skomra, I.T. Director - Telephone System
Final Performance Report, CDBG Grant B-F-11-1CY-1

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the February 28, 2013 minutes, and to 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: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers 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: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUND - SHERIFF OCJS ED BYRNE SE OH
NARCOTICS UNIT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to create a new fund, as follows, to account for financial activity of the Southeastern Ohio Narcotics Unit through a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program awarded to the Washington County Sheriff, as requested by County Auditor Bill McFarland:

210-0385 Sheriff OCJS Ed Byrne Southeastern Ohio Narcotics Unit

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

EMA	215-0866-54400	\$ 69,288.00
	215-0866-55200	\$ 37,224.00
MVGT	200-0540-52001	\$ 2,000.00
	200-0540-53401	\$ 50,000.00
	200-0540-53503	\$ 10,000.00
	200-0540-54100	\$ 2,000.00
	200-0540-54303	\$ 60,000.00
	200-0540-55202	\$ 130,000.00
	200-0540-55501	\$1,608,422.06

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
County Home	200-0630-5-4000	Webster's Cabinet Shop	\$ 3,250.00
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3102	City of Marietta	\$ 724.50
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$ 429.54
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$ 224.04
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$ 957.53
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$ 271.91
Commissioners	100-0109-5-3200	AT & T	\$ 139.13
DJFS	200-0720-5-9000	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	\$ 300.00

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:

Engineer

Roger Wright, Tim January: One-day trips to Athens to attend Structures Management System Training; April 2 and 3, 2013.

CSEA

Melissa Galati, Denise Hinton: One-day trip to Athens to attend Building Assets for Fathers and Families training; April 29, 2013.

JFS

Anita Vaughan, Terri Long: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services Conference; March 14-15, 2013.

Jesse Dye: One-day trip to Columbus to attend OCATS Training; March 22, 2013.

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

RE: MILL CREEK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept authority from the Muskingum Township Trustees for improvements to be made to Muskingum Township Road 342 (Mill Creek Road), on behalf of the Muskingum Township Trustees and only pertaining to ODOT Project No. 95116, TR-342 Mill Creek Road, and to allow Mr. White to sign the resolution form, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye,

Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: PHONE SYSTEM FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT

I.T. Director Eric Skomra and Windstream Account Executive John McElfresh talked with the Commissioners about the process for determining if the County should invest in a new or upgraded telephone system. Mr. McElfresh offered to review the current system and costs of services at no cost to the County. He will determine the approximate cost, the needs being met and not being met, and an appropriate path to improvement. He noted the installation of fiber optic cable by Horizon, an agreement recently negotiated by Mr. Skomra to required Horizon to provide installed fiber optic cable to the County in exchange for equipment and facility space for Horizon, is a huge advantage in moving forward with a new phone system. Mr. McElfresh and Mr. Skomra said that if the County makes changes to its current system, or if the County completely replaces the current system, the move will likely be to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (Voice Over IP) system. Mr. McElfresh commented that the selection of a vendor to provide service to the County to facilitate improvement or changeover will be by sealed bid, but that Windstream will definitely be interested in working with Eric to provide such service if selected through that bid process. He said the County should be looking for efficiency, compatibility, and flexibility. Although there is apparently little-to-no failure in the County's copper wiring, there may be good reason to also utilize fiber optic wiring and T-1 lines.

The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Skomra and Mr. Cunningham should work with Mr. McElfresh to assess the County's current telephone system, in preparation for a proposal to upgrade and replace that system, with the understanding there is no cost to the County for the services of Mr. McElfresh.

RE: SAFE HAVENS GRANT

Annelle Edwards and Michelle Tornes, representing EVE, Inc., requested the Commissioners again support their application for a Safe Havens Grant. They noted the Safe Havens Grant is federally-funded and is used to provide a local supervised visitation and exchange program. EVE has not received the grant for at least three years, but it is not known why. The last such grant they received was for \$181,000 over a two-year period. The EVE representatives indicated it is required of this grant to have County government oversight and accountability, and that Mr. Cunningham has worked with them in the past. Ms. Tornes noted the grant would likely provide exchanges services to 28 to 31 families each month.

The Commissioners agreed to support the efforts of EVE, Inc. to apply for a Safe Havens Grant, which, if received, will begin October 1, 2013, and to allow County Administrator Paul Cunningham to assist with the application.

RE: PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCES, FEARING VFD AND VILLAGE OF MACKSBURG CDBG PROJECTS

Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, conducted pre-construction conferences with contractors for the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects:

Formula 2012, Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department Restroom, Contractor Larry Lang Excavating, Inc.

Formula 2012, Village of Macksburg Restroom, Contractor Double E Electric & Construction

Representing Larry Lang Excavating was Ray Schaad. Representing Double E Electric & Construction was Earl Carpenter.

Ms. Hyer discussed with them:

- The requirement to pay Prevailing Wages
- The projects' completion date of June 1, 2013
- The designation of Commissioner Irvine as the Labor Compliance Officer
- Job site postings
- Payroll postings
- Processing of invoices
- Workers Compensation requirement
- Liability insurance

Mr. Carpenter indicated he may have difficulty in obtaining the required permits for the Macksburg project. All agreed that if he is not able to obtain the necessary permits for the project, the Commissioners will suspend the project. Ms. Hyer explained that if the project is suspended she will then consider what options are available to the Commissioners for use of those CDBG funds, which will likely include awarding the funds to an existing project or funding a request from last year that wasn't funded. Other options may be available as well, such as funding another project in the Village of Macksburg.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Award, the Contract, and the Notice to Proceed for the following CDBG projects:

Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department Restroom, Contractor Larry Lang Excavating, \$58,575.67.

Village of Macksburg Restroom, Contractor Double E Electric & Construction, \$11,600.00.

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

RE: FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT, GRANT B-F-11-1CY-1

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the Final Performance Report for Ohio Community Development Block Grant B-F-11-1CY-1 for the period 9/1/11 to 2/28/13, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Report, as recommended by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

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

RE: PURCHASE OF NEW RADIOS BY COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer Roger Wright informed the Commissioners he intends to purchase 40 hand-held MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communications System) radios for use by the Highway Department, replacing existing radios that are outdated and expensive to maintain. The new radios, he explained, will increase coverage from 60% to 95% and monthly service fee from \$20.00 to \$2.50 for each unit. The cost for the new radios is \$106,301, with the funds coming entirely from the MVGT fund. This movement to MARCS radios follows the recent transition of the Sheriff's Department, and Mr. Wright said there will be noted improvement in communication for emergencies among employees and between departments and agencies. Mr. Wright said the offer for reduced purchase price must be accepted by March 15, 2013, or the price will increase. There is apparently no residual value in the current radios, and they won't be sold as used equipment. Mr. Irvine said it is important to notify WASCO, volunteer fire departments, city fire department, and others that this change is being made because some of them share the tower on Glendale Road that will no longer be used by the Engineer for radio communication.

RE: SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

Terry Tamburini updated the Commissioners on the following projects:

- Mill Creek Road Improvements
- Colony (Peoples Bank) Theatre
- Marketing Meeting in Pittsburgh
- Ingenuity Center
- Waterford Tank
- Belpre Farson Street/MMH
- Canadian Investor
- Fracking Water

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 11:45 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk