

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 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, Evan Bevins from *The Marietta Times*, Washington State Community College student Daniel Carlsen, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

AGENDA

Washington County Commissioners

March 28, 2013

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Jeff Knowlton - Warren Township Road Slip
10:00 Larry Long, Executive Director, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
1:30 Smart Networks - Project Update
2:00 Ken Long - Drainage Issues
3:00 Eric Skomra & Bill McFarland - Computer Upgrades

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utility Construction Permits
County Apiary Inspector

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution, Enterprise Zone Agreements
Additional Appropriation - Auditor
Additional Appropriation - Sewer
Additional Appropriation - Debt Service
Additional Appropriation - FEMA Reimbursement
Additional Appropriation - Law Library
Minus Appropriation - CDBG
Then & Now's
Travel - Auditor
Travel - JFS (2)
Sheriff - Subgrant Award Agreement
Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report
Drawdowns - CHIP Program (2)
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor
Engineer - Summary of 2012 ODOT Changes for Washington County Roads

INFORMATION

Township Trustees Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Today**, County Engineer's Office
ODOT Public Meeting on 2014-2017 Local Projects, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., **Tuesday**, April 9, Washington County Public Library

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Filling of Vacancy, JFS
Delete: 1:30 Smart Networks

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 March 21, 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. 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: RESOLUTION, ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in order to encourage and promote the creation of employment and investment opportunities within Washington County, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County sponsors the State of Ohio's Enterprise Zone program; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the Enterprise Zone program is the annual review of those Agreements entered into by the local public partners and private businesses committed to the creation of job and investment opportunities within Washington County; and

WHEREAS, consistent with State law Washington County has caused to be created a Tax Incentive Review Council for the purpose of reviewing Enterprise Zone Agreements and recommending an appropriate course of action to the Board of Commissioners with regard to continuance, modification, or termination of the aforementioned Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council assigned review responsibility has conducted its responsibilities for the period January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council has recommended that Agreements monitored during the review and reporting period be continued without modification for the following:

*Dimex Corporation
Gladstone Companies, formerly Dimex, LLC
Duke Energy, Washington II, LLC
Ohio Valley Alloy Services, Inc.
Miller Real Estate Development Company
Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County does hereby accept the recommendations of the Washington County Tax Incentive Review Council, and does hereby continue the Agreements in place with the following: Dimex Corporation; Gladstone Companies, formerly Dimex, LLC; Duke Energy, Washington II, LLC; Ohio Valley Alloy Services Inc.; Miller Real Estate Development Company; and Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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:

Auditor	200-0106-57100	\$	1,000.00
Sewer	400-0113-57400	\$	1,000.00
Debt Service	700-0113-57500	\$	100.00
Law Library	200-0520-55000	\$	5,983.36
FEMA Reimbursement	210-0327-57400	\$	15,601.00

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION

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

CDBG Highland Ridge	210-0869-55000	\$	(30,924.00)
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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: THEN & NOW

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

Dept.	Account	Vendor	Amount
County Engineer	200-0540-5-7500	Co. Risk Sharing Authority	\$ 2,000.00

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:

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend Auditor of State's Regional Advisory Board meeting; April 9, 2013.

JFS

Tom Ballengee: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend Canton District Directors Meeting; April 2, 2013.

Tom Ballengee: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Annual Conference Committee Meeting; April 9, 2013.

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

RE: SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT, SHERIFF

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to retroactively approve a Subgrant Award Agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Subgrant Number 2012-JG-LLE-5147, *WCOS Investigations Overtime*, in the amount of \$7,200.00 with a local match of \$800.00, award period February 1, 2013 to August 3, 2013, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks. Due to submission deadline, Mr. White signed the Agreement March 26, 2013.

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

RE: HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report date March 8, 2013, as prepared and recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Report.

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

RE: DRAWDOWN REQUESTS, CHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve drawdown requests as follows for the CHIP Program, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Feathers to sign the requests, as prepared and recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program:

B-C-12-1CY-2	\$ 6,600.00
B-C-12-1CY-1	\$ 5,400.00

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 letters to the following individuals with delinquent sewer account balances, notifying them that payment must immediately be made: Jeremy Kidder, Tammy Gearhart, Jerry Biehl, Larry Thrasher, Carl Darnell, T. Phillip Holland, Phil Coyner, Michael & Amber Moore, Robert Boston, Jesse Rowe, Darren Witte, Michael Williamson, Anthony and Melinda Hapney, Josh Seebruger, Evan Campbell, Julie Maze, Timothy Vaughn, Dean Lang (for 203 Oak Drive), Jasper and Kari Smith, Laiana Kerns, Brian McCoy, David Carpenter, Natalie Snyder (for 19 Suzanne Street).

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 TO COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to certify the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: James and Heather Hensley, Jason Barnum, Fred and Savannah Newlon, Sect./Housing & Urban Dev., Kareem Wright, Chad and Jennifer Rowley.

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

RE: SUMMARY OF 2012 ODOT CHANGES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY ROADS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the Summary of 2012 ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) Changes for Roads in Washington County, as of

January 24, 2013, adding Old SR 124 for a new total County mileage of 339.090, as prepared and 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: WARREN TOWNSHIP LANDSLIP

Warren Township Trustee Jeff Knowlton informed the Commissioners that Bender Road in Warren Township has a landslip and is in need of repair. He noted that Contractor Bob Lane has viewed the road slip and he estimates repair to cost approximately \$15,000.00. He said if the road is not repaired soon, it could cost much more in the future. Mr. Knowlton shared with the Commissioners and Engineer Roger Wright a summary of 2012 unexpected expenditures in Warren Township. He said the purpose of his visit with the Commissioners is to:

- Keep them informed of the condition of the roadway in Warren Township.
- Request emergency funds for repair of Bender Road.

Mr. Wright commented that there are typically no grant funds available for such “pro-active” maintenance of township roads, as Bender Road remains open. He agreed, though, that there is indeed a landslip and if it continues it could become a very expensive emergency situation. Mr. Feathers noted that Bender Road is the only township road to connect State Route 7 to State Route 550. Mr. Knowlton indicated that the township has funds in hand to repair the road, but his desire is to preserve those funds for road maintenance.

Mr. Irvine commented that the committee to consider use of funds for emergency township road and/or bridge repair has yet to form, but he believes it will include:

President of the Township Trustees Association
Additional Township Trustee
One County Commissioner
County Engineer
Darlene Lukshin (possibly)

It was suggested that Warren Township may have to proceed with repair of Bender Road and request reimbursement of some or all of the expense, rather than expect an immediate consideration by the committee.

RE: FILLING OF VACANCY, JFS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to acknowledge the filling of a vacancy at Job & Family Services, with Leslie Vandine to begin as Receptionist on Monday, April 1, 2013, at the hourly rate of \$13.24, as notified by Tom Ballengee, Washington County Job & Family Services.

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

RE: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (CCAO)

CCAO Executive Director Larry Long and CEBCO Representative Wendy Dillingham talked with the Commissioners and Director of Human Resources and Safety/Loss Control Darla Miller about a variety of legislative initiatives and concerns, including:

- Proposed Severance Tax
- Base Expansion of Sales Tax Rates
- How can State fund initiatives without additional revenues?
- EPA authority and over-extension of it
- Court-appointed attorneys
- Proposal for Sheriffs to assume responsibilities of Dog Warden and EMA
- Solid Waste Districts
- Local Government Innovation Fund
- Departmental mergers
- Sunshine Law
- Ethics Commission and its determinations

Ms. Dillingham noted Washington County joined CEBCO January 1, 2009, and is in the middle of its second three-year term. She said CEBCO began about ten years ago, a result of the success of CORSA. CEBCO now includes 26 counties and she is pleased that no counties have withdrawn from the program. Current focus, she notes, is on preventive care and wellness activities and initiatives. Ms. Dillingham reminded the Commissioners that renewal rates over the years with CEBCO have been very favorable, with the most recent for Washington County at about 6.9%. She commented that CEBCO monitors the use of benefits in all of its counties. Noting that healthcare is especially expensive in Washington County, she specifically said that because Marietta Memorial Hospital requires pre-colonoscopy procedures, unlike any of the other 25 CEBCO counties, the costs are going to be high. She suggested the Commissioners encourage Washington County CEBCO members to become familiar with their plans, their benefits, and the costs of services. Ms. Dillingham said all insurance providers are anxiously awaiting further guidance on the implementation of the Affordable Healthcare Act in 2014, and are unsure of the financial implications.

RE: DRAINAGE ISSUE IN ADAMS TOWNSHIP

Joining the meeting to discuss a drainage issue in Adams Township were Ken Long and his attorney, Kristi Wilhelmy of Barrett, Easterday, Cunningham & Eselgroth LLP (via telephone), County Engineer Roger Wright, County Prosecutor Jim Schneider, and Assistant Prosecutor Jared Erb.

Mr. Schneider introduced all attending and noted the purpose of the meeting is to respond to the requests made by Mr. Long via Ms. Wilhelmy. Referencing the January 25, 2013 correspondence from Mr. Wilhelmy, Mr. Schneider said the County is not prepared to accept either of the two alternatives proposed for the Drainage Ditch, as it is not the County's responsibility to clean out the ditch or to relocate it. For the Bridge Abutment, Retaining Wall and Steel Piling, Mr. Schneider said the County agrees it is the County's responsibility to remove them from Mr. Long's property. He noted the removal will require access rights through Mr. Long's property. He suggested the County could tear down and leave the debris to help support the riverbank, install a fence around it, and post notice of no trespassing on it, if so desired by Mr. Long, or the County could tear down and remove the debris.

Mr. Long said the periodic standing water on his property resulting from floods and lack of drainage continues to cause him financial loss. Upon inquiry by Mr. Wright, Mr. Long indicated he desires the elevation after removal of the bridge abutment, retaining wall and steel piling to be 6'15". He said he believes it to be the responsibility of the County to not only clear the ditch in his field, but to also change the course and location of it.

Ms. Wilhelmy said she will consult with her client and communicate with Mr. Schneider.

RE: COMPUTER UPGRADES

I.T. Director Eric Skomra, PC Technician Donnie Rader and County Auditor Bill McFarland talked with the Commissioners about the need to upgrade computers and software in the near future, as Windows 2000/XP will expire in April of 2014. Mr. Skomra noted that about 140 computers will need replaced. He suggested a gradual transition to newer machines, beginning with the Auditor's Office, Fiscal Office, Weights & Measures, and the Treasurer's Office. These 18 computers could cost approximately \$16,000.00. Mr. McFarland said the Real Estate Assessment Fund can pay for a little over 50% of the computers in his areas if the County General Fund can contribute about \$4,300.00. He said 7 or 8 of these 18 computers will go to the Treasurer's Office, but County Treasurer Dorothy Peppel has indicated she has no funds available in her budget for the purchase.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Skomra to proceed with requesting quotes from local vendors, as the equipment can be purchased on a State Contract without bidding. He indicated he will return on or about April 4 with a recommendation.

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 3:40 p.m.

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_____, Clerk