

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RONALD L. FEATHERS, VICE PRESIDENT, 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 THEN LED THOSE ATTENDING IN PRAYER.

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
October 10, 2013**

9:00 Business Meeting  
11:00 Smart Networks – Project Update  
1:30 Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program – Urban Transit Program  
2:00 Russ Ely – Palmer Energy

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution, Recognition of Terrence O. Moore  
Additional Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities  
Additional Appropriation – Children Services  
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (2)  
Transfer – Developmental Disabilities  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Engineer  
Travel – Building Department  
Travel – Child Support Enforcement Agency (2)  
Travel – Auditor  
Travel – Job & Family Services  
Drawdown Request – Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)  
Request to Dispose of Two Buses and Two Vans – Developmental Disabilities  
Request for Proposals, Architect/Engineer for Job & Family Services HVAC System  
Request from Children Services for Use of Funds  
Engineer – Contract with Barr & Prevost for Bridge Inspections

**INFORMATION**

Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, October 15, Assembly Room  
Columbus Day, **Monday**, October 14, County Holiday  
Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA), **Wednesday**, October 16, Pine Lake Lodge  
Emergency Operations Center Open House, 2:00 p.m., **Thursday**, October 24  
Begin Departmental Budget Hearings, **Monday**, October 28

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Notice from Judge Timothy Williams  
Contract with Gillard Construction  
10:45 Bill McFarland, County Auditor – Personnel Matters

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 October 3, 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: 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, RECOGNITION OF TERRENCE O. MOORE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, commonly known as the Northwest Territory, was an early organized incorporated territory of the United States that existed from 1787 to 1803, at which time a portion of it was admitted to the Union as the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County was organized on July 26, 1788, the first county to be recognized in the Northwest Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marietta was established as the first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory on April 7, 1788; and

**WHEREAS**, Terrence O. Moore, Ph. D., has dedicated his life to learning, leading, and educating; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Moore is a teacher of history, including that of the Northwest Territory, Washington County, and the City of Marietta.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, extends to Terrence O. Moore, Ph. D., appreciation for his excellence in teaching the history of our country.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County recognizes Dr. Moore for his lifetime of achievement, from serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, to leading as Principal one of the finest schools in this nation, to writing articles and books on topics of liberal education and limited government.

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

Developmental Disabilities	210-0623-57100	\$ 1,888.84
Contract Services	200-0743-53000	\$ 37,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-54000	\$ 10,000.00
Sheriff	200-0383-57400	\$ 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: TRANSFER**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-53500	200-0620-55300	\$ 5,000.00

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:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Angela Hughes	\$ 325.00
Children Services	200-0740-53000	The Julia Page Family Center	\$ 4,920.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Sojourners	\$ 459.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Beth Cox	\$ 340.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Christy Hunt	\$ 340.00
Children Services	200-0743-53000	Kathy Wiggins	\$ 320.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53000	Mancan Inc.	\$ 1,111.50
Sheriff's Department	200-0401-57000	Vances Law Enforcement	\$ 2,500.00
RSVP	210-0710-53000	Ralph Dehner	\$ 3,502.56

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. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers 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: Three-day trip to Columbus to attend CEAO Winter Conference; December 8-10, 2013.

Building Department

Connie Hoblitzell: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Permit Technicians Quarterly Meeting; October 17, 2013.

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Betty Lynch, Barb Tergolina, Mindie Weber: Three-day trip to Dublin to attend OCDA Fall Training Conference; October 27-29, 2013.

Denise Hinton, Barb Tergollina: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend OCDA General Membership Meeting; November 6-7, 2013.

Auditor

Paul Beach: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend Ohio Dept. of Agriculture Weights & Measures training; November 14, 2013.

Job and Family Services

Tom Ballengee: One-day trip to Columbus to attend ODJFSDA General Session; December 13, 2013.

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

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO LEPC**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve appointment of Ron Feathers to the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the term August 15, 2013 through August 14, 2015, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Application, as requested by EMA Coordinator Jeff Lauer.

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

**RE: DRAWDOWN OF CHIP FUNDS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve drawdown of funds in the amount of \$31,882.00 for the Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP), grant number B-C-12-1CY-2, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Feathers to sign the form, as requested by Gerry Spencer, 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: REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF BUSES AND VANS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a request from the Board of Developmental Disabilities to dispose at a local scrap yard the following vehicles no longer of any value to them:

1991 Ford Van, VIN 1FDJE34M7MHB13452  
1992 Dodge Van, VIN 32B7KB31Z1NK166843  
1988 Bus, VIN 136126  
1988 Bus, VIN 1HVLPCFL7JH594420

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

Mr. White commented that the County needs to develop a process by which old equipment and vehicles can be sold on GovDeals.com.

**RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JFS HVAC PROJECT**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve solicitation of sealed proposals from architects and/or engineers to evaluate and recommend improvements, prepare plans, specifications and bid documents, review proposals, and conduct other appropriate services for the Job and Family Services HVAC project, with bids due by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

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

**RE: REQUEST FROM CHILDREN SERVICES FOR USE OF FUNDS**

The Commissioners acknowledged a request dated October 9, 2013 from Sherri Tucker and Jamie Vuksic of Washington County Children Services for the use of special funds for placement of three children for extended periods of time, at least through December 31, 2013, for a total of \$70,755.00.

**RE: CONTRACT WITH BARR & PREVOST**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a contract with Barr & Prevost, Inc., for the underwater inspection of eight Washington County bridges, as follows, for the amount of \$25,550.00, as requested by County Engineer Roger Wright:

C-3-1151 DU (Hopkins Bridge)  
C-0-0000 PI (Putnam Bridge)  
C-805-0006 DU (Veto Lake Bridge)  
T-442-0037 (Mud Lane Bridge)  
T-66-0025 GR (Alloway Bridge)  
C-60-0625 AD (Lowell Bridge)  
T-37-0710 LA (Henthorn Bridge)  
C-124-0423 BE

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

**RE: NOTICE OF PROBATE-JUVENILE COURT SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter from Judge Timothy Williams dated October 9, 2013, notifying them that Probate-Juvenile Courts will be open on Columbus Day, October 14, 2013, and closed the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29, 2013, and requesting public access to the third floor of the Courthouse Annex.

**RE: CONTRACT WITH GILLARD CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a contract with Gillard Construction for the construction of the Poultry & Rabbit Barn at the Washington County Fairgrounds, for the amount of \$357,000.00, as prepared and recommended by David Haught, Architect.

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

**RE: BILL MCFARLAND, COUNTY AUDITOR**

County Auditor Bill McFarland entered the meeting, and requested to speak with the Commissioners about staff compensation.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing compensation of public employees.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 11:00 a.m.

**RE: SMART NETWORKS, PROJECT UPDATE**

Chad Henson and Eric Mostrom from Smart Networks provided the Commissioners an update on their project to provide high-speed internet access throughout the County. Also attending were Gerry Spencer from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, Steve McWhirter from Smart Networks, and Jamey Styer from WMOA Radio.

The Smart Networks representatives indicated they are nearing completion of installing equipment on towers, and once that is done they will be better able to market their service. They requested the Commissioners allow them to re-align the remaining ARC funds available to them, so that more funds could be available for the purchase of equipment. They said they are committed to completing work on towers at the rate of one per day, not to exceed 30 days, depending upon favorable weather conditions. They noted they have a signed agreement with WTAP TV for use of their tower to install equipment on October 14, 2013, and engineering has

been done for all other towers. Due to significant delays in receiving fiber optic cable for their project, they will utilize satellite dishes for transmission. Mr. Mostrom said they now have approximately 180 customers, but another 400 are awaiting installation of equipment.

Commissioner Irvine said the County is nearing the termination date of the ARC grant for \$100,000.00 to facilitate this project. He noted the Commissioners had earlier determined that it would be appropriate to use a portion of those funds for low-to-moderate income County residents to receive computer training and computers. Ms. Spencer indicated there have been no applicants for those funds that were being administered through Community Action. Mr. Irvine said there are also remaining funds at ConnectOhio from this ARC grant. It was determined the following ARC allocations are still available for use by Smart Networks:

\$ 19,255 Community Action  
14,000 ConnectOhio  
13,228 Washington County

\$ 46,483 Total

Mr. Mostrom requested \$27,228.00 of this amount for the purchase of appropriate equipment.

Mr. Feathers said that, although he philosophically disagrees with the notion of public funds being used by private enterprise, the Commissioners are committed to completion of the grant and Smart Networks needs the funds for network build-out to allow for service to be made available.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to allow Smart Networks to use \$27,228.00 of remaining ARC funds to purchase equipment, with \$14,000 of it from ConnectOhio and \$13,228 of it from Washington County.

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

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve drawdown in the amount of \$13,228.00 from the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, for grant S-A-11-1CY-1, in the amount of \$13,228.00, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Feathers to sign the drawdown.

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

Mr. Irvine and Ms. Spencer recommended removal of the requirement that Washington County residents must be low-to-moderate income to obtain modems at no cost through this ARC grant, but instead offering the modems to all those who do not currently have internet service available to them (satellite and dial-up service are not considered "internet" service). Ms. Spencer said Community Action will purchase the modems with the ARC funds, and will maintain documentation of distribution to County residents.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Service Contract for Broadband Initiative with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, modifying the original agreement dated December 27, 2012 by removing all references to LMI (low-to-moderate income), and allowing customers who are in areas where there is currently no internet service available (satellite service and dial-up service are not considered internet service) to be eligible to receive a modem at no cost, as long as ARC funds are available, and removing the subsidizing of month's internet service at a discounted rate from the agreement.

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

Mr. White requested Mr. Mostrom and Mr. Henson to notify the Commissioners as towers are brought on-line.

*At 1:30 p.m. Commissioner White excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.*

#### **RE: URBAN TRANSIT PROGRAM**

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, presented to the Commissioners an Authorizing Resolution and a letter to the Ohio Department of Transportation pertaining to the Urban Transit Program.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the Authorizing Resolution allowing Mr. White to file an application and execute contracts for the Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance program, the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Transit Program, and the Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program on behalf of Washington County, as prepared and requested by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

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

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve letter of application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for \$39,956.00 in formula funds under the Urban Transit Program for fiscal year 2014, as prepared and recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

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

**RE: PALMER ENERGY**

Russ Ely and Scott Hoffman from Palmer Energy talked with the Commissioners about their need for architectural/engineering services for the Job and Family Services HVAC project. They noted they are working through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) to analyze and recommend improvements for such systems throughout the State. They expressed interest in working as consultants for this Job and Family Services project, in any way desired by the Commissioners.

Mr. Irvine explained the scope of the project, and that the Commissioners are soliciting proposals from architects and/or engineers. He invited Palmer Energy to submit a proposal.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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