

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 31, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, VICE PRESIDENT. TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, MEMBER, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Belpre Township Trustee Asa Boring, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Jamey Styer from WMOA Radio, James Sparvero from WTAP News, County Auditor Bill McFarland, County Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
December 31, 2013**

4:00 Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Minus Appropriation – Board of Developmental Disabilities
Asa Boring, Belpre Township Trustee – 1% Permissive Sales Tax
2014 Appropriation Resolution for Washington County
2014 Appropriation Resolution for Washington County Family & Children First Council

INFORMATION

Courthouse closed, **Wednesday**, January 1, for New Year's Day
Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 2
Special Meeting, 1:30 p.m., **Tuesday**, January 7, to approve bills for payment
Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 9
Organizational Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Monday**, January 13
Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Thursday**, January 16

RE: AGENDA

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

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the December 26, 2013 minutes and approve them as submitted.

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

RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION

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

Board of Dev. Disabilities	200-0622-53000	\$ (0.76)
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A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Ronald Feathers aye.
Motion passed.

RE: ASA BORING – 1% PERMISSIVE SALES TAX

Asa Boring, Belpre Township Trustee, offered comments on the County's 1% Permissive Sales Tax. He noted what he perceives to be an inequitable distribution between the County Engineer and Townships, which will slightly worsen next year if the Commissioners continue to utilize the established schedule. He said the County consists of 71% township roads and 29% county roads, and yet the distribution of Permissive Sales Tax funds doesn't reflect that ratio. He commented that although the County technically "owns" all roads throughout the County, the Townships are the caretakers of most of those roads and need funds to maintain them.

President White said the Commissioners are pleased in this next year's budget to allocate a higher percentage of the 1% Permissive Sales Tax funds to townships and the County Engineer. He said 22% of the 2013 revenues will be distributed to townships in 2014, and 4% will be distributed to the County Engineer for road and bridge maintenance.

Mr. Boring recognized the Commissioners for their efforts in providing more funds to townships, and encouraged them to re-consider the established schedule of distribution so as

to make the disbursement of funds to townships and the County Engineer more equitable in terms of miles of roads to maintain.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Appropriation Resolution for Washington County for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, reflecting a total of \$61,719,185.61.

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

Commissioner Feathers noted the reduction in appropriations of approximately \$600,000 from the current year in County General funds. He said this is a deliberate attempt to bring appropriations more in line with available resources.

President White said he is pleased the Commissioners are beginning to bring a structurally unbalanced budget in line, but it will take a while before revenues actually exceed expenses in Washington County's annual budget.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Appropriation Resolution for Washington County Family & Children First Council for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, reflecting a total of \$427,417.44.

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

RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk