

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 13, 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, 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, County Engineer Roger Wright, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
March 13, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting
1:30 Kathy Davis, Soil & Water Conservation District – MWCD Fee Reduction

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – Engineer
Transfer – Probate/Juvenile (2)
Transfer – Commissioners/Veterans
Transfer – Commissioners
Transfer – County Home
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First
Travel – Commissioners
Travel – EMA
Travel – CSEA
Request to Sell Vehicles to Morgan County Sheriff's Department
Agreement with Woolpert Inc. for Digital Imagery Services
Engineer – Roadway Use, Repair and Maintenance Agreement (RUMA), Aurelius Township
Request to Pay Flood Insurance for Washington County Agricultural Society

INFORMATION

Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, March 18
Council of Governments, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, March 21, Black Walnut Center, Woodsfield

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Transfer – Sheriff
Request to Create New Fund
2:00 Bill Bradish & Russ Ely, Palmer Energy
Delete: Travel – Commissioners
Transfer – Probate/Juvenile

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' March 6, 2014 meeting and to dispense with the reading of them.

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

RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

RE: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUND

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to create the following new fund:

210-0841 Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Mass Transit

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

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Engineer	200-0540-51120	\$ 5,682.00
	200-0540-52002	\$ 2,000.00
	200-0540-53405	\$ 25,000.00
	200-0540-53408	\$ 50,000.00
	200-0540-53801	\$ 30,000.00
	200-0540-54201	\$200,000.00
	200-0540-54301	\$500,000.00
	200-0540-54303	\$100,000.00
	200-0540-55202	\$100,000.00
	200-0540-55501	\$906,608.87
Sheriff	100-0384-51120	\$ 35,528.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Probate/Juvenile Commissioners	200-0220-51120	100-0330-51120	\$ 3,785.00
	100-0100-51120	100-0701-51120	\$ 837.00
	100-0100-51001	100-0100-53000	\$ 3,800.00
County Home Sheriff	200-0630-53000	200-0630-51120	\$ 1,840.00
	100-0381-53000	100-0381-51110	\$ 825.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW'S

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
County Home	200-0630-54000	Omnicare	\$ 4,790.52
County Home	200-0630-54000	Ominicare	\$ 12,198.74
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54000	Scott Parks	\$ 119.90
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54400	Internet Video & Imaging Inc.	\$ 600.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54000	Apex True Value	\$ 583.63
Sheriff's Department	100-0381-54000	Apex True Value	\$ 583.64
DJFS	200-0720-57400	Ohio Council on Welfare Fraud	\$ 149.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54002	Workingman's Store	\$ 211.40
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54002	Workingman's Store	\$ 109.98
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54002	Workingman's Store	\$ 583.40
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54002	Workingman's Store	\$ 251.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53000	Ohio Valley Security	\$ 524.90
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53000	Ohio Valley Security	\$ 285.00
Sheriff's Department	200-0382-57400	Treasurer of State	\$ 1,347.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53000	CMI	\$ 8,930.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White 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 2014 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Zanesville to attend Ohio Family & Children First Regional Meeting; March 24, 2014.

EMA

Jeff Lauer: One-day trip to Athens to attend a meeting with Ohio EMA Executive Director; April 4, 2014.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle: Three-day trip to Akron to attend Case Management Training; March 10-12, 2014.

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

President Feathers noted that Commissioner White's request for reimbursement of expenses for a trip on March 12, 2014 to the Statehouse for a CCAO (County Commissioners' Association of Ohio) Legislative Reception was withdrawn at the request of Mr. White, even though he did attend the function.

Mr. White said he found little-to-no value in the meeting he attended at the Statehouse, he gained nothing from it on behalf of the taxpayers in Washington County, and therefore he could not responsibly request reimbursement for travel expenses for this trip.

RE: SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO SELL VEHICLES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the sale of the two following vehicles, for \$500.00 each, to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks:

84-21 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FAFP71W41X160330
84-26 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FAFP71W33X173800

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

RE: AGREEMENT WITH WOOLPERT, INC. FOR IMAGERY SERVICES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve an Agreement with Woolpert, Inc. to provide professional digital imagery services in the Washington County 2014 Digital Orthoimagery Project, for the amount of \$88,099.00, as requested by County Auditor Bill McFarland and approved as to form by County Prosecutor Jim Schneider.

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

RE: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, AURELIUS TOWNSHIP

County Engineer Roger Wright informed the Commissioners he has prepared and negotiated a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) with Triad Hunter LLC on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Aurelius Township. He said the RUMA covers approximately 1.7 miles of roadway in Aurelius Township. He indicated Triad Hunter representatives expressed some concerns over the costs for required road and bridge tests, but they have now agreed to the terms in the RUMA.

Mr. Wright noted that:

- The Agreement requires geo-testing on road surfaces.
- There are no bridges expected to be impacted by drilling and transport activity, but Triad Hunter plans to construct a small bridge.
- Satisfactory completion of pre-project improvements will allow Triad Hunter to proceed without paying bond. Otherwise, the contractor must pay bond in the amount of \$200,000.00.
- Digital imagery of road surfaces and conditions will be completed prior to and after improvements.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Road Use Maintenance Agreement for approximately 1.71 miles of roadway in Aurelius Township, on behalf of the Aurelius Township Trustees, with Triad Hunter LLC, as prepared and presented by County Engineer Roger Wright, and approved as to form by County Prosecutor Jim Schneider.

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

RE: FLOOD INSURANCE, WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

President Feathers commented the Washington County Fair Board has requested the Commissioners pay flood insurance for the multi-purpose building at the Fairgrounds, at a cost of approximately \$8,400 per year. He noted the insurance has been paid for 2014, and the Fair Board is seeking reimbursement for that premium, or some portion of it, and payment of future premiums. Mr. Feathers said he has asked the Prosecutor to render his opinion on the request.

RE: MUSKINGUM WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

Kathy Davis, Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District, at the request of the Commissioners, reviewed potential for reduction and/or reimbursement of fees paid as assessments to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. She said she believes the County can save \$348.00 each year, and be refunded \$492.60 retroactively, if application for review is made to the County Auditor. She noted that:

- There is no cost to apply for review of fees assessed to Washington County.
- There is a maximum 30% credit for fee reductions.
- There are twelve properties owned by Washington County appropriate for review.
- Hosting the Friends of Lower Muskingum River, and their activities, is favorable to MWCD fee reduction/return requests.
- She reviewed each parcel with the following in mind:

- Runoff maintenance
- Catchment restoration
- Low Impact Development
- Educational value

Mr. White commented that Ms. Davis is able to perform similar analysis for the general public and businesses. She said this might be particularly important to businesses considering relocation into Washington County.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve application for review and/or credits of assessments by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for eleven (11) properties owned by Washington County Commissioners, as prepared by Kathy Davis, Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District, to allow Mr. White to sign the applications, and to allow Mr. White to sign retroactive applications after they are prepared.

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

RE: PALMER ENERGY

Bill Bradish and Russ Ely from Palmer Energy talked with the Commissioners about their review of electric and gas bills on behalf of Washington County. They indicated they should have their work completed in less than 30 days, and at that time will share the results with appropriate recommendations.

Mr. Bradish advised the Commissioners to expect up to a 20% increase in rates for electricity. Spring/summer is not the appropriate time, he said, to go to market for natural gas rates. He said that while his job is to assist counties in Ohio to secure lower rates for electric and gas, Russ is available to assist counties with implementation of conservation and efficiency measures.

At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Ely clarified his firm’s role with the County Commissioners’ Association of Ohio (CCAO) and the variety of counties with which they work. He said Palmer Energy is available to assist Washington County at any level of research, planning, writing specifications, implementing and reviewing options as they pertain to the purchase and use of electricity and natural gas. He noted Palmer often works alongside local contractors in county facilities.

Mr. Feathers informed the Palmer representatives that others have asked, and have received permission, to review the County’s utility bills with the intent to “shop the market” on behalf of the Commissioners. Mr. Irvine noted the County currently is in an agreement with AEP Retail for the purchase of electricity until July of 2014, and with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS) for the purchase of natural gas until Fall of 2014. Mr. Ely said they will continue with their review and solicitation of rate quotes for Washington County.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Irvine 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 2:10 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

