

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 1, 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, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Justin Hearn from WMOA Radio, Mike Lloyd, Kathryn Dodrill, Darlene Lukshin, Jill Gerken, Cindy Styer, Alison Baker and Levi Morrow from the OSU Extension Office, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
May 1, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Quote Opening – Architect/Engineer for County Home Boiler Replacement Project
10:15 Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program – Transit Procurement Policy
10:30 First Public Hearing, Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)
1:00 Mike Gray, SpyGlass – Review of Phone, Data and Internet Services
2:00 Colleen Cook and Kathy Schalitz, Marietta Noon Rotary – Bus Stop Repair/Rebuild
2:30 Public Defenders – Contract for 2014/15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Purchase of Electricity
CORSA Renewal

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution, Authorization for Lisa Valentine to Proceed with Grant Application for RSVP
Resolution, Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Signing of the Smith-Lever Act,
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Resolution, Recognition of the 225th Anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff (2)
Advance – Sheriff (3)
Transfer – Family & Children First
Then & Now's
Travel – Job & Family Services (4)
Travel – Auditor
Travel - Family & Children First (3)
Copier Bid Notice, Job & Family Services
Jail Contracts (12)
Extension of Ingenuity Center Grant Awards
Appointment to Behavioral Health Board
Carpet Replacement in Court Room A
Engineer – Contract with Pickering Associates for Engineering Services
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders
Letter to County Auditor Certifying Delinquent Sewer Accounts

INFORMATION

Ingenuity Center Open House, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., **Friday**, May 9
U.S. Army Reserve Center Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., **Friday**, May 9
Evening Commissioners' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., **Thursday**, May 15, Little Hocking VFD

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Transfer – Sheriff (2)
Delete: Advance – Sheriff (2)

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' April 24, 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. White 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: Ronald Feathers aye, David White aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LISA VALENTINE TO PROCEED WITH GRANT APPLICATION

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

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROJECT PROPOSAL WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), AS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT LAWS, AS CODIFIED, 49 USC SECTION 53, AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for public bodies, private nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of a proposal for financial assistance under 49 OSE Section 53 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises be used to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that:

1. The Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio with the Ohio Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of capital and operating assistance projects.
2. The Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio is authorized to execute and file with such proposal an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. The Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to FTA.
4. The Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project.
5. The Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio with the Ohio Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of operating and capital assistance projects.

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

RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ANNIVERSARY OF SMITH-LEVER ACT SIGNING

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

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE SMITH-LEVER ACT, THE FOUNDING LEGISLATION OF THE NATIONWIDE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Whereas, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act (Act of May 8, 1914, Ch. 79, 38 Stat. 372, 7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.), which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; and

Whereas, U.S. Sen. Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Rep. A. F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the "vocational, agricultural and home demonstration programs in rural America" by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to people where they live and work; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension is a component of the three-part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research, particularly the Agricultural Experiment Station System, and academic programs in 106 colleges and universities, including historically black, Native American and Hispanic-serving institutions; in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and six U.S. territories to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities; and

Whereas, the Cooperative Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic support enabled by the Smith-Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture; and

Whereas, the Smith-Lever Act requires a partnership between county, state and federal governments and encourages priorities be established locally to meet the needs of each county; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension's research-based education for farmers and ranchers helped establish the United States as a leading agricultural-producing nation in the world; and

Whereas, since 1924, when the clover emblem was adopted by USDA to represent 4-H, Cooperative Extension's nationwide youth development program has reached millions of youth and helped prepare them for responsible adulthood; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension translates science-based research for practical application through local and online learning networks where educators are available to identify emerging research questions, connect with land-grant university faculty to find answers and encourage application of findings to improve economic and social conditions; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension engages with rural and urban learners through community-based and online approaches, resulting in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality and grow the next generation of leaders; and

Whereas, many land-grant institutions, along with federal and state government, also are commemorating the signing of the historic legislation.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio:

Recognizes the significance of the Smith-Lever Act to the establishment of Cooperative Extension nationwide;

Honors the local educators and university faculty who dedicate careers to providing trusted education to help people, families, youth, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future;

Thanks Cooperative Extension volunteers who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and consumer sciences and other programs in their communities; and

Celebrates millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders and others who engage in Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.

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

RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ANNIVERSARY OF INAUGURATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS PRESIDENT

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

TO URGE AND REQUEST THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, IN THE STATE OF OHIO, TO COMMEMORATE THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, in the annals of every great nation, there are leaders whose legacy will endure through the ages, and George Washington was one such leader; and

WHEREAS, as president, George Washington led the nation through its first and perhaps most difficult years by remaining faithful to the principles upon which it was founded and, in so doing, he established the standard that every president since has hoped to emulate; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2014, the nation commemorates the 225th anniversary of his inauguration; and

WHEREAS, revered for his leadership during the Revolutionary War, Washington was elected to office by a unanimous electoral vote in 1788, and dutifully answered the call to serve his country as president, even though it required great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, although Washington had served his country loyally for many years as a soldier and statesman and had looked forward to retirement at his beloved home at Mount Vernon, he nevertheless was also thoroughly aware of the young nation's vulnerability, and thus the man who had helped the United States to gain independence from Great Britain now agreed to help give it a firm footing; and

WHEREAS, George Washington neither sought nor desired political power, loved liberty and trusted the American people, and believed that the American people were not only entitled to a system of self-government but were also capable of keeping it; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated before a jubilant crowd at Federal Hall in New York City; after taking the oath of office, the new president kissed the Bible, and the crowd thunderously voiced its approval joined in its celebration by the exultant peals of the city's church bells; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the County of Washington should join others in commemorating the 225th anniversary of George Washington's first inauguration to honor the life and achievements of this extraordinary American; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the leadership and service of George Washington, Washington County can inspire future generations to contribute their own talents, energy, and resources to the betterment of our state and nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County Ohio does hereby urge and request the citizens of Washington County to commemorate April 30, 2014, as a day to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States, and invites houses of worship to celebrate this anniversary by ringing bells simultaneously, for two full minutes, or undertaking other appropriate activities at 12:00 noon on April 30, 2014, as a tribute to the first president of this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio does hereby express its appreciation to the Marietta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for lending its leadership to a commemoration of this historic milestone in our nation's history.

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

Sheriff	100-0384-51105	\$	419.20
	200-0369-51105	\$	30.00

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

RE: ADVANCES

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following request for advances:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff	215-0386-57200	100-0384-49200	\$ 468.75

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First	602-2030-53401	602-2030-57401	\$ 42.00
	602-2030-53401	602-2030-53201	\$ 100.00
Sheriff	215-0386-51001	215-0386-57200	\$ 468.75

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Sheriff's Department	215-0405-53000	Morgan County Sheriff	\$ 3,930.72
Sheriff's Department	210-0404-51001	Washington County Sheriff	\$ 2,908.29
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53500	Ullman's Body Shop	\$ 755.40
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 280.78
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 1,133.91
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 629.95
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 2,007.56
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 3,192.70
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-54404	Dell	\$ 5,910.92
Sheriff's Department	200-0383-54200	Keefe Commissary	\$ 832.06
Sheriff's Department	200-0383-54200	Keefe Commissary	\$ 537.94
Sheriff's Department	200-0383-54200	Keefe Commissary	\$ 854.19

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:

Job and Family Services

Candy Nelson, Dawn Lucas, Ruth Burdette, Debi Humphries, Amanda Stuphin, Laura Tornes, Mary Lou Griffin, Matthew Joy, Monica Caltrider, Victoria Masters, Deanna Green, Autumn Green: Two- day trip to Columbus to attend OJFSDA Annual Training Conference; May 21-22, 2014.

Tom Ballengee: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend OJFSDA Annual Training Conference; May 21-22, 2014.

Mashellda Gibbs, Leslie Vandine, Michelle Brown: One-day trip to Columbus to attend OJFSDA Annual Training Conference; May 22, 2014.

Terri Long: One-day trip to Columbus to attend OJFSDA Annual Training Conference; May 21, 2014.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend County Auditors' Association meeting; May 7, 2014.

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Help-Me-Grow Early Intervention Stakeholders meeting; May 12, 2014.

Andrea Nichols, Terri McGoye, Royetta Cline: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend mandated Help-Me-Grow training; May 21, 2014.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Early Childhood Project Team meeting; May 16, 2014.

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

RE: COPIER BID NOTICE, JFS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Legal Notice to be published by the Department of Job and Family Services for the lease, service, and maintenance of, and the supplies for, copiers at the Department of Job and Family Services, through June 30, 2018, as requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: JAIL CONTRACTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve jail contracts with the following entities, allowing individuals from those entities to be housed at the Washington County Jail at the daily rate of \$60.00, during the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015:

Jackson County Sheriff
Meigs County Sheriff
Athens County Sheriff
Vinton County Sheriff
Morgan County Sheriff
Village of Beverly
City of Marietta
Monroe County Sheriff
Village of Lowell
Gallipolis Police Department
Village of New Matamoras
Village of Syracuse

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

RE: EXTENSION OF INGENUITY CENTER GRANTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Grant Agreement Extensions for the following grants to provide funding for construction of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority's Ingenuity Center, as prepared and provided by the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, and to allow Mr. White to sign the forms:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Extension No.</u>	<u>Project Completion Date</u>
B-D-11-1CY-1	4	August 29, 2014
B-P-11-1CY-1	4	August 29, 2014

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

RE: APPOINTMENT TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to appoint Rinda Gould to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board for the term beginning May 1, 2014 and extending through June 30, 2015, as recommended by David Browne, Executive Director, Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

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

RE: CARPET REPLACEMENT IN COURTROOM A

The Commissioners directed Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty to proceed with securing quotes to replace carpet in courtroom A in the Courthouse.

RE: CONTRACT WITH PICKERING ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a contract with Pickering Associates, Inc., for professional engineering services for the superstructure design and load rating for bridge WAS-25-0581-LA, in the amount of \$9,000.00, as recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: LETTERS TO DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to send notices to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts: Nathan and Melissa Arnold, William and Brigitte Ebert, Julie Maze, Darren Witte, Robert and Regan Tate, Sharon Callow (for 48 Suzanne Street), Larry Carney, Brian McCoy, Kareem Wright, Jack Lane.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS TO COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to certify to County Auditor Bill McFarland the following seriously delinquent sewer accounts, requesting him to add those delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Scott Tallman, Kevin Reeder (2), Reda Nichols, Sarah Carpenter, Charles Seaman, James Rhodes, David Carpenter, Timothy Vaughn, Anthony and Melinda Hapney, Kathryn Parsons, Tammy Gearhart.

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

RE: COMMENT FROM VISITOR

Barlow Township resident Delbert Newlon expressed his concern about the upcoming increase in sewer rates for customers of the Washington County sewer system. He noted the increase will be from \$56.00 per month to \$62.00 per month beginning July 1, 2014. He said he is the only person in his household and he works long hours each day, resulting in little to no use of the sewer system. He told the Commissioners he considers it unfair to charge him the same rate that households with more residents, and therefore more use of sewer facilities, are charged. He then asked the Commissioners if he could remove the County's sewer system from his property. He also asked if the Commissioners could utilize water bills to determine a more equitable system for charging homeowners, with those using little water paying a lower sewer rate than those using more water.

President Feathers informed Mr. Newlon the last increase in sewer rates was in 2009, but the statewide average annual increase is 3%. He said not only is the cost of maintaining the system increasing, but both the cities of Marietta and Belpre recently increased their rates for treating the County's sewage. Mr. Feathers said each of the Commissioners has independently determined this increase is necessary. He also noted he is "fighting" the EPA on their determination that much of Devola needs to be sewerred.

Mr. White said the County does not have access to County residents' water bills, and so it is not possible to have a sewer rate system based upon water use.

The Commissioners agreed it would be very expensive to have meters installed at each residence to provide a more accurate measure of sewage.

Mr. Newlon suggested to the Commissioners there will likely be a "rebellion against the EPA and others" in Washington County at some point in the near future. In the meantime, he said, he will not pay the higher sewer rate beginning July of 2014.

RE: QUOTE OPENING FOR COUNTY HOME BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners opened two sealed quotes to provide architectural and/or engineering services for the County Home boiler replacement project, as follows:

DLH Design, LLC	\$19,000 fixed fee, plus \$1,500 estimated reimbursables, with estimated \$1,000 permit(s) fee to be paid by County
Pickering Associates, Inc.	\$19,500 fixed fee, including reimbursables, with estimated \$500 permit(s) fee to be paid by County

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to table discussion of the quotes until they have the opportunity to review and evaluate them.

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

RE: TRANSIT PROCUREMENT POLICY

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Public Transit Procurement Policy Manual for Washington County, as recommended by the recent FY 2013 Triennial Review of the County's Transit Program, and to sign a letter notifying the Federal Transit Administration of this action, 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, David White aye, Timothy Irvine aye. Motion passed.

RE: CORSA INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to return to the table discussion of the renewal of insurance with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA).

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

Commissioner Irvine said the CORSA policy expired April 30, 2014, and it is time to act upon the proposal for renewal from CORSA. He said CORSA's annual net premium for the year beginning May 1, 2014 is \$295,253. He noted:

- The County's premium is actually less than the previous year.
- The new policy contains cyber liability and expense coverage, and attorney disciplinary action coverage.
- Additional coverage could be purchased at this time, or anytime throughout the year.

- There are approximately 65 Ohio counties participating in CORSA's insurance program, and that has been very beneficial over the years.
- For every \$1.00 paid in premium last year, Washington County had \$1.40 in claims.

Mr. White said he believes the County has an appropriate level of coverage at this time.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to renew with CORSA for liability insurance during the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, for a net premium of \$295,253.00.

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

Mr. Irvine moved a motion to increase umbrella coverage with CORSA by \$1,000,000 for the year beginning May 1, 2014. Hearing no second to the motion, President Feathers declared the motion dead.

RE: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHIP APPLICATION

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, welcomed those attending the Commissioners' public hearing for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. Attending in addition to her, the Commissioners, and the Commissioners' Clerk, were:

Mike Lorentz, Mayor of the City of Belpre
 Kenneth Vigneron, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program
 Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension Office and Fair Housing Coordinator
 Joe Gage, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District
 Ted Williams, Director, Washington County Home
 Diana Boley, Washington County Home
 Jane Bateman, Washington County Developmental Disabilities
 David Browne, Washington County Behavioral Health Board
 Esther Carpenter, EVE, Inc.
 Sharon Hoffee, Cranston Real Estate

Following a prepared agenda, Ms. Rauch provided information on eligible project categories, distress criteria, area waiting lists for housing and services, prior grant awards and the success of them, and targeting specific areas of the County. During her presentation, she and attendees noted:

- There are now approximately 1,000 on the HUD wait list in Washington County.
- There are now approximately 20 on a wait list for handicap access.
- Applicants are waiting at least one year for weatherization services.
- HUD is moving toward "regionalization", and is eliminating some eligibility.
- Both the City of Belpre and Washington County are eligible to apply.
- The awards are very competitive; selected applicants will have demonstrated success with prior awards and, most likely, partnering with new awards.

Ms. Rauch recommended the partnership between the City of Belpre and Washington County, which will provide a total of \$625,000 over a two-year period. Even though Belpre has a current CHIP program, they could participate in a new one in year two. Partnering will allow more funds to flow into Washington County. Ms. Rauch said the County doesn't typically receive much credit for "Distress Criteria", and she and several other applicants shared their concerns that too much emphasis might currently be placed on this.

Ms. Rauch recommended the Commissioners focus their joint application with the City of Belpre on private owner rehabilitation and home repair. Noting a few comments from those attending, Commissioner Irvine asked if anyone else wanted to include other eligible activities in the proposal. It was suggested the Commissioners include rental rehabilitation as an eligible activity in their grant application.

Mr. Vigneron said it may be difficult to fully utilize those funds allocated to rental rehabilitation, as many owners of rental units are not Washington County residents and a percentage of repair costs must be paid by property owners. He noted subsequent application for funds relies very much on the success and use of current funds, so it is critically important for the County to fully and appropriately utilize all awarded funds.

Ms. Rauch invited those attending to the Second Public Hearing, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on May 15, 2014. At that time, she said, the Commissioners will likely determine what eligible activities will be included in the application for CHIP funds for both Washington County and the City of Belpre, with the completed application submission date of June 6, 2014.

RE: SPYGLASS REVIEW OF PHONE, DATA AND INTERNET SERVICE

Mike Gray, Director of IPM at SpyGlass, shared some results of his review of telephone, data and internet service charges. He said he worked with I.T. Director Gerry Lockhart to determine there are several accounts reflecting taxes that don't need to be paid by the County, and there are others that simply are no longer used or needed by the County.

Mr. Gray explained the compensation to SpyGlass for the services they provide. He said the County pays SpyGlass 50% of any costs recovered over a look back period, and 100% of look forward cost reductions for one year. He indicated the terms for payment to SpyGlass of look forward cost reductions might be negotiable.

The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Gray to continue working with Mr. Lockhart and return at a later date with a recommendation for them to consider.

RE: BUS STOP RE-BUILD

Colleen Cook and Kathy Schalitz, representing the Marietta Noon Rotary Club, informed the Commissioners they intend to replace the aging bus stop on Second Street. Also attending were Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty, Dawn Rauch and Kenneth Vigneron from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*.

Ms. Schalitz said she is soon to complete her term as president of the Club, and she is excited about completing this major project prior to the end of her term. She said demolition of the existing structure will likely begin in a few weeks, and a new structure should be completely installed and useable by the end of June 2014. She said Rotary provided the current structure thirty years ago, but that structure now is in need of much repair or replacement. The Rotary Club, she said, intends to replace the shelter using much donated labor, design services, and materials.

Ms. Schalitz and Ms. Cook provided the Commissioners with a sketch of the new structure, noting it will be more spacious, more comfortable and more manageable. Ms. Schalitz said it will be built with sustainable materials. The entire project budget is approximately \$40,000. Ms. Cook said the new facility will be safe, inviting, comfortable, protective and useful. She said the Club should finish their fund-raising in about two weeks. She invited the Commissioners to consider some allocation of funds to support this community improvement project.

Ms. Rauch encouraged the Club to keep her well-informed throughout the project, as temporary re-routing of Community Action Bus Line (CABL) vehicles may be necessary. She also asked them to consider installing a brochure rack in the new structure so that they can display bus routes, fares and schedules.

The Commissioners thanked the representatives of the Marietta Noon Rotary Club for pursuing this project and for providing this well-used facility to the community.

RE: PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONTRACT FOR 2014/2015

The following attorneys from the Office of the Public Defenders talked with the Commissioners about renewal of a contract for their services during the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

John Alge
Ray Smith
Randall Jedlink
Shawna Landaker
Herman Carson

Mr. Alge noted:

- Total budget for next year is \$678,388, a 3.3% increase over current year.
- A retirement of secretary/office coordinator results in increased costs for benefits of replacement.
- A few pay raises were implemented mid-year, with full costs reflected in next year's budget.
- Contractual service rates and staff do not change for next year.
- The net share of annual contract cost to Washington County, after state reimbursement of 40%, will be \$407,032, which is 4.2% higher than the current contract.
- The Office of Public Defenders and others are lobbying the State to increase reimbursement to counties from 40% to 50%.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to renew a contract with the Office of Public Defenders for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, for the net amount of \$407,032.

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

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 2:42 p.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk