

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 3, 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. MR. FEATHERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Warren Township Trustees Joe Vickers and Jeff Knowlton, Doug Thompson and Karen Thompson from the Warren Volunteer Fire Department, Jacob Hesseling from the Americans for Prosperity organization, Justin Hearn from WMOA Radio, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., July 3, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting
10:00 Public Hearing, 2015 Tax Budgets
11:00 Bud Miller – Truck Noise on State Route 821

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dog & Kennel Fund and Contract with Humane Society
Resolution to Transfer Oversight of EMA from Commissioners to Sheriff

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meetings' minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation – County General
Additional Appropriation – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation - Auditor
Transfer – Permissive Sales Tax Fund
Transfer – Auditor
Transfer - Sheriff
Then & Now's
Travel – Auditor
Request from Family & Children First to Use Credit Card
Letter to City of Marietta requesting CABL Match
Petition for Annexation of Property into the City of Marietta
Appointment of Randy Wilson to Workforce Investment Board
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement, Adams Township
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement, Waterford Township
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement, Muskingum Township
Engineer – Contract with R.C. Construction to Replace Lightfritz Bridge
Letters to Delinquent Sewer Account Holders
Letter to County Auditor Certifying Delinquent Sewer Accounts

INFORMATION

Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, July 4, Independence Day
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 8
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 15
EODA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, July 18, Burr Oak State Park

RE: AGENDA

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

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. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' June 26, 2014 and June 30, 2014 meetings, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

County General	100-0109-54000	\$ 10,000.00
Sheriff	100-0384-52000	\$ 2,000.00
Auditor	200-0106-57400	\$ 1,135.70

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>
Permissive Sales Tax	100-0560-55500	200-0542-49100	\$ 104,345.00
Auditor	100-0130-57100	200-0540-48200	\$ 3,099.48
Sheriff	100-0380-51120	100-0380-53000	\$ 1,872.00
	100-0381-53100	100-0381-53000	\$ 3,333.33

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
Commissioners	200-0800-53000	Double E Electric & Const.	\$ 2,068.00
DJFS	200-0720-59000	Boys & Girls Club Wash. Co.	\$ 2,320.35
Commissioners	100-0101-55200	Daniel Franchino	\$ 3,312.50

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUEST

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

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend County Auditors Association of Ohio meeting; July 11, 2014.

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

RE: REQUEST FROM FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST TO USE CREDIT CARD

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the use of a credit by Family & Children First staff members for appropriate travel expenses, purchase of program materials, and the Home Choice fund, as requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

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

RE: LETTER TO CITY OF MARIETTA REQUESTING CABL MATCH

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending the following request to the City of Marietta to provide matching funds for the operation of the Community Action Bus Lines (CABL) in Fiscal Year 2015, as requested by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program:

July 3, 2014

City of Marietta, Ohio

304 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Re: **PUBLIC TRANSIT MATCH**

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio is requesting that the City of Marietta contribute \$37,000 for FY 2015 towards local match to operate the Public Transit System.

The Community Action Bus Lines (CABL) is an essential service for individuals who lack affordable transportation. Currently there are three fixed routes that operate Monday through Friday in the City of Marietta.

We appreciate your commitment to providing these funds for the residents of the City of Marietta.

Sincerely,

/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

RE: PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF MARIETTA

President Feathers reported the Marietta Shrine Club, 249 Pennsylvania Avenue, Marietta is requesting 5.1348 acres of its property in Marietta Township be annexed to the City of Marietta for the purpose of receiving City water and/or sewer services. He noted the Marietta City Law Director is the legal counsel for petitioners in this request for annexation.

Mr. White said the Marietta Township Trustees and adjoining property owners will be invited to comment on the request from the Shrine Club as well.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the petition from the Marietta Shrine Club to annex 5.1348 acres of property in Marietta Township to the City of Marietta, and to offer no objections to approval of such annexation.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT OF RANDALL WILSON TO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to appoint Randall Wilson to the Area 15 Workforce Investment Board for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

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

RE: REQUESTS FOR ROADWAY USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve requests from the Adams, Waterford and Muskingum Township Trustees for the County Engineer to prepare Roadway Use and Maintenance Agreements for their townships, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the requests.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH R.C. CONSTRUCTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTFRITZ BRIDGE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a contract with R.C. Construction Company for the replacement of Lightfritz Bridge on County Road 22 for the amount of \$133,314.00, 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. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts: Katie Dickson, Loren Kittle, Theresa Hescht, Chad and Jennifer Rowley, Greg Duty, Natalie Snyder, Allen Fleming, Tina McClung, John Walsh, T. Phillip Holland, Daniel Brown, John and Joan Edwards, Doug Gutberlet, Michael and Amber Moore, Steven and Donna Richardson, Bradley Balderson, Darren Cox, Jerry Biehl.

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

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland certifying the following delinquent sewer accounts, requesting him to add delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Angela Parker, Steve Rood, Ernest Cornell, Fred and Savannah Newlon, Evan Campbell, William and Brigitte Ebert, Julie Maze, Darren White, Nathan and Melissa Arnold, and Angela Rhodes.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Warren Township Trustee Jeff Knowlton informed the Commissioners that Warren Township was recently awarded funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to replace a culvert on Silver Globe Road, which is now closed. He said OPWC will cover 90% of the approximate project cost of \$18,000 to \$19,000. He and Mr. Vickers expressed their appreciation to Darlene Lukshin from the OSU Extension Office for her assistance in applying for these OPWC funds.

Mr. Knowlton reported the Warren Township Trustees are rejecting a proposal to run a gas line through approximately 46 acres of green space. He noted the Township's attorney has reviewed documents creating the green space which allow for only one gas line through the property, and there is already a line. Mr. Knowlton indicated it could cost the Township up to \$660,000 if they agree to allow the project to move forward.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING, 2015 TAX BUDGETS

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners hosted a Public Hearing for the fiscal year 2015 tax budgets for Washington County and for Washington County Family & Children First Council. Attending were the Commissioners and Rick Peoples, Clerk.

Mr. Peoples said the budgets have been prepared with input from each of the County's departments. As this is six months prior to the start of the fiscal year, much will change between now and the time when the Commissioners must adopt a balanced budget. Mr. Peoples said a notice was placed in the local newspaper announcing both the availability of these documents for review in the County Auditor's office, and the Public Hearing this date. He noted the tax budgets must be certified to the County Auditor by July 20, 2014.

RE: TRUCK NOISE ON STATE ROUTE 821

Muskingum County resident Bud Miller shared with the Commissioners his concerns about the noise created by trucks applying their "Jake" brakes on State Route 821. Also attending were County Engineer Roger Wright and Danielle Staub from WTAP News.

Mr. Miller asked the Commissioners to consider placing appropriate signage on a section of State Route 821 prohibiting the use of Jake brakes. He indicated there are six households along the stretch from the entry from I 77 south to the bottom of the hill.

Commissioner White said matters like this are typically referred to township trustees. Mr. Wright said it is appropriate for either the Commissioners or the Muskingum Township Trustees to adopt a resolution to install such signage. If approved, he said, the Township will have to pay for the signs. Mr. Wright noted it is not possible to prohibit the use of these brakes on the interstate. He also indicated Jake brakes cannot be prohibited on state routes if there are safety issues involved, noting this is one of several factors that must be considered before banning the use of Jake brakes.

The Commissioners asked the County Engineer to contact the Muskingum Township Trustees and ask them to take this matter into consideration.

RE: OAK TREE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

Muskingum County resident Bud Miller showed the Commissioners a photograph of a large oak tree at the corner where his property meets the properties of two neighbors. He said the tree has been damaged and he fears that a limb might fall onto him when he is working near it. He asked if the Commissioners could request them to remove the tree before it falls unexpectedly.

The Commissioners and County Engineer agreed it is not possible for them to enter into such issues with property owners. Commissioner Irvine advised Mr. Miller to consult with an attorney about the situation.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White 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 11:15 a.m.

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_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk