

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Cindy Styer from OSU Extension, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., September 4, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Cindy Styer, OSU Extension – Program Update  
10:00 Dawn Rauch, Community Action – Transit Program  
2:00 Diane Blaschko, De Novo Consulting – Indirect Cost Allocation Plan  
2:30 Joe Tucker, Engineer, City of Marietta – Letter of Support

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee (3)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Commissioners (2)  
Additional Appropriation – Board of Elections  
Transfer – CSEA  
Transfer – Maintenance Department  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Job & Family Services  
Draw Down – 2013 CDBG Allocation Program  
Draw Down – Community Action  
Amended Certificate of Estimated Revenues, Casino Revenues 2014  
Contract Award to H&A Mechanical, Inc. for the County Home Boiler Replacement  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor  
Engineer – Change Order #2 for Schultheis Bridge Replacement Project  
Engineer – Right of Way Easement from Michael and Mary Murphy

**INFORMATION**

Monthly Meeting at County Home, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, September 9  
Evening Commissioners' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., **Thursday**, September 11, Stanleyville  
Budget Hearings Begin, **Monday**, September 15  
Joint Solid Waste Mgt. Committee, 12:00 p.m., **Monday**, September 15, Caldwell  
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, September 16

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Travel – HR Director

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 August 28, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

County General	100-0150-51001	\$ 10,400.00
	100-0150-51101	\$ 150.00
	100-0150-51102	\$ 1,450.00
	100-0101-51105	\$ 1,180.00
Board of Elections	100-0160-57400	\$ 10,175.00

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. 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>
CSEA	200-0730-57400	200-0730-55200	\$ 27,119.00
County General	100-0109-53000	100-0109-53200	\$ 2,600.00

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
CSEA	200-0730-53502	Clerk of Courts	\$ 411.91
Engineer	200-0540-57400	CORSA	\$ 253.64

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:

JFS

Judy Rutherford, Chris Buchanan: Three-day trip to Columbus to attend MAGI Training; September 16-18, 2014.

HR

Darla Miller, Ron Feathers, David White: One-day trip to Columbus to attend annual CEBCO Renewal Meeting; September 5, 2014.

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

**RE: DRAWDOWN OF CDBG FUNDS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the final drawdown of 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development in the amount of \$15,410.00, \$2,000.00 of which is for the Little Muskingum Volunteer Fire Department project and \$13,410.00 of which is general administration of the program, and to allow Mr. Feathers and Mr. White to sign the request, as prepared by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

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

**RE: DRAWDOWN OF CHIP FUNDS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve drawdown of funds from the Development Services Agency Office of Housing and Community Partnerships in the amount of \$19,701.00 for the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), \$2,400.00 of which is for administration of the program and \$17,301.00 of which is for rehabilitation of a residence at 140 Harvest Run Road in Marietta, and to allow Mr. Feathers and Mr. White to sign the request, as prepared by Gerry Spencer, 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: AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a request to the Budget Commission for an Amended Certificate of Estimated Revenues, reducing the amount expected to be received from the State of Ohio for statewide casino revenues in 2014 by \$100,000.00.

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

**RE: CONTRACT AWARD FOR COUNTY HOME BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to award contract to H&A Mechanical, Inc. for the Washington County Home Boiler Replacement Project, in the amount of \$87,000.00, as recommended by Pickering Associates, Project Engineer.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the contract with H&A Mechanical, Inc. for the Washington County Home Boiler Replacement Project, in the amount of \$87,000.00, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the contract.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately pay those delinquent amounts: Brad Merritt, Kelly Lang (for 815 Warrior Drive), Tina Anderson, Steven Williams (for 137 High Street), Kenneth Vigneron, Russell Shields Jr. (for 176 Sweetapple Road), John Church (for 12220 State Route 550), Ralph Ollom, Tina McClung.

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. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Kevin Reeder (2), Scott Tallman, Randy Norris, Sarah Carpenter, Kareem Wright, Kimberly Hammond, Tammy Gearhart, David Carpenter James and Brittany Brannon, Greg Duty and Aaron Brooker, Mike and Ashley Matheny.

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

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #2, SCHULTHEIS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Schultheis Bridge Replacement project on County Road 4, adding \$1,990.07 to the contract of Cross Roads Construction, Inc., for a new contract total of \$186,248.67, due to more porous backfill and concrete required for the project, as requested 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: RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a right-of-way easement for highway purposes from Michael L. and Mary J. Murphy, 1060 Long Run Road, Newport, Ohio, in consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) payment by the Commissioners, as prepared and recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright, said easement being described as follows: Parcel 1-SH, Washington County Road 22-0096 NE, perpetual easement for highway purposes without limitation of existing access rights, in the name and for use of the 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: SNAP**

Cindy Styer from the OSU Extension Office updated the Commissioners on some of her projects and activities. She described the SNAP-Ed program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), which is made available throughout the County at a variety of locations including libraries, schools, food pantries, public housing, and senior nutrition centers. She noted the Summer Food Service Program was administered by her and Kathryn Hartline, and 220 children participated. Through that program the children learned responsible nutrition practices and behavior.

Ms. Styer said that although she is paid with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, her office is at the OSU Extension Office. She said she works primarily with lower income Washington County residents. She noted there are comparable programs in 66 of the 88 Ohio counties.

Ms. Styer expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for their continuing support of her efforts, programs and initiatives.

**RE: RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submittal of a proposal to the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign all pertinent documents on behalf of Washington County, including this resolution, as 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.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the Standard Certifications and Assurances for the Rural Transit Program, dated August 2014, as prepared and recommended by Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the document.

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

**RE: DE NOVO CONSULTING**

Diane Blaschko and Chris Innis talked with the Commissioners about Washington County's indirect cost allocation plan. Ms. Blaschko offered to provide such service through her company, De Novo Consulting Solutions. She said if the County enters into a three-year agreement for De Novo services, the cost would be \$5,500 the first year and \$7,450 in year two and year three. She noted the current cost to the County for similar service from Maximus is \$10,500.00 each year.

Ms. Blaschko said she can realistically offer lower prices than Maximus because, as a small firm, overhead costs are much lower. She indicated she worked for Maximus for many years and gained much valuable experience, which allows her the opportunity to start-up De Novo.

Ms. Blaschko noted that Ohio counties typically pay much more for their cost analysis plans than counties in other states. She said this is primarily due to the low number of firms that provide such services, but also a result of high overhead in those large firms. Another reason for unreasonably high contract amounts in Ohio, she believes, is that 10% of the contract amount is forwarded by Maximus to the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO).

Noting she currently has no clients, Ms. Blaschko said she started her company only 45 days ago and is now meeting with entities and organizations to arrange contracts. Her home office is in Minnesota, but that may change as conditions warrant.

The Commissioners thanked her for the information, and Ms. Blaschko provided to them a contract for review.

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF MARIETTA PROJECT**

Joe Tucker, Marietta City Engineer, requested a letter of support for the City's application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for partial funding of phase 3 of the City's waste water treatment plant renovation project. Also attending was Devola resident Glen Pawloski.

Mr. Tucker said the total project cost is \$16,693,000. He is applying to OPWC for a \$400,000 grant a \$1,000,000 no-interest loan.

Mr. Tucker said the project timeline calls for design completion in November of 2014, solicitation for bids in mid-2015, and construction extending for two to three years beginning in 2015.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the following letter of support for the City of Marietta's application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for its Phase 3 of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Renovations Project, as requested by City Engineer Joe Tucker:

September 4, 2014

Joe Matthews  
Mayor, City of Marietta  
301 Putnam Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Re: **City of Marietta WWTP Phase 3 Renovations**  
**OPWC District 18 – Round 29 Application for Financial Assistance**

Dear Honorable Mayor Matthews:

*Please accept this letter in our support of the City of Marietta's Application for Financial Assistance to the State of Ohio Public Works Commission for the design and construction of the Marietta Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Phase 3 Renovations.*

*The Washington County Commissioners have worked collaboratively with the City of Marietta to connect a sewer area of Devola to the City's existing sanitary sewer collection system.*

*It is our understanding that the completion of Phase 3 Renovations at the Marietta WWTP will increase the rated capacity to serve additional areas within the City of Marietta and areas within Washington County, Ohio. It is also our understanding that upon completion of the Phase 3 Renovations, the Marietta Wastewater Treatment Plant will serve as a regional wastewater equipment facility and will provide reliable capacity needed to treat sewage from the City of Marietta and outlying areas in Washington County.*

*We offer our endorsement and support to the City of Marietta to seek and obtain financial assistance from Ohio Public Works for the City of Marietta WWTP Phase 3 Renovations.*

*If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.*

**/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: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR**

Devola resident Glen Pawloski shared with the Commissioners his concerns about a proposed sewer project in his community.

Mr. Pawloski reminded the Commissioners there are 232 Devola residents who object to the project. He said he is mainly concerned for the following reasons:

- The projected cost to homeowners was initially \$10,000 each, but that has now risen to \$17,200.
- The Ohio Revised Code allows for repairs to existing sewer systems.
- There is no need for sewer system upgrade since recent water system improvements have lowered nitrate content in Devola.

Responding to Mr. Pawloski's request for an update on the project, President Feathers reported a revised general plan was recently submitted to the Ohio EPA. It primarily includes properties along Lawton Road, reducing the number of billable entities in the plan from more than 400 to less than 70. Mr. Feathers informed Mr. Pawloski that the County remains under the original Findings & Orders from the EPA, but he has submitted this revised plan to address those Orders. He said the Commissioners are trying to manage this project efficiently and effectively, with the best interests of Devola residents in mind. Mr. Feathers said to do nothing is not an option at this point.

Commissioner White reiterated the submission of a revised general plan merely delays the project, whether it develops as the original design or some level of downsizing from it.

Mr. Pawloski said it is his belief that if someone has a problem with his sewer system, he should be obligated to fix it and the Health Department should be in charge of ensuring that fix is adequate. He thanked the Commissioners for doing all they've done on behalf of the residents in Devola, and encouraged them to use whatever influence they have to continue their efforts.

#### **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 3:30 p.m.

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