

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 2, 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*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., October 2, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting  
11:00 Budget Hearing, OSU Extension Office  
1:30 Discussion with Marietta City Officials, Sewer Projects

**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 – Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Additional Appropriation – Job and Family Services  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor  
Additional Appropriation – Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Transfer – Commissioners  
Transfer – Building Permit Department  
Then & Now's  
Travel – EMA  
Travel – Family & Children First (3)  
Travel – CSEA (2)  
Status Report, Highland Ridge CDBG Project  
Status Report, 2013 CDBG Allocation Program  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor  
Engineer – Contract with Aero-Mark for Center Line Painting

**INFORMATION**

Belpre Landing Groundbreaking, 1:00 p.m., **Wednesday**, October 8  
Columbus Day, **Monday**, October 13, Courthouse Closed

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Letter to Elected Officials and Department Heads, 2015 Health Insurance Program

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 September 25, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

Bd. of Dev. Disabilities	210-0621-53000	\$ 53,000.00
Job and Family Services	200-0720-57400	\$ 50,000.00
Auditor	200-0106-57400	\$ 1.50
Child Support Enforcement	200-0730-51001	\$ 16,000.00
	200-0730-57403	\$ 6,600.00

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>
Commissioners	100-0560-55500	200-0542-49100	\$ 104,345.00
Bldg. Permit	100-0170-53000	100-0170-52001	\$ 6,200.00
	100-0170-53000	100-0170-54000	\$ 1,200.00

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
Commissioners	210-0822-53900	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 1,010.00
Commissioners	210-0822-53900	Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley	\$ 12,400.00
Commissioners	210-0822-53700	Little Musk. VFD	\$ 2,000.00

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:

EMA

Jeff Lauer: One-day trip to Meigs County EOC for Ohio EMA Region 8 meeting; October 21, 2014.

Family & Children First

LeAnnWelch, Lashley Earley, Terri McGoye: Three-day trip to Vinton County to attend Infant Massage Training; October 21-24, 2014.

Andrea Nichols, Terri McGoy, Royetta Cline, Jennifer Klintworth, LeAnn Welch, Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Athens to attend Help-Me-Grow IFST Training; October 30, 2014.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Early Childhood Standards and Assessment Project Team meeting; October 14, 2014.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle, Denise Hinton, Betty Lynch, James Miller: Three-day trip to Dublin to attend Ohio CSEA Directors Association Fall Training; October 26-28, 2014.

Kim Hinkle: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend ODJFS OCS IV-D Contracts/ Grant Management Training; October 21-22, 2014.

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

**RE: STATUS REPORT, HIGHLAND RIDGE CDBG PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve an Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Status Report (Final) for Grant B-W-12-1CY-1, Highland Ridge CDBG Project, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Report, as prepared and

requested 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: STATUS REPORT, 2013 CDBG ALLOCATON PROGRAM**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve an Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Status Report (Final) for Grant B-F-13-1CY-1, 2013 CDBG Allocation Program, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Report, as prepared and requested 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: LETTER TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, 2015 MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to Washington County elected officials and department heads notifying them of selection of CEBCO/Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield as the health and prescription provider for Washington County employees for 2015, changes to the plan from 2014, open enrollment period, and premium rates, as prepared and requested by Darla Miller, Director of Human Resources and Safety/Loss Control.

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 make payment on those accounts: Joseph Hungate, Evan Campbell, Laiana Kerns, Amanda Lipscomb, Fred and Savannah Newlon, Angela Parker, Kathryn Parsons, Richard Rohr, Jr., Steve Rood (for 147 Oak Drive), Todd McDonald, Jonathan Kirk, Erica Counts, Jason Barnum, Brysen Lee, John White, Eliabeth Barnett, Debora Wingrove (for 75 Main Street), Mike Higgins, Jean Yost (for 765 Warrior Drive), Karen Anstatt, Donald Tallman, Michael Cameron, Kelly Offenberger, Sherry Fulton, Reda Nichols (for 38 Second Street), Dawn Rachell Yost (for 455 Warrior Drive), Douglas Young (for 50 Main Street), Ralph Ollom (for 3441 Layman Road), Donald Trembly, Steven Williams (for 137 High Street), Turner's Car Wash, Sherry Lafley.

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 certify to County Auditor Bill McFarland the following delinquent sewer accounts, requesting him to add those delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Kenneth Vigneron, Russell Shield, Jr., Kelly Lang, Brian McCoy, Linda Lorentz, Jeremy and Mitchell Wiltse, H. Clifton Spencer II, Robert Boston, Robert Tate, Ted Williams, Patricia Eagle.

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

**RE: CONTRACT WITH AERO-MARK, INC. FOR CENTERLINE PAINTING**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a contract with Aero-Mark, Inc., in the amount of \$24,323.52, for centerline painting of various Washington County roads, as prepared and 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: BUDGET HEARING, OSU EXTENSION**

Mike Lloyd, OSU Extension Office Director, and Ken Schilling and Tom Webster, OSU Extension Office Advisory Committee, presented a request for funding in fiscal year 2015. They requested an increase of \$9,194.75, for a total of \$308,640.75 for their program budget, and a total of \$55,000.00 for Community Development (no increase from current year).

**RE: FY 2014 CHIP CONDITIONAL AWARD LETTER**

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to Michael Hiler, Chief of the Office of Community Development, Ohio Development Services Agency, accepting the terms and conditions as outlined in the conditional award letter for the 2014 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), and confirming that \$4,500 of HOME program income committed to be used to fund the Fair Housing program will be from the HOME program administration portion, 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: DISCUSSION WITH MARIETTA CITY OFFICIALS PERTAINING TO SEWER PROJECTS**

The following representatives from the City of Marietta joined the Commissioners to discuss the status of various sewer system projects in the City and in the County:

Michael M. McCauley, Marietta City Council  
Joe Tucker, City Engineer  
Steve Elliott, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent  
Jonathan Hupp, Safety-Service Director  
Joe Matthews, Mayor  
Paul Bertram III, Law Director

Also attending were Hayley Skene from WTAP News and Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*.

President Feathers welcomed those attending, noting the purpose of the meeting is for all to better understand the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marietta and Washington County. He then commented on the status of the Devola sewer project:

- 158 homeowners volunteered to have tests of septic systems.
- 115 homes were tested.
- Small number of homes had unacceptable nitrate levels.
- Revision to general plan was sent to Ohio EPA.
- Project funding options are being identified.
- Residents of Devola were not aware of Agreement, and certainly not aware of consequences of Agreement.

Mr. Bertram reviewed the process of developing the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the status of the City sewer project:

- The County commissioned a Master Feasibility Study more than ten years ago.
- It was concluded in the Study that it would be most cost effective for all to have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Marietta, and to share the cost of sewer system development.
- A flow study was completed by Stantec Consulting, and the results of that study were used in developing the Agreement.
- In April 2011 the Agreement was signed by Cora Marshall, President of the Washington County Commissioners.
- The timeline in the forty-year Agreement calls for connections of the following:

Existing Devola sewer customers	December 2012
Oak Grove, Phase 1	December 2013
Future Devola sewer customers	December 2015
Oak Grove, Phase 2	December 2016

- Predicated on this Agreement the City proceeded to design and construct major sewer facilities, with anticipated costs exceeding \$30,000,000.
- Affordability, stability, and continuation all are dependent upon the County adhering to the terms of the Agreement.
- It would be unfair for the residents of Marietta to pick up the tab for construction of new facilities if the County doesn't live up to its part of the Agreement.
- The City's sewer plant is about 60% complete, with full completion delayed until December of 2017.

Mr. Tucker said it is in the best interests of all concerned for the two entities to be working closely together. By the end of 2017, he said, all flows from Devola and Oak Grove should be on-line. He noted there has also been discussion of including Reno in the system. Mr. Tucker said he recalls the Master Facilities Plan estimated \$3,000,000 could be saved in overall cost of adding new areas to the County's sewer system by collaborating with the City in the enhancement to their system.

President Feathers noted Devola Phase I has been completed and is successful. He said the lift station in Devola was sized to accommodate both Phase I and Phase II.

Mr. Bertram recalled that the decision to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement was not hasty, as it developed over a period of at least seven years.

Mr. McCauley said an additional 11.7% in flow, and in revenues, is needed to offset costs of construction, including debt service, and that is stipulated in the Agreement.

To Commissioner White's question of current capacity and usage, Mr. Elliott said he is running as low as he possibly can, and that flow must be increased. He said the 11.7% increase in

flow referenced in the Agreement is the anticipated amount to come from Devola and Oak Grove.

President Feathers said he has heard consistently from Devola residents that they are not in favor of funding a new sewer system, and they are quite content to continue using their septic. He said he believes it unrealistic to expect approximately 300 homeowners to foot the bill for a \$6,000,000 sewer system.

Mr. Bertram responded that the County has entered into a 40-year contract with the City of Marietta to provide significant additional flow of sewage from the communities of Devola and Oak Grove, and to do anything less would be contrary to the terms of the Agreement. He said the County is now about 21 months behind the Agreement's schedule, as residents in Oak Grove Phase I should already be on-line and construction of Devola Phase II should have commenced by now. Mr. Bertram also indicated the City is about 12 months behind schedule.

Mr. Tucker said total project costs include not only construction contracts, but also significant debt service and costs of operation and maintenance of a much larger facility.

Commissioner White said the Ohio EPA has changed, or is changing, direction of this project. The Commissioners, he said, are trying very hard to appropriately manage an effective, efficient sewer program, but to not require residents to tap into the system unless absolutely necessary or at their own request.

There was some discussion about proposed legislation exempting homeowners with newer septic systems from the requirement to tie into sewer lines, and how, if adopted, that might impact this Intergovernmental Agreement.

It was agreed open communication between the two entities must continue.

**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 2:35 p.m.

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