

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 16, 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 Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., October 16, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Gala Goldsmith, Tony Scardina, Gary Chancey – Wayne National Forest
10:00 Bob Fink, Maximus – Cost Allocation Plan
11:00 Adam Lessman, CompManagement – Workers' Comp
2:00 Terry Russell, Del Nicholas, David Browne – Behavioral Health Levy Consideration

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 – Sheriff
Additional Appropriation – Board of Developmental Disabilities (2)
Additional Appropriation – Job and Family Services
Additional Appropriation – RSVP
Additional Appropriation - Commissioners
Transfer – Family & Children First
Transfer - Commissioners
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer – RSVP
Transfer – Board of Developmental Disabilities
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First (2)
Travel - Auditor
Request to Close Family & Children First Office on November 28, 2014
Grant Agreement with ODOT, W.P. Snyder, Jr. Restoration, Phase 3
Annex O to Emergency Operations Plan
Request to Fill Vacancy, Job and Family Services
Appointment to Behavioral Health Board of Directors
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Account

INFORMATION

Township Assoc. Fall Banquet, 6:00 p.m. **Today**, Career Center
Farm City Day, 9:30 a.m., **Friday**, October 17, Schramm Dairy Farm
Council of Governments, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, October 17, Lori's Family Restaurant
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, October 20
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, October 21
Soil & Water Cons. Dist. Annual Mtg., 6:00 p.m., **Wed.**, October 22, Career Center

RE: AGENDA

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White 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. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 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. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

Sheriff	200-0401-54000	\$ 1,000.00
	200-0401-55200	\$ 1,000.00
	200-0401-57000	\$ 1,000.00
Bd. of Dev. Dis.	210-0623-57100	\$ 4,518.75
	210-0625-57100	\$ 135.95
RSVP	210-0710-53000	\$ 1,500.00
JFS	200-0720-59000	\$ 25,000.00
Commissioners	215-0806-53000	\$ 7,800.00

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>
FCF	602-2033-51104	602-2033-52003	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	100-0100-51120	100-0100-51110	\$ 416.51
Sheriff	100-0381-52000	100-0381-54200	\$ 53,000.00
RSVP	210-0710-51001	210-0710-53000	\$ 3,500.00
	210-0710-51101	210-0710-53000	\$ 110.00
	210-0710-51102	210-0710-53000	\$ 280.00
Bd. of Dev. Dis.	200-0620-53000	200-0620-54400	\$ 2,500.00

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
Children Service Board	200-0743-5-3000	Toni Teters	\$ 156.00
Children Service Board	200-0743-53000	Emily Cramer	\$ 173.25
Children Service Board	200-0743-53000	Toni Teters	\$ 260.00
MR/DD	200-0620-53000	Opportunities for Oh. Disabilities	\$ 55,901.07
Commissioners	200-0800-53000	OSU Extension	\$ 3,000.00

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:

Family & Children First

Regina Duff: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Family & Children First Conference; October 29, 2014.

Regina Duff: One-day trip to Athens to transition youth in placement; October 14, 2014 (retroactive approval).

Auditor

Bill McFarland: Four-day trip to Columbus to attend County Auditors Association Winter Conference; November 18-21, 2014.

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

RE: REQUEST TO CLOSE FCF ON NOVEMBER 28, 2014

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a request to close the Washington County Family & Children First (FCF) office on Friday, November 28, 2014, with the staff using personal, vacation, or comp time, 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: GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR W.P. SNYDER, JR. RESTORATION

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to table consideration of an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the W.P. Snyder, Jr. Restoration Project, Phase 3, pending receipt of an agreement with the Ohio Historical Connection for the project.

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

RE: ANNEX O TO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve Annex O, the Hazardous Materials Annex, to the Washington County Emergency Operations Plan, as requested by Jeff Lauer, EMA Director, and adopted by the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

RE: REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY, JFS

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a request from Tom Ballengee, Director of the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, to hire Teresa Smith as a Clerical Support Worker, at the hourly rate of \$13.64, beginning November 3, 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 OF DIRECTORS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to appoint Pastor David Smith to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board of Directors for the term January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, as requested by David Browne, Executive Director, Washington County Behavioral Health Board of Directors.

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 ACCOUNT

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland certifying the following sewer account as delinquent, and requesting him to add that delinquent amount to the property tax bill: T. Phillip Holland.

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

RE: WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

Gala Goldsmith from the Wayne National Forest introduced Forest Supervisor Tony Scardina and his assistant Regina Martin. Mr. Scardina said he looks forward to collaborating and engaging with the Commissioners, and encouraged them to regularly communicate with him.

Ms. Goldsmith presented to the Commissioners information on:

- Kinderhook Riding Trail – extension and rerouting are progressing.
- Haught Campsite – will remain closed until safety improvements are made.
- Ohio River Scenic Byway Kiosk – is an excellent visual display of recreation and area.
- Job opportunities – locally available, two Recreation Technician positions.
- Youth Conservation Corps – funding for this program will continue.
- Tree of Heaven – research continues, and options for eradication are being considered.
- Energy development – keeping abreast of gas wells and pipelines in region.
- Timber sale – expanding sale of timber as appropriate and necessary.

Commissioner White encouraged the Forestry Service to work closely and cooperatively with Washington Electric Cooperative and AEP as they initiate and progress through a major upgrade of equipment in and around Wayne National Forest.

RE: MAXIMUS CONSULTING

Robert Fink talked with the Commissioners about the service Maximus Consulting has been providing to Washington County for several years. He noted:

- He has been with Maximus for approximately 25 years.
- Maximus has worked with Washington County for approximately 20 years.
- He has a staff of 8 serving Ohio and Indiana.
- Maximus is considered the “premier” cost allocation consulting firm in the United States.
- Maximus serves 79 of 88 Ohio counties, and 70 of 92 Indiana counties.
- Maximus reports are thoroughly reviewed internally before release to counties.
- The 3-year Maximus contract is expiring this year; cost for 2014 is \$10,500.
- There may be extensive County staff time involved if starting up with a new cost allocation consultant.
- Objective of cost allocation is to maximize amount of reimbursement from federal programs.
- Maximus software and processes are acceptable to federal agencies and Auditor of State of Ohio.

Commissioner White said the Commissioners are obligated to consider all viable options when purchasing services and goods with taxpayers’ funds.

President Feathers expressed concern that Maximus Consulting regularly pays a significant amount of money to the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), and that may negatively impact the rates Maximus charges to counties for services rendered. Mr. Fink assured him that contracts are based upon the amount of work involved and the service that is provided by an experienced team of professionals.

It was agreed that Mr. Fink will talk with the Commissioners early in 2015 about the Maximus report, how it is created, and how it is used. The Commissioners agreed that no contractual commitment for cost allocation services will be made until after this conversation.

RE: COMPMANAGEMENT

Adam Lessman, CompManagement, Inc., and Jennifer Oiler, CompManagement Health Systems, talked with the Commissioners and Director of Human Resources Darla Miller about Washington County’s Workers’ Compensation (BWC) experience and refunds. They indicated it has been very favorable for the County to be in the BWC Group Retro Rating Program. Mr. Lessman said the County will receive 60% of the 2012 premium paid, and there will be additional refunds to the County throughout 2015 and 2016. He applauded the County for relatively good recent claims experience.

RE: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEVY

David Browne, Executive Director of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Dell Nicholas from the Behavioral Health Board, and Terry Russell and Stacey Smith from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Ohio, talked with the Commissioners about a proposed levy for next year. Also attending was Cathi Voisinet, a Washington County resident.

Mr. Russell noted he has been in the “mental health” business for 43 years, has helped with the passage of 19 levies, and has had no levies fail. He said mental illness now extends to drug addiction, which is a serious concern in the Mid-Ohio Valley. He also noted:

- 50% of individuals who do horrendous crimes have some level of mental illness.
- Mental illness is a relatively untreated disease.
- Those treated for depression have an 80% recovery rate.
- Washington County needs to be pro-active in providing mental health services.
- Only 15 counties in Ohio have no levies supporting mental health services.
- He’ll provide his services in promoting levy passage at no charge.
- The levy should be on the May 2015 ballot, if possible and feasible.

Mr. Browne said the expansion of Medicaid coverage in Ohio has helped a great deal, but housing and living expenses are still lacking.

Commissioner Irvine explained the process of placing a levy on the ballot.

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 2:45 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk

