

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, AND 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 and Clerk Rick Peoples.

AGENDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WASHINGTON COUNTY
Thursday, November 6, 2014

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee (3)

NEW BUSINESS, TO BE CONSIDERED AT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

9:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda
Bills from Various Departments
Additional Appropriation – Developmental Disabilities
Additional Appropriation – Law Library
Additional Appropriation – Clerk of Courts
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer – Probate/Juvenile
Then & Now's

10:00 a.m.

Brian Fluegeman, EmergiTech – Next Gen 911

10:30 a.m.

Tom Ballengee, Job & Family Services – Negotiated Employee Agreement

NEW BUSINESS, TO BE CONSIDERED AT WESLEY TOWNSHIP HALL IN VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

7:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda
Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes
Travel – Sewer
Travel – Family & Children First (4)
Travel – Clerk of Courts (2)
Travel – Job & Family Services
Appointment of Building Official
Renewal Agreement for 911 Equipment
ODOT Grant for Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance
Final Performance Report for Ingenuity Center Project
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor (2 letters)

INFORMATION

Veterans Day, **Tuesday**, November 11, Courthouse Closed
JFS Clothing Giveaway, 9:00 a.m., **Wednesday**, November 12, Washington County Fairgrounds
Senior Levy Committee, 4:00 p.m., **Thursday**, November 13, Commissioners' Office
Area Agency on Aging Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., **Friday**, November 14, Marietta K of C Hall
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., **Monday**, November 17, Commissioners' Office
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, November 18, Washington County Home
Finance Committee, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, November 18, Commissioners' Office
Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday**, November 27, Courthouse Closed

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Transfer – Senior Levy Fund
Transfer – Developmental Disabilities

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:

Developmental Disabilities	200-0620-53000	\$ 55,925.00
Law Library	200-0520-52000	\$ 2.00
Clerk of Courts	200-0234-54000	\$ 200.00

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>
Sheriff	100-0392-51120	100-0392-57400	\$ 119.00
Probate/Juvenile	100-0330-54000	100-0330-53000	\$ 2,500.00
Senior Levy	200-0703-57500	200-0703-57400	\$ 5.93
Dev. Disabilities	200-0620-57503	200-0620-57502	\$ 59.75

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
Family & Children First	602-2033-54000	GreenTech Imaging	\$ 323.60
Commissioners	215-0853-53000	Ohio Historical Society	\$ 29,596.79
Commissioners	100-0109-55200	Steer's Heating & Cooling	\$ 156,600.00
Late Payment/Interest			
Children Services	200-0740-57000	FNB Omaha	\$ 53.36

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

RE: NEXT GENERATION 911

Brian Fluegeman, EmergiTech, Inc., talked with the Commissioners about Next Generation 911. Also attending were I.T. Director Gerry Lockhart, Brian Schuck and Mark Warden from the Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Larry Mincks.

Mr. Fluegeman described services and equipment his company provides to Ohio counties, municipalities, and 911 Centers as they transition to Next Generation 911 (Next Gen 911) capabilities. Next Gen 911, he explained, will allow emergency 911 systems to accommodate cell phone traffic, including calls, texts, and photographs. He said there is, of course, an expense to move from current 911 to Next Gen 911, which might run between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for one PCAP. There are now three PCAP's in Washington County, but converting all to Next Gen 911 won't cost as much for sites 2 and 3. There was much discussion about the need in Washington County for three dispatch centers, or if one would suffice. Sheriff Mincks noted the significant cost reduction that would be available to the cities of Marietta and Belpre by going to one center. Mr. Fluegeman said costs could be reduced 30 to 40% by eliminating two dispatch centers. He said it is even possible for multiple entities to collaborate into one center (adjacent counties, for example). Mr. Fluegeman indicated the State of Ohio is working toward a requirement for the entire state to be Next Gen 911, but that is probably a few years away at this point because there is so much to coordinate, equip, and update.

President Feathers thanked him for the information and insight, noting County and City representatives need to discuss the direction the County intends to take.

RE: JFS NEGOTIATED CONTRACT

Tom Ballengee, Director of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, presented to the Commissioners an agreement recently agreed upon by Job and Family Services and members of Local 772, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO. He said the agreement extends from August 3, 2014

through August 3, 2017, and includes provision for 2% wage increases each year.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Agreement between the Board of Washington County Commissioners, Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, and Local 772, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO, SERB Case No. 2014-MED-05-0771, effective August 3, 2014 through August 3, 2017, as presented by Tom Ballengee, Director, 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.

Mr. Ballengee then requested the Commissioners allow for the adoption of the same benefits for management staff, particularly the wage increase retroactive to August 3, 2014.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the same benefits for management staff of Washington County Department of Job and Family Services that were contained in the ratified Agreement for Local 772 AFSCME members employed by the Department of Job and Family Services for the period August 3, 2014 through August 3, 2017, as requested by Tom Ballengee, Director, Washington County 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.

THE MEETING RESUMED AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE WESLEY TOWNSHIP HALL IN THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT. PRESIDENT FEATHERS WELCOME THOSE ATTENDING, AND LED THEM IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Attending were Wesley Township Trustee Dinah Barker, Wesley Township Fiscal Officer Tracy Kennedy, Bruce Kennedy, Lucy King, Joyce Gage, Darlene Lukshin from the OSU Extension Office, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Travel – CSEA
Rebate from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation

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 October 30, 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: 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:

Sewer

Craig Barker: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend Operator Training sessions; December 11-12, 2014.

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Athens to attend Help Me Grow Focus Group; November 12, 2014.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Help Me Grow Early Intervention Stakeholder Group meeting; November 13, 2014.

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend the Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association Executive Committee meeting; November 13, 2014.

Regina Duff: Two-day trip to Nelsonville to attend Trauma Informed Care Training; November 19-20, 2014.

Clerk of Courts

Karen Ray, Karen Doan, Evelyn Walters, Paula Hendrickson, Ella Shaw, Laura Bates, Chris Csuway, Jennie Beardsley, Brenda Wolfe: One-day trip to Cambridge to attend OCCA 3rd District Annual Meeting; November 5, 2014.

Brenda Wolfe: Four-day trip to Columbus to attend OCCA Winter Conference; December 2-5, 2014.

JFS

Candy Nelson: Two-day trip to Marysville to attend OIES Meeting; December 1-2, 2014.

CSEA

Kim Hinkle, Betty Lynch: Two-day trip to Columbus to attend CFIS Ledger Reporting Training; November 11-12, 2014.

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

RE: BWC REBATE

The Clerk reported Washington County has received a rebate from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$153,132.76. He said the rebate represents 60% of the premium the County paid for calendar year 2012, and was made possible, according to the information provided with the rebate check, by "investments that have performed well above expectations as a result of prudent management and a careful, conservative investment strategy."

Commissioner White said the check will be disbursed to those County departments that paid the premium for that time period. He noted a few departments will receive as much as \$30,000, but the majority will receive much less.

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept the rebate check, in the amount of \$153,132.76 from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), and to proportionately distribute it to those departments having paid the BWC premium for calendar year 2012.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to appoint Christopher Wilson as Building Official for Washington County, beginning November 22, 2014, with an annual salary of \$72,800.00.

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

The Commissioners noted the Washington County Building Department provides services not only to Washington County, but also to the City of Marietta, and several other counties. They said Mr. Wilson currently works for the Muskingum County Building Department. They said the hiring of Mr. Wilson is to replace Dave Sweigard, who is retiring.

RE: MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RENEWAL, 911 EQUIPMENT

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a Guaranteed Maintenance Service Agreement with Stephen Campbell & Associates, Inc., for the amount of \$2,500.00, for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, for 911 equipment located at the Belpre Police Department, as requested by Rich Hays, Washington County 911 Coordinator.

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

RE: ODOT GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$7,055.00 for elderly and disabled transit fare assistance during calendar year 2013, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the grant agreement.

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

RE: FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT, INGENUITY CENTER CDBG GRANT

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve a final performance report for the Ohio Development Services Agency, for the \$250,000.00 Community Development Block Grant provided by them for the construction of the Ingenuity Center for the Southeastern Ohio

Port Authority, and to allow Mr. White to sign the report, as prepared by Melissa Zoller, 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: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to send letters to the following delinquent sewer account holders, requesting them to immediately pay their delinquent amounts: John and Joann Edwards, Curt and Amber Welch, Roger Roberts, Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, Lori Fox, Jerry Biehl, Theresa Hescht, Natalie Snyder, Carla Rasmussen, Ernest Cottrell, Amy and Zack Huffman, Jean Yost (for 747 Warrior Drive), William and Brigitte Ebert, Laiana Kerns, Allen Fleming, Marcella Haddox Collins.

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 sewer accounts as delinquent, and requesting him to add that delinquent amount to the property tax bills: Elizabeth Barnett, Kathryn Parsons, Timothy Vaughn, Nathan and Melissa Arnold, Darren Witte, Christopher Marshall, Larry Carney, Jonathan Kirk, Richard Rohr, Jr., Angela Parker, Fred and Savannah Newlon, Evan Campbell, Joseph Hungate, Dawn Rachell Yost, Karen Anstatt, Dan Turner (for the car wash).

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

Bruce Kennedy asked what the Commissioners intend to do with the proceeds from oil and gas activity in Washington County.

President Feathers said the County recently leased mineral rights on property near the Washington County Home, and that transaction brought \$1.25 M to the County. He said about \$800,000 of that amount was deposited into a Capital Projects Fund, to be used as determined in the future. The remaining \$450,000 was placed in a "budget stabilization" fund, to be used as determined by the Commissioners in the future. Mr. White said the Commissioners chose to invest these unanticipated funds, rather than immediately spend them.

Commissioner Irvine noted other value of having oil and gas production throughout Washington County, including a large increase in sales tax revenues, and construction and occupancy of area hotels. The Commissioners noted the severance tax is still being debated at the State level, and any impact of it on Washington County or townships in Washington County cannot yet be determined. Commissioner White said he believes there are now 8 or 9 horizontal wells active in Washington County, a small number compared to neighboring counties to the north.

Mr. Kennedy asked if the Commissioners knew the status of the Dental Clinic.

President Feathers said the Health Department closed the Dental Clinic in Marietta due to loss of dentist and lack of sufficient funding. He noted, however, that a local dentist is providing services to those who can't afford such services out of a facility in the Kroger Shopping Plaza.

Wesley Township resident Lucy King shared with the Commissioners her recent experience with the Washington County Building Department. She said she is trying to relocate a mobile home, but has found it very difficult to determine what needs to be done to allow for such relocation/placement of her mobile home. She noted an inspector from the Building Department has visited her site two times, and she has not yet received a clear understanding of what is needed to comply with regulations. She is also concerned that the electrical inspection did not include any inspection on the inside of the mobile home. She went on to report she experienced similar difficulty with inspection/acceptance of her septic system by the Health Department.

Ms. King said she is very frustrated with "the system", and she hasn't yet been allowed to move into her mobile home after having begun the effort in early summer of 2014.

Commissioner White told Ms. King he would look into her situation and report back to her within a few days.

Tracy Kennedy asked if the Commissioners could do something to enable Wesley Township residents to have cell phone service.

President Feathers said he has contacted cell phone service providers to encourage them to extend their service into both the Wesley Township portion of Washington County and the Village of Lower Salem. He said he is aware these areas are underserved. He noted, though,

he isn't having much success due to the relatively low number of customers in these areas.

Wesley Township Trustee Dinah Barker asked how it is determined how much in Permissive Sales Tax funds will be distributed to each township.

President Feathers said the distribution is based upon the number of road miles in each township. He said the Township Association determined this method of allocation, but County Engineer Roger Wright is encouraging the Association to change the formula to benefit smaller townships. Commissioner Irvine said the Commissioners allow the County Engineer and the Township Association to work together to determine how best to distribute Permissive Sales Tax funds, and they routinely collaborate in a number of ways to maintain roads and bridges throughout the County.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Wesley Township and the Village of Bartlett for providing a meeting room for their evening meeting, and helping to publicize the meeting.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk