

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 13, 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, Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., November 13, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting
1:30 Marietta Fire Chief C.W. Durham; Lt. Smith, OHP; EMA Director Jeff Lauer - LEPC
4:00 Senior Levy Committee

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 – Developmental Disabilities
Transfer – Sheriff
Transfer - Auditor
Then & Now's
Travel – Auditor
Travel – Building Department
Travel – Commissioners
Travel – Human Resources
Request to Purchase Three Buses on GovDeals.com – Developmental Disabilities
Resignation Letter
Delinquent Sewer Account

INFORMATION

Area Agency on Aging Luncheon , 11:00 a.m., **Friday**, November 14, K of C Hall
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, November 18, Wash. Co. Home
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, November 18
Courthouse Closed, **Thursday**, November 27
Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, November 28

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: 9:30 Glen Pawloski – Devola Sewer Project
10:00 Gary Lockhart, I.T. Director – Project Updates
Delete: Request to Purchase Three Buses on GovDeals.com – Developmental Disabilities

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 November 6, 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. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

Developmental Disabilities 215-0620-54400 \$ 50,000.00

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	200-0382-51120	200-0382-51001	\$ 13.00
	200-0382-51120	200-0382-51101	\$ 0.20
	200-0283-51120	200-0382-51102	\$ 2.50
Auditor	100-0510-51120	100-0510-54000	\$ 269.00
	100-0510-53403	100-0510-54000	\$ 200.00
	100-0510-53500	100-0510-54000	\$ 354.82

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
MR/DD	200-0620-54400	Cerdant	\$ 424.71
Children Service Bd.	200-0743-53000	Karri Schilling	\$ 460.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Otis	\$ 156.00

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:

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Logan to attend CCAO committee meeting; November 13, 2014.

Building Department

Dave Sweigard: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend 2014 Building Official Training; November 18, 2014. (Commissioner White noted the County must send someone to this Training, but Mr. Sweigard may not be the appropriate individual since he has announced his intent to retire. The Commissioners indicated they are approving the expenses relating to the travel, and not the specific individual travelling.)

Commissioners

David White: Three-day trip to Columbus to attend Annual CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, December 7 – 9, 2014.

Human Resources/Safety & Loss Control

Darla Miller: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Annual CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference; December 9, 2014.

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

RE: RESIGNATION LETTER

The Clerk read the following letter of resignation from Commissioner Tim Irvine:

November 6, 2014

David White
Ron Feathers
Washington County Commissioners
223 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Commissioners:

After careful consideration I have decided to resign as Washington County Commissioner. My last day as Commissioner will be November 29, 2014.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Irvine

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the letter from Commissioner Irvine. Commissioner White said the Commissioners accept the letter with sadness, as Mr. Irvine has been a wonderful mentor and leader during the past two years they have worked together. He said Commissioner Irvine's knowledge and commitment will be difficult to replace.

President Feathers thanked Mr. Irvine for his nearly four years of service to the citizens of Washington County.

Mr. Irvine said it has been a real pleasure to have served as Commissioner, and that his resignation only one month before the end of his term is prompted solely by significant changes being implemented by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNT

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to send letters to the following delinquent sewer account holder, requesting him to immediately pay his delinquent amount: Aaron Howell.

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

RE: WARD BRIDGE PROJECT PLANS APPROVAL

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve the Ward Bridge Project plans for the replacement of the bridge in Independence Township, 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: GLEN PAWLOSKI, RESIDENT OF DEVOLA

Glen Pawloski talked with the Commissioners about the proposed sewer project in the Devola community. He provided to the Commissioners a page of notes he had prepared relating to the project, including summary of meetings that had been held, comments that have been made, and his belief that the project is no longer necessary or appropriate.

Among the points made by Mr. Pawloski:

- 237 impacted homeowners now object to the plan, out of 320.
- 37 of 56 homes along Lawton Road are not in favor of the plan.
- The Putnam Water Association addressed the high nitrate level in Devola water.
- There is no need to move into Phase 2 of the project, as nitrates are non-toxic and the nitrate level in Devola water has been lowered.
- The cost for homeowners to convert from septic to sewer is excessive.
- Devola residents have long been "in the dark" about the project, and the prior Commissioners should have routinely used the U.S. Postal Service to deliver project updates and meeting notices.

Commissioner White discussed with Mr. Pawloski statements that were previously made about the Devola sewer project. Specifically, he noted his comment that there is a higher percentage of residents in favor along Lawton Road than other areas of Devola was misquoted by Mr. Pawloski.

Mr. Pawloski asked the Commissioners:

- What have they done to protect the interests of Devola homeowners?
- What should the newly-formed Devola Committee to Preserve Septic Tanks do next?

President Feathers reminded Mr. Pawloski that he has regularly communicated both publicly and privately with him on matters pertaining to the Devola project. He noted the Commissioners by law are assigned the task of "managing" this situation, and it has been challenging to work with the Ohio EPA. He said on or about August 15, 2014 he asked the

EPA to consider a revised general plan for the project, but he has yet to hear from them. Mr. Feathers encouraged him to talk with state officials about his concerns.

Referencing the Woodlawn Acres sewer project, Mr. Pawloski said there are many dissatisfied residents who were forced into the County sewer system. He reminded the Commissioners this will be a major financial burden on Devola residents, with a projected initial cost of \$18,400, plus higher taxes, and new monthly sewer bills.

Mr. Pawloski encouraged the Commissioners to use the fullest extent of their abilities to stop this sewer project in Devola.

RE: GERRY LOCKHART, I.T. DIRECTOR

I.T. Director Gerry Lockhart updated the Commissioners on the following projects/initiatives:

- Intranet Improvements – Miller Communications is preparing performance bond and ordering equipment, some of which has a 4-week lead time.
- Departmental Budget – Equipment line item request can be lowered by \$19,500, as purchases will be made this year.
- Phone System – Assurance of availability of replacement equipment for County's aging phone system has been received, allowing the County to postpone significant investment in a new system for a few years.

RE: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lt. Carlos Smith from the Ohio Highway Patrol, City of Marietta Fire Chief C.W. Durham, and EMA Director Jeff Lauer talked with the Commissioners about the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). They said there is a need for many members on the Committee, as they represent not only businesses and companies, but also all disciplines of responders. They said the Committee can be most effective by being all-inclusive, resulting in large membership.

Lt. Smith said that while the goal of the LEPC is to be prepared and ready for any sort of disaster, they are not yet there. He noted the value of community support for participating agencies.

Chief Durham said the Washington County LEPC is very active in its training, education and public awareness. He said the Committee is meeting 12 times each year, even though the State of Ohio requires only 3 meetings.

The Commissioners acknowledged the value of the LEPC, but expressed concern that while the committee is very large, attendance at meetings is relatively small. Mr. White noted some appointed members have yet to attend a meeting, and others have attended only a few. President Feathers said it is frustrating for the Commissioners to appoint members to a committee and then hear they are not actively participating with that committee.

Lt. Smith said it might be appropriate for the Commissioners to communicate with CEO's of committee members, informing them of the appointment of a staff member to the LEPC and encouraging them to recognize the importance of regular attendance at meetings by that staff member. He said it is now important for the LEPC to set attendance requirements, allowing committee members to send substitutes when they are unable to attend.

Chief Durham noted the LEPC is not yet where it wants to be in terms of readiness and preparedness, but it is much further along than it was just one year ago. He encouraged the Commissioners to regularly communicate with the LEPC and he thanked them for their continuing support.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to move from Unfinished Business the appointments to the 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.

Mr. Irvine moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to appoint/re-appoint the following individuals to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the period November 13, 2014 through August 14, 2015:

J.E. Kirkpatrick, Facility Manager, Skye Metal Recovery, Inc.
Steve Cunningham, Safety Engineer, Solvay
John Ankrom, EHS Manager, Orion Engineered Carbons
Chris Marrero, American Red Cross
Liz Marble, Eramet Marietta, Inc.

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

RE: SENIOR LEVY COMMITTEE

At 4:00 p.m. President Feathers welcomed those attending the Senior Levy Committee meeting, including:

Cathy Cochran, Matamoras Area Senior Citizens
William Cochran, Matamoras Area Senior Citizens
Jim Lower, Matamoras Area Senior Citizens
Karen Hathaway, Marietta Senior Center
Connie Huntsman, O'Neill Center
Jaye Warman
Carrie McNamee, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program
Blaine Weinstock, John Dodge Senior Center
Susie Casto, Belpre Senior Center
Vincent Huck, Churchtown Seniors
Bill McAfee

Chair Bill McAfee called the meeting to order and reviewed the financial status of both last year's allocation of \$50,000 for use by Senior Centers, and this year's requests. It was determined:

- The \$16,869 remaining from last year's allocation will be appropriately distributed to agencies.
- Requests for this year total, net of removing requests for office supplies, \$24,482.54.
- Supplement for the purchase of office supplies for each of the ten centers will be \$500.00 this year.
- Belpre's request for an additional \$1,166.00 to repair awnings was approved, bringing the total of requests and supplements to \$30,648.54.
- The amount remaining unallocated and carried into next fiscal year for emergency application is \$19,351.46.

Mr. McAfee thanked those senior center representatives for remaining active in their centers, and for attending this meeting.

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 4:37 p.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk