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**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 31, 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, PRESIDENT, CORA A. MARSHALL, VICE PRESIDENT, AND STEVEN W. WEBER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Commissioner-elect David White, Sharon Bopp of *The Marietta Times*, Recorder Tracey Wright, Deputy Engineer Roger Wright, Belpre Township Trustee Asa Boring, Muskingum Township Trustees John Karas and Gary Doan, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

## **COMMISSIONERS AGENDA**

**December 31, 2012**

3:30 Tracey Wright - Personnel  
4:00 Arrow Drive Drainage Issue  
4:15 Annual Budget, Fiscal Year 2013

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda

### **INFORMATION**

Courthouse Closed, **Tuesday**, January 1, New Year's Day  
Organizational Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Monday**, January 14  
Courthouse Closed, **Monday**, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

### **RE: AGENDA**

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

### **RE: TRACEY WRIGHT**

County Recorder Tracey Wright informed the Commissioners of her intent to retire effective December 31, 2012. She has been elected, however, for a new term beginning January 7, 2013. She requested the Commissioners appoint her to fill the vacancy during the period January 1, 2013 through January 6, 2013. She noted that she has informed the Board of Elections and the Central Committee of her intent and her request.

Mr. Irvine commented that there is currently much activity in the Recorder's Office, and continuity of office management is needed.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to appoint Tracey Wright as County Recorder during the period January 1, 2013 through January 6, 2013.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

### **RE: ASA BORING, JOHN KARAS**

Muskingum Township Trustee Asa Boring expressed his appreciation to Commissioners Marshall and Weber for their service over the past four years and their support of townships. He noted they have been willing and able to make tough decisions during times of economic uncertainty. He also thanked Mr. Irvine for his ongoing service to the County and to townships. Muskingum Township Trustee John Karas agreed the Commissioners have been worked well with townships and he, too, thanked them for their service.

### **RE: DRAINAGE ON ARROW DRIVE, MUSKINGUM TOWNSHIP**

President Irvine commented that the Commissioners met January 19, 2012 with residents of Arrow Drive to discuss their drainage issues. Ms. Marshall noted that drainage on a section of Arrow Drive has been a problem for many years, and that the Commissioners brought the parties together at the request of residents and Trustees of Muskingum Township. She said the Commissioners considered their need for financial assistance during their budget deliberations for 2013 and are prepared to award \$11,000.00 toward the cost of repair from 1% Permissive Sales Tax funds. Mr. Karas said the current estimate by the County Engineer is \$19,253.30, which is more than originally planned due to inclusion of a one-inch overlay of asphalt. Deputy Engineer Roger Wright assured the Commissioners the overlay is necessary and appropriate because the major portion of Arrow Drive had a slurry seal applied to its

surface in the summer of 2012, and the overlay will extend the useful life of the road.

Trustees Karas and Doan thanked the Commissioners for working with them, the County Engineer, and the residents along Arrow Drive to resolve these drainage issues.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the disbursement of \$11,000.00 to assist Muskingum Township Trustees in the repair of Arrow Drive to improve drainage, in accordance with recommendation from Deputy Engineer Roger Wright.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

**RE: FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR 2013**

County Administrator Paul Cunningham presented the Annual Appropriation for 2013 for Family & Children First Council of Washington County. He noted the total budget for the year is \$401,007.52.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation for fiscal year 2013, in the amount of \$401,007.52, for Washington County Family & Children First Council, as presented by County Administrator Paul Cunningham.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

**RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR 2013**

County Administrator Paul Cunningham presented the Annual Appropriation for 2013 for Washington County. He noted the total appropriation for the year is \$63,054,228.14.

Mr. Irvine said the budget includes 20% of Permissive Sales Tax funds to be distributed to townships, representing a significant increase over current year. Additionally, the Commissioners are establishing a reserve of \$300,000.00 from Permissive Sales Tax revenues for use by townships for repair of roads and/or bridges in emergency situations, which might include landslips for which funding isn't available from other sources and grant matches. Deputy Engineer Roger Wright offered to help develop guidelines for use of these funds. Ms. Marshall noted the County is able to do this because sales tax revenues are higher than anticipated.

Mr. Irvine said he is pleased to report that Washington County is financially sound, especially in light of reductions from federal and state sources.

Mr. Karas expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for increasing the allocation of funds to townships, noting it is increasingly difficult for them to maintain their roads and bridges. He said he believes the County is in good financial condition because of the good management and fiscal responsibility of Commissioners Irvine, Marshall, and Weber.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation for Washington County for fiscal year 2013, in the amount of \$63,054,229.14, as presented by County Administrator Paul Cunningham.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

**RE: COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES**

County Administrator Paul Cunningham expressed his appreciation to outgoing Commissioners Marshall and Weber for allowing him the opportunity to work with them over the past four years.

Mr. Irvine also thanked them for the service they've given to the residents of Washington County and for the help they've given to him personally.

Commissioners-elect David White thanked the Commissioners for maintaining the good financial condition of Washington County, and noted that he is looking forward to working with Commissioner Irvine.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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