

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 26, 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 County Engineer Roger Wright, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., November 26, 2014**

9:00 Business Meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution, DTE Energy Services Project  
Additional Appropriation – Commissioners  
Transfer – Law Library  
Transfer – Maintenance (2)  
Transfer – Building Department  
Then & Now's  
Travel–Building Department (4)  
Signature Authorization, Building Official  
Request for Cell Phone Reimbursement, Family & Children First  
Assignment of Commissioner to RSVP  
Appointment to Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees  
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement  
Certificate of Result of Election on Tax Levy for Children Services

**INFORMATION**

Courthouse Closed, **Thursday**, November 27  
Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, November 28

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Change Order #1, CR 4 Resurfacing Project

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 20, 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: RESOLUTION, DTE ENERGY SERVICES PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to table discussion of a proposed resolution in support of application by DTE Energy to participate in the State of Ohio Qualified

Energy Program as they proceed with construction of a steam-generating facility to supply service to Solvay Specialty Polymers, pending receipt of additional information from DTE Energy.

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

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

County General, Coroner                      100-0361-53000                      \$ 10,000.00

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>
Law Library 300.00	200-0520-53000	200-0520-54100	\$
Maintenance 2,760.00	100-0109-55200	100-0109-55300	\$
	100-0109-53101	100-0109-53000	\$
1,500.00			
	100-0109-53600	100-0109-53000	\$
1,236.90			
Building Dept. 1,000.00	100-0170-53000	100-0170-53403	\$
	100-0170-53000	100-0170-54000	\$
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: THEN & NOW**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now:

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Sheriff Department	100-0384-54002	Leo Meyers Inc.	\$ 3,564.73
Veterans	100-0700-53000	Cawley & Peoples	\$ 850.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Golden Years Senior Citizens	\$ 2,041.16
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	New Matamoras Seniors	\$ 2,963.38
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Western Wash. Co. Seniors	\$ 4,844.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Belpre Senior Center	\$ 10,710.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Churchtown Senior Citizens	\$ 590.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Independence Township Senior	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	John Dodge Senior Center	\$ 3,800.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Bertha Reed Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Marietta Senior Club	\$ 4,200.00
Commissioners	200-0703-53000	Lowell Area Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00
Sheriff Department	100-0384-54400	Motorola	\$ 57,821.52

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:

Building Department

Chris Wilson: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend 2014 National Electrical Code Training; December 17, 2014.

Chris Wilson: Three-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend mandatory code academy for certification; December 1 – 3, 2014.

Russ Metz: One-day trip to Akron to attend 2014 National Electrical Code Training; December 11, 2014.

Mike Stalnaker: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend 2014 National Electrical Code Training; December 17, 2014.

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

**RE: SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to authorize Christopher T. Wilson to sign documents, including requests for travel, voucher approval, payroll approval and leave requests, on behalf of the Washington County Building Department, effective November 26, 2014.

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

**RE: REQUEST FOR CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**

The Clerk read a request from Cindy Davis, dated November 19, 2014, regarding Help-Me-Grow staff members using their personal cell phones for business purposes. Specifically, Ms. Davis requested the Commissioners to consider a policy whereby her staff members could be paid \$20.00 each month for the use of their cell phones. She noted there are seven employees that would receive this payment, and there would be no cost to the County as other source(s) of funds are available. Ms. Davis estimated these employees typically use their phones 75% of the time for business purposes, and only 25% of the time for personal use.

Commissioner White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to deny the request from Cindy Davis, Family & Children First, to pay to selected staff members \$20.00 each month for the business use of their personal cell phones.

Mr. White said he is not in favor for the following reasons:

- Payment to employees for business use of personal cell phones will set a precedent, and other departments will seek similar consideration.
- Current procedure allows for the County to provide cell phones to those required to have them, and thus it is not necessary to have a reimbursement policy in place.
- At one time there were identifiable charges for all calls and texts made on cell phones. Now, however, purchased packages typically include sufficient allowance for calls and texts and it would be difficult to distinguish between business and personal use.

Commissioner Irvine agreed with Mr. White that such a policy isn't necessary or appropriate at this time.

President Feathers noted that if employees of Family & Children First are paid for use of their cell phones, then other departments will request similar allowance.

Recognizing there was no further discussion Mr. Feathers called for a vote on the question. He noted the motion being considered is to deny the request for payment by the County to employees of Washington County Family & Children First for business use of their personal cell phones.

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

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO RSVP AND BUCKEYE HILLS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to assign Commissioner Ron Feathers for certification and other responsibilities for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Washington County, and Commissioner David White to Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Council.

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

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to table a request from Justin Mayo, Director of the Washington County Public Library, to appoint Richard Thomas to the Library's Board of Trustees, pending receipt of additional information from Mr. Mayo.

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

**RE: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, BLUE RACER MIDSTREAM**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) with Blue Racer Midstream, LLC, for several roads in Salem Township including Highland Ridge Road (CR 8), Duck Creek Road (T 16), and Davis Road (T 323), for the purpose of constructing oil and gas pipelines and facilities, 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 was approved.

**RE: CERTIFICATE OF RESULT OF ELECTION ON TAX LEVY FOR CHILDREN SERVICES**

The Clerk reported receipt of Certificate of Result of Election on Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation from the Board of Elections, dated November 17, 2014 for the Children Services Levy on the November 4, 2014 ballot, indicating that 18,411 votes were cast, and of those 9,060 were "for" the levy and 9,351 were "against" the levy.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the election results certification from the Board of Elections.

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, CR 4 RESURFACING PROJECT**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the WAS-C-4/79 Resurfacing Project, contractor Shelly and Sands, Inc., adding \$37,691.50, to the original contract amount of \$333,551.50, for a new contract amount of \$371,243.00, due to additional milling and asphalt, and an unanticipated slip repair, as 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.

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan said he is not pleased with the resurfacing work done on County Road 4, as it hasn't been of good quality from Shelly and Sands. The County Engineer agreed that while it could have been better, the completed work is within the specifications for the job.

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to return to the table for consideration the appointment of Richard Thomas to the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to appoint Richard Thomas to the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees for the term ending December 31, 2021, as requested by Library Director Justin Mayo.

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

**RE: COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS**

Commissioner extended to those attending his best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. He then expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Irvine for four good years of service to Washington County.

President Feathers noted the value to him of Commissioner Irvine's instruction and guidance over the past two years. He said he especially appreciates that all three Commissioners work very well together. He thanked Mr. Irvine for his service to the County.

Mr. Doan said he has noticed the current Commissioners are very open and welcoming to all.

Mr. Wright thanked Mr. Irvine for his service, indicating the pleasure he has had working with him.

**RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM IRVINE**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, *Commissioner Tim Irvine has faithfully and diligently served the citizens of Washington County as Commissioner since January 1, 2011; and*

**WHEREAS**, *during his term Commissioner Irvine performed the duties of his office with dedication, professionalism, diligence and honor; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Mr. Irvine has worked closely with public entities and organizations throughout Washington County, including Washington-Morgan Community Action Program, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, the Frontier Local Economic Development Alliance, the Township Trustees Association, the Washington County Home, and all area Chambers of Commerce;*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Irvine represents Washington County elected officials and government offices in an exemplary manner, always with the best interest of Washington County citizens in mind.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio thanks Commissioner Timothy C. Irvine for the service he has rendered to the citizens of Washington County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio congratulates Citizen Timothy C. Irvine and extends best wishes in retirement from public service.

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

Commissioner Irvine thanked everyone for working with him and for Washington County during the past four years. He said he considers himself fortunate to have worked with so many dedicated, professional people, and he wished incoming Commissioner Rick Walters much success.

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF RICK WALTERS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.02(F), Rick Walters to the vacant office of Washington County Commissioner (acting), beginning November 30, 2014 until such time as a citizen appointed by the Washington County Republican Party Central Committee is qualified and takes office, with an annual salary of \$55,524.00.

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

**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 2:30 p.m.

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