

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RONALD L. FEATHERS, PRESIDENT, DAVID A. WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RICK WALTERS, 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 Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Danielle Staub from WTAP News, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**AGENDA
2015 Organizational Meeting
9:00 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2015**

Election of Officers
Appointments of Personnel
Meeting Day and Time
Off-Site Meetings
Office Hours
Assignments of Commissioners
2015 Projects, Priorities and Initiatives

RE: AGENDA

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to accept the agenda.

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

RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Mr. White as President of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County for the year 2015, beginning at the conclusion of this meeting.

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

Mr. White moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Walters as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County for the year 2015, beginning at the conclusion of this meeting.

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following list of personnel to serve in the capacities indicated during 2015:

Commissioners' Clerk/Finance Manager	Rick Peoples
Emergency Management Director	Jeff Lauer
County Home Administrator	Jeff Campbell
Job and Family Services Director	Tom Ballengee
Child Support Enforcement Agency Director	Kim Hinkle
Apiary Inspector	Michael DeVaughn
I.T. Director	Gerry Lockhart
Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control	Darla Miller

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

RE: MEETING DAY AND TIME

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to set the day and time for Regular Meetings of the Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. each Thursday during 2015, excepting holidays.

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

RE: OFF-SITE MEETINGS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to periodically conduct off-site regular weekly meetings, approximately four during 2015, at public high schools and/or Washington County Career Center, if practicable and feasible for selected schools.

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

The Commissioners noted:

- For the past three years regular meetings were conducted at Townships or Villages throughout the County. While those meetings were appreciated, attendance was weak.
- There are six public high schools throughout the County offering government classes to juniors and seniors.
- Washington County Career Center may also offer government classes.
- Conducting meetings at high schools will allow students to learn about public meetings and duties and responsibilities of local government officials.
- Students will also have the opportunity to render comment and ask questions.

The Commissioners directed the Clerk to set up meetings at four area high schools and/or the Career Center.

RE: OFFICE HOURS

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to set the office hours for the Commissioners' Office to be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during 2015.

RE: ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to assign Commissioners to boards, commissions and committees as follows:

Mr. White

Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council
Apiary Inspector
Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC & D) Council
Washington County Council on Aging
Washington County Resource Team
Prevailing Wage Coordinator
Board of Revision
Washington County Resource Team
Integrating Committee (alternate)
Wood-Washington-Wirt (WWW) Interstate Planning Commission
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee
Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) Board of Directors
Washington County Emergency Medical Association (alternate)

Mr. Walters

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)
The Caring Connection
Records Commission
Integrating Committee/Issue II
Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce
Family & Children First Council
Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Authority
Beverly-Waterford Chamber of Commerce
Duck Creek Partnership Association
Re-Entry Committee

Mr. Feathers

Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council (alternate)
Law Library Board
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Sewer Department Operations
Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)
Washington County Emergency Management Services
Washington County Emergency Medical Association
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Shared

Budget
Buildings and Grounds
Community Development
County Home
Emergency Management Agency

Health and Property Insurance
Investment Committee
I.T. Department
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SEOPA) – rotate attendance
Joint Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors
Washington County Planning Commission
Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
Shale Development Committee

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

RE: PROJECTS, PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

The Commissioners agreed projects and initiatives for 2015 will include capital improvements at all campuses, as noted in 2015 budget documents, and new software for the Building Department. Mr. Feathers said it is critical for the County to remain as competitive as possible in attracting and retaining business and industry, and it is vitally important for existing infrastructure to be maintained, and for new infrastructure to be developed and installed. Mr. Walters said that while it will not be possible to accomplish all projects needed or desired, a prioritized list has been developed for completion this year. Mr. White said a list of long-range projects has been developed as well.

RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR CCAO

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

***WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and*

***WHEREAS**, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and*

***WHEREAS**, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that David White, President, is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Washington County.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Rick Walters is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Washington County.*

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

RE: REPRESENTATIVES TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. White moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Feathers as the representative to the Washington County Emergency Medical Association, and Commissioner White as the Alternate.

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

RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk

