

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 19, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RICK G. WALTERS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WHITE LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

Also attending were Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., February 19, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
1:15 Glen Pawloski – Devola Sewer Project  
2:00 Joe Matthews, CW Durham, Mike Lorentz, Jeff Lauer - Everbridge Emergency Communication System  
6:30 First Public Hearing, Community Development Block Grant Allocation

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Application for C1 Liquor Permit, Rawhide Family Diner, St. Rt. 60, Lowell  
Application for C2 Liquor Permit, Rawhide Family Diner, St. Rt. 60, Lowell  
Proposal for Electric Aggregation, Buckeye Energy Brokers  
Appointments to Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Board of Directors

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution to Create New Fund - Sheriff  
Additional Appropriation – Soil & Water  
Additional Appropriation – Auditor  
Transfers for Workers Comp Annual Payment  
Then & Now's (2)  
Travel – Family & Children First  
Travel – Building Department  
Travel – Job and Family Services  
Travel - Auditor  
911 Equipment Maintenance Agreement  
Cost Allocation Plan Proposals  
Engagement Letter – Auditor of State  
Disposal of Washington County Sheriff's Office Vehicle  
Letter to ODNR Requesting Public Comment Period Extension  
Letter to Speedway – Authorization to Change Account Representatives for County  
IV-D Contract Amendment between CSEA and Clerk of Courts

**INFORMATION**

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Annual Meeting, 8:00 a.m., **Tuesday**,  
February 24, at Washington State Community College

**RE: AGENDA**

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

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

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting, and to dispense with the reading of them.

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

**RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from various departments.

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

**RE: RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUND**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to create a new fund, as requested by the Sheriff and County Auditor, as follows:

**600-3062 ARSON REGISTRY FUND**

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

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

Soil & Water Conservation	200-2040-54400	\$ 14,000.00
Unclaimed Monies	200-0106-57400	\$ 37.50

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

**RE: TRANSFERS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following requests for transfer of funds:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Commissioners	100-0100-51120		\$ 309.00
Prosecutor	100-0140-51120		\$ 225.00
Auditor	100-0120-51120		\$ 65.00
Common Pleas	100-0201-51120		\$ 169.00
Clerk of Courts	100-0230-51120		\$ 9.00
Municipal Court	100-0240-51120		\$ 201.00
Coroner	100-0361-51120		\$ 9.00
Sheriff	100-0380-51120		\$ 110.00
Jail	100-0381-51120		\$ 1,125.00
Maintenance		100-0109-51120	\$ 47.00
Treasurer		100-0130-51120	\$ 11.00
Recorder		100-0150-51120	\$ 111.00
I.T.		100-0190-51120	\$ 43.00
Jury Commission		100-0202-51120	\$ 3.00
Safety/Loss Control		100-0366-51120	\$ 13.00
Web Check		100-0392-51120	\$ 14.00
Tax Map		100-0510-51120	\$ 6.00
Soldiers' Relief		100-0700-51120	\$ 23.00
Veterans		100-0701-51120	\$ 38.00
Building Department		100-0170-51120	\$ 212.00
Board of Elections		100-0160-51120	\$ 572.00
Probate/Juvenile		100-0220-51120	\$ 603.00
Juvenile Center		100-0330-51120	\$ 526.00
Sheriff's Sales Tax	100-0384-57400	100-0384-51120	\$ 2,963.00
Sewer	400-0113-57400	400-0113-51120	\$ 3.00
JFS	200-0720-57400	200-0720-51120	\$ 706.00
Soil & Water	200-2040-53000	200-2040-51120	\$ 92.00
Common Pleas B.I.	200-0207-53000	200-0207-51120	\$ 382.00
Law Library	200-0520-54000	200-0520-51120	\$ 3.00
REA	200-0122-53400	200-0122-51120	\$ 47.00
Clerk of Courts, Title	200-0233-57400	200-0233-51120	\$ 39.00
EMA	200-0315-57400	200-0315-51120	\$ 35.00
Dog & Kennel	200-0363-57400	200-0363-51120	\$ 64.00
MVGT	200-0540-57400	200-0540-51120	\$ 137.00
Bd. of Dev. Disabilities	200-0620-53000	200-0620-51120	\$ 587.00
County Home	200-0630-57400	200-0630-51120	\$ 1,351.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW'S**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following Then & Now's:

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Wash. Co. RSVP Program	\$ 578.20
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Wash. Co. RSVP Program	\$ 513.70
Job & Family Services	200-0720-53400	Wash. Co. Community Action	\$ 11,575.16
Commissioners	100-0190-53202	Verizon	\$ 47.66
Commissioners	100-0109-53202	Verizon	\$ 50.09

Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Mont. Co. Coroner	\$ 1,200.00
Board of DD	215-0620-54200	Devol Equipment	\$ 2,779.94
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Anita Newhart	\$ 640.22
Commissioners	300-0599-55200	DLH Design	\$ 3,800.00
Commissioners	200-0364-53000	Miller Communications	\$ 410.00
Job & Family Services	200-0720-57400	City of Marietta Water & Waste	\$ 395.35
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Mont. Co. Coroner	\$ 2,400.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Mont. Co. Coroner	\$ 1,200.00
Commissioners	100-0361-53000	Montgomery Co. Coroner	\$ 1,200.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 158.97
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	John's Auto	\$ 104.55
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	WV Electric	\$ 227.55
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Dennis Sipe	\$ 192.50
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Dennis Sipe	\$ 130.63
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Dennis Sipe	\$ 514.25
Commissioners	100-0100-52000	Rick Walters	\$ 295.10
Commissioners	300-0599-55200	Rogenski Electric	\$ 1,100.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Nancy Brum	\$ 435.65
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Canterbury Electric	\$ 217.88
Commissioners	400-0113-52001	Speedway	\$ 427.15
Commissioners	100-0170-52004	Speedway	\$ 374.07

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

#### **RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters 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 2015 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

##### Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association General Meeting; February 27, 2015.

##### Building Department

Chris Wilson: One-day trip to Westerville to attend COCOA consistency meeting; March 18, 2015.

##### JFS

Candy Nelson, Mashellda Gibbs: Two-day trip to Newark to attend Ohio Council on Welfare Fraud Training Conference; March 26-27, 2015.

##### Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Board of Tax Appeals hearings and meeting with appraisal software business partners; February 25, 2015.

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

#### **RE: 911 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a maintenance agreement with Stephen Campbell & Associates, Inc. for 911 equipment at the Marietta Police Department, during the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, for the amount of \$2,700.00, and to allow Mr. White to sign the agreement.

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

#### **RE: COST ALLOCATION PLAN**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter an agreement with De Novo Consulting Service to prepare a cost allocation plan for Washington County during the years 2015, 2016, and 2017, contingent upon the Prosecutor's review and approval of the contract document and content, utilizing expenditure data from 2014, 2015, and 2016, for the following amounts:

2015	\$ 5,500.00
2016	\$ 7,450.00
2017	\$ 7,450.00

The Clerk noted the County received the following three-year proposals to provide cost allocation services:

Maximus	\$ 28,500
MGT	\$ 27,000
De Novo	\$ 20,400

Commissioner Walters said he talked with the owner of De Novo Consulting and learned she has 27 years of experience in preparing cost allocation plans, 17 of which were for Ohio entities. He said he is confident her firm can provide appropriate service to Washington County, and additional cost reductions might result in contracting with her.

Mr. Feathers described the process of consideration and selection. He said the County has been served by Maximus for a number of years, but there are now other firms capable of providing similar service. He said he hopes that contracting with De Novo will provide good customer service. Mr. Feathers noted he has been given assurance that the County Auditor's staff workload won't increase as a result of contracting with a new firm.

President White said he favors entering into an agreement with De Novo because:

- He is uncomfortable with the arrangement whereby Maximus annually pays to the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) a significant sum of money to promote their services to Ohio counties.
- De Novo consultants have a wealth of experience developing cost allocation plans for Ohio counties.
- Cost for developing a cost allocation plan for Washington County will be reduced by \$11,100 over a three-year period from what was paid for the last three years, and De Novo provided the lowest cost among three proposals.

He noted Union County recently entered an agreement with De Novo for similar reasons.

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

#### **RE: AUDITOR OF STATE'S ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to accept the engagement letter from the Auditor of State of Ohio, dated February 12, 2015, for audit services to be provided for Washington County for the year ended December 31, 2014, for an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00, and to allow Mr. White to sign the letter.

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

#### **RE: DISPOSAL OF SHERIFF'S VEHICLE**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the sale of the following vehicle by the Washington County Sheriff's Department to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, for \$500.00, due to high mileage and low value to the Washington County Sheriff:

84-20 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FAFP71WX2X145042

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

#### **RE: LETTER TO ODNR REQUESTING EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to send the following letter to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources:

*February 19, 2015*

*Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Oil and Gas Management  
2045 Morse Road, Building F-2  
Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693*

*To whom it may concern:*

*We are contacting you concerning the permit requests from Heinrich Enterprise, Inc./Washington Op., 840 Swartz Road, Reno, Ohio 45773 for four (4) brine water injection wells to be located in Warren Township, Washington County, Ohio. At the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Washington County Career Center Board of Education, on whose property one of the wells is to be located, many citizens attended and several voiced concerns about the wells. Given the level of anxiety about a lack of detail about the route trucks must travel to the proposed site, the public could use more time and another venue to make sure their voices are heard.*

*We request the comment period be extended to allow your office to schedule a public meeting in the City of Marietta, with a representative from your office to make comments and address questions and concerns from citizens.*

*Sincerely,*

**/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Walters noted there recently has been much conversation in the community about the proposal to install four brine water injection wells in Warren Township, and to allow ample time for consideration of the matter the period for public comment should be extended.

President White said the current public comment period was not well publicized, and too little time was allotted at the recent meeting at the Washington County Career Center. He said many people attended that meeting, but there was time for only a few to speak. He noted he received a request from a Marietta City Councilman to contact ODNR to ask for an extension of time for public comment, which prompted this letter.

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

**RE: LETTER TO SPEEDWAY AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to send the following letter to Speedway:

*February 19, 2015*

*Speedway LLC  
Attn: LeAnn  
P.O. Box 1590  
Springfield, OH 45501*

*Dear LeAnn:*

*Please consider this your authorization to change designated Washington County representatives to administer SuperFleet account #100 1068 921:*

*Remove: Paul Cunningham  
Teresa Smith*

*Add: David A. White  
Rick Peoples*

*Please make this change immediately so that we can appropriately manage this account.*

*Thanks very much for your help!*

*Sincerely,*

**/s/ WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Clerk noted this change is necessary in order to manage and administer the accounts Washington County has with Speedway that allow employees to charge by credit card the purchase of fuel for authorized County business.

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

**RE: IV-D CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CSEA AND CLERK OF COURTS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a IV-D contract amendment between the Washington County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Washington County Clerk of Courts, allowing CSEA to pay to the Clerk of Courts the amount of \$11,330.44 for appropriate services provided by the Clerk of Courts during the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, an amendment to an original agreement effective from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, as prepared and requested by Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

**RE: GLEN PAWLOSKI**

Devola resident Glen Pawloski talked with the Commissioners about the proposed sewer project in his community. Referencing his letters to the Commissioners dated January 9, 2015 and February 2, 2015, Mr. Pawloski asked the Commissioners if they had questions about their content and message.

Commissioner Feathers reminded Mr. Pawloski that the Commissioners have no control over the city's pursuit of a mandate to sewer Devola and other neighborhoods.

Mr. Pawloski said he believes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extremely stringent, excessive parameters, which tend to have a multiplying negative effect not only on our region, but throughout the country. The impact of EPA's strength, he said, is felt by industry, commercial enterprises, and residential consumers.

Mr. Pawloski asked if the Commissioners believe, as does he, that the EPA Director's Findings and Official Orders to Washington County have been satisfied by recent installation of a reverse osmosis technology water system in Devola, and that a request for dismissal should be considered. Commissioner Feathers said he has already presented that response to the EPA Director, who suggested the construction of the new water plant in Devola satisfied a different set of Findings and Orders from the EPA and therefore the County's Findings and Orders are still outstanding.

Mr. Pawloski said the Ohio EPA doesn't seem to care about the cost of a sewer system to Devola residents, and they don't realize that many Devola residents simply cannot afford the proposed assessment.

Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners will continue to communicate with the Director of the Ohio EPA on behalf of the citizens of Devola.

Mr. Pawloski explained at length Ohio Revised Code 6103.17.

#### **RE: RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter dated February 13, 2015 from Richard Daniell, President of the Washington County Board of Health, regarding the proposed sewer system in Devola. (Letter is on file in the Commissioners' Office.)

In that letter Mr. Daniell notes several reasons why he and the Board of Health believe a sewer system is not warranted or desired in the Devola community. He concludes his letter with a request from the Board of Health that the Washington County Commissioners and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency either "dismiss in its entirety the Devola Phase-2 Sewer Project or, at the very least, delay the project until proof can be submitted to us (the Board of Health) and the residents of Devola that this project will have a significant beneficial effect on public health and the environment." He continues: "At a minimum, we (the Board of Health) would request that OEPA hold a public hearing in Washington County regarding this project so that we (the Board of Health) can hear an explanation as to why they feel this project is so necessary. It is our (the Board of Health's) opinion that sewerage is not necessary and that it would be a destruction of approved, operating private property. We (the Board of Health) believe this unnecessary destruction of the Devola septic systems is unacceptable given the lack of evidence and is further contrary to our (the Board of Health's) notion of personal and financial responsibility."

#### **RE: EVERBRIDGE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Representatives of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) talked with the Commissioners about transitioning from the currently used Rapid Notify emergency communication system to an Everbridge system. Attending were Marietta Mayor Joe Matthews, Marietta Fire Department Chief CW Durham, EMA Director Jeff Lauer, and Belpre Water Department Superintendent Leonard Wiggins. Also attending were Amanda Nicholson of *The Marietta Times* and Rachele Mongiovi from WTAP News.

Chief Durham said the current system of emergency communication is antiquated and not in line with current technology. He compared the Rapid Notify system to Everbridge, noting of the proposed system:

- Everbridge is superior in abilities, service, support and trustworthiness.
- Self-registration on Everbridge is available.
- Voice, text and e-mail messages are transmitted via Everbridge.
- Pre-recorded canned messages can be used on Everbridge, or self-recorded messages may be created.
- Weather announcements are automated through the National Weather Service.
- Recipients can be geographically grouped.
- System can be of great benefit to businesses, colleges and universities, churches, fire departments and many other organizations.
- Local hospital(s) cannot be a user of the system.
- Unlimited messages and text characters can be used.
- Wider variety of notification lists can be created and maintained with proposed system.

EMA Coordinator Jeff Lauer amplified Chief Durham's support of the new system. He said:

- Evergreen's system of round-the-clock technical support is invaluable.
- The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District uses Everbridge.
- Everbridge is able to make contact with cell phones and unlisted numbers.
- Everbridge allows for 5 or 6 contacts per individual, until one is made.
- Annual cost for Rapid Notify is \$8,250. Annual cost for Everbridge, after year one, is \$15,082.
- The Rapid Notify contract expires at the end of June 2015.
- Both LEPC and EMA believe Everbridge to be a superior system of emergency notification.
- Everbridge can provide a written report of calls placed and received.
- The Sheriff's Department currently uses Rapid Notify.

Mr. Wiggins said one big advantage of the Everbridge system is its ability to communicate directly with the public, rather than through an entity or office.

All agreed there are many advantages to transitioning from Rapid Notify to Everbridge, but funding the more expensive system is the issue. Commissioner Feathers asked if the cities of Marietta and Belpre and the Sheriff could share the first year additional cost of about \$2,800 each. Thereafter, he suggested, time would allow for more entities or schools to participate in funding of this invaluable service. Mr. Feathers said he will consult with Sheriff Mincks, and Mayor Matthews and Mr. Wiggins will approach their respective city councils.

**RE: 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING, 2015 CDBG ALLOCATION**

At 6:30 p.m. the Commissioners conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. President White welcomed those attending, including:

Rick Groves, Fearing Township Trustee  
Marsha Pritchett, Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Roger Pritchett, Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Emily Griffin, Liberty Township Fiscal Officer  
Ronnie Warren, Little Muskingum Volunteer Fire Department  
Rex Kenyon, Mayor, Village of Beverly  
Jim King, Wesley Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Dave Pitzer, Mayor, Village of Lowell  
Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension Office  
Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

Mr. White invited Ms. Hyer to facilitate the meeting.

Ms. Hyer explained the Community Development Block Grant Program, noting its intent to benefit low-to-moderate income persons, eliminate or prevent slums or blight, or address emergency conditions that threaten the health and welfare of communities. She said the County is eligible to receive \$113,000 in CDBG funds this year, with a maximum of three projects to be funded. The Commissioners, she said, will accept applications through April 17, 2015, and will determine which projects will receive a portion of the County's allocation.

Ms. Hyer provided a packet of materials to attendees, explaining the eligibility requirements for projects and applicants, the application process, and the program timelines. She and Ms. Lukshin offered their assistance in helping to write applications and conducting necessary income surveys.

Ms. Hyer invited attendees to participate in a Community Development Implementation Strategies session to be held at Buckeye Hills on March 16, 2015. She explained this new process by which entities express their desire to apply for CDBG funds.

President White thanked those attending and encouraged them to proceed with applications for these funds.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walters 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 7:05 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk