

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 23, 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 Darla Miller, Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control, Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., April 23, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Randy Barengo, Peoples Insurance - CORSA Insurance Renewal  
10:00 Bid Opening, Courthouse Windows Project  
10:15 Connie Huntsman, O'Neill Center, and Carrie McNamee, Community Action - Senior Levy  
11:00 Mike Lloyd & Bev Kelbaugh, OSU Extension – Updates on Projects  
1:00 John Parsons, Barlow Township – Sidewalk Issues  
2:00 Rebecca Safko – WIA (Workforce Investment) to WIOA (Workforce Innovation) Transition

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution – Ohio Workforce Investment Act (WIC) Area 15  
Transfer – Children Services  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Job & Family Services  
Draw Down – CHIP  
2016 BWC Group Retrospective Rating Program Enrollment  
Mandated Share for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, JFS  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor  
Engineer – Load Limits for County and Township Bridges  
Engineer – Contract with Bob Lane's Welding for CR 340 Landslip Repair  
Engineer – Annual Township Trustees Meeting  
Engineer – Contract with Tom Mayle & Sons Construction for Garrett Bridge Replacement

**INFORMATION**

Eastern Ohio Development Alliance, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, April 24, Walnut Creek  
Council of Governments, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, May 1, Caldwell  
Elected Officials & Department Heads Meeting, 9:00 a.m., **Wednesday**, May 6

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Travel – Auditor  
BWC Refund  
Request to Purchase Vehicle, County Home

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 for April 16, 2015, 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: TRANSFER**

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Children Services	200-0740-51120	200-0740-53401	\$ 404.00
	200-0740-57000	200-0740-53401	\$ 261.00

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:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auditor	100-0120-54000	Greyden Press	\$ 1,286.89
Commissioners	100-0109-53102	City of Marietta	\$ 245.34
Commissioners	300-0599-55200	Marietta Times	\$ 214.78
Sheriff's Department	100-0381-54200	Bernard Food Industries	\$ 456.00
Sheriff's Department	100-0384-53407	Mark Warden	\$ 118.40
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	Jared Erb	\$ 750.00

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. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers 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:

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Cumberland to attend County Auditors Association of Ohio District Meeting; May 8, 2015.

JFS

Tom Ballengee, Candy Nelson: One-day trip to Noble County to attend WIA Board Meeting; April 30, 2015.

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

**RE: DRAWDOWN OF CHIP FUNDS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a request to draw down CHIP funds in the amount of \$13,231.00, grant B-C-14-1CY-1, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Walters to sign the request, as prepared by Gerry Spencer, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

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

**RE: 2016 BWC GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve enrollment in the 2016 Bureau of Workers' (BWC) Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program, for the policy period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective-Rating Program and the Participation Agreement.

Darla Miller, Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control, said 55 of Ohio's 88 counties now participate in the Group Retrospective Rating Program, which has been very successful in the past few years. She said the estimated 2016 premium for Washington County is \$237,598, but the anticipated refund is 23% of that premium less estimated BWC Administration and DWRP, or \$47,279. She recommended enrollment in the program.

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

**RE: MANDATED SHARE FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016, JFS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the Mandated Share to be paid by Washington County to Washington County Department of Job and Family Services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in the amount of \$173,352.00, payable in monthly installments of \$14,446.00, as recommended by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

Mr. Feathers noted this amount is determined by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and represents the County's share of public assistance.

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

**RE: BWC REFUND**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve deposit of a refund in the amount of \$71,994.10 from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) to the credit of the Budget Stabilization Fund.

President White expressed his interest in placing the refund in a County fund that will be of benefit to all County departments.

Mr. Feathers said deposit in the Budget Stabilization Fund will preserve its use in the future, possibly to address BWC premiums that may increase.

Mr. Walters said this action is fiscally prudent and appropriate.

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

**RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to send letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts: Stacy Eddy, Chris Dickson, Nathan Hogue, Kyle Hodge, Joseph and Desiree Sigman, David Miller, Kenneth Vigneron, Kelly Workman, Teri Thompson, Michelle Chamberlain, Christopher and Patty Carver, Kelly Lang (for 815 Warrior Drive), Kelly Ollom, Debora Wingrove, Rent Properties (for 208 Britigan Circle), John Tate, H. Clifton Spencer II, Jane Cunningham (for 201 Britigan Circle), Kathy McKitrick, Steven and Donna Richardson, Donald Morgan, Harold Bolen, Allen Fleming, Greg Duty and Aaron Brooker, Katie Dickson.

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

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to add delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Mike and Ashley Matheny, Jean Yost, Gale Righter, Michael and Jessica Webb, Ernest Cornell, Brian McCoy, Steve Rood, Kimberly Hammond, Jack Lane, David Carpenter, Wilmington Trust, Tammy Gearhart, Kareem Wright, John Church, Charles Randolph, Federal Nation Mortgage Association, John and Joanne Edwards, John Albrecht, John White.

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

**RE: LOAD LIMITS FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP BRIDGES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to designate appropriate load limits on several county and township bridges, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright (list on file in the Commissioners' Office).

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

**RE: CONTRACT WITH BOB LANE'S WELDING FOR LANDSLIP REPAIR**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract with Bob Lane's Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$12,793.25, for the repair of a landslip on County Road 340, Arends Ridge Road, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the Annual Township Trustees Meeting to be held on May 14, 2015 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Lowell, hosted by the County Engineer.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters no, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Feathers noted there are a number of activities scheduled for May 14, including this Annual Meeting of Township Trustees, the Washington Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, and the Mid-Ohio Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.

**RE: CONTRACT WITH TOM MAYLE & SONS CONSTRUCTION FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Tom Mayle & Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$153,916.00 for replacement of WAS-C-25-0581 bridge, as prepared and recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

**RE: PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR COUNTY HOME**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 2011 Subaru Outback, VIN 4S4BRBKC783435760, for the amount of \$19,950.00 from the Auto Mart for use at the Washington County Home, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Vehicle Buyer's Order dated April 20, 2015.

Commissioner Feathers said this vehicle is needed to replace a failing Ford Explorer used to transport residents and supplies at the County Home. He said appropriate disposal of the Ford will be made.

**RE: CORSA INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Randy Barengo, Peoples Insurance Agency, presented renewal for the County's property casualty insurance for the year beginning May 1, 2015 through the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA). He noted:

- 65 of Ohio's 88 counties participate in the CORSA program of insurance.
- The program offers real risk management through employee trainings and loss control programs.
- CORSA is financially strong, with its equity used by member counties.
- Annual premium is \$264,183, representing a 10.5% decrease (\$31,437) from current year.
- The policy continues coinsurance at 80% and deductible at \$2,500.
- The policy does not include flood insurance for the multi-purpose building at the Washington County Fairgrounds, as that is billed separately.

Mr. Barengo and Director of Human Resources, Safety & Loss Control Darla Miller agreed the County is fortunate to be a member of CORSA, and recommended renewal for next policy year.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve renewal in the CORSA insurance program for the year May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for the premium of \$264,183.

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

**RE: BID OPENING, COURTHOUSE WINDOWS PROJECT**

David Haught, Project Consultant from DLH Design, opened two sealed bids for the Washington County Courthouse Windows Project. Also attending were Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty and Mitch Grace from General Restoration Corporation.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Haught opened and read aloud the following sealed bids:

- American Plate Glass, \$199,100.00
- Murray Glass Company, \$45,835.00

President White asked Mr. Haught to follow through with appropriate review of bids, and to return with a recommendation to the Commissioners.

**RE: SENIOR LEVY**

Connie Huntsman and Lisa Turner from the O'Neill Center and Carrie McNamee and David Brightbill from Washington-Morgan Community Action Program talked with the Commissioners about renewal of the Senior Levy. Ms. Huntsman noted the Levy was first approved in 2001, and subsequently renewed in 2006 and 2011. She said the Levy is due for renewal again in

2016. She said the levy could be put on the ballot as early as November 2015, but all agreed it is more appropriate to wait until March of 2016. President White said this will be a renewal, rather than a replacement, levy. He said there will be several other levies on the ballot this November so it makes good sense to wait until March 2016.

Ms. Huntsman said the Senior Levy provides funding for a huge percentage of services for seniors, particularly at the O'Neill Center. Mr. Brightbill said the Levy also provides invaluable support of seniors through Community Action. He agreed that March 2016 is the best time to place the issue on the ballot, so as to not interfere with the County Home Levy in November 2015. Ms. Huntsman said there will be a committee to lead the campaign, and it will likely be organized in May or June of 2015.

#### **RE: OSU EXTENSION UPDATES**

Mike Lloyd and Bev Kelbaugh updated the Commissioners on projects and staffing at the OSU Extension Office. They noted:

- Mike Lloyd will retire June 30, 2015, with about 33 ½ years of public service.
- Bev Kelbaugh will retire June 30, 2015, with about 25 years of service to the County.
- Kathy Dodrill is also retiring June 30, 2015, with about 39 years of public service.
- Keith Smith is retiring June 30, 2015, with nearly 40 years of service.
- Ed Brown, from Athens County, has been asked to serve as Interim Director for Washington County.
- OSU is providing upgrade to the office's internet service.
- Telephone upgrade or replacement is also needed.

Mr. Lloyd expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their ongoing support of OSU Extension, its staff, and its programs.

#### **RE: SIDEWALK AND ALLEY ISSUE IN BARLOW TOWNSHIP**

Barlow Township resident John Parsons shared with the Commissioners problems he has experienced at his residence in Vincent. Attending with him was Barlow Township Trustee John Hannan.

Mr. Parsons said he bought his property in 1995 and has since been prevented from utilizing it the way he initially intended. Specifically, he said the alley behind his property has been vacated and a sidewalk near the front of his property has been removed. He said this action has prevented him from pulling into the alley his recreational/business vehicle, and from walking safely around the block. He said he believes Martin Santini dug up the sidewalk in front of his house for his own personal gain. He noted:

- Closing alleys and ruining sidewalks has ruined the Village of Vincent.
- He used the alley for 13 years for business purposes, but now cannot.
- He believes the alley was vacated illegally.
- He and others should be able to use public right-of-way.
- He has been intimidated by his neighbor, who pointed a rifle at him.
- There may be ADA issues, as the sidewalk or lack of one prevents wheelchair use.

Mr. Parsons asked the Commissioners for help.

The Commissioners said these issues should instead be addressed to the Barlow Township Trustees and/or the Washington County Engineer. They suggested he have a petition signed by residents adjoining the alley and sidewalk in question, and present it to the Township Trustees. They said the Trustees and the Engineer can best determine the public right-of-way on both the Township and County roads, and Mr. Parsons may have every right to utilize that right-of-way to ease the turn in to the back of his property.

#### **RE: WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

Rebecca Safko, Ohio Valley Employment Resources, talked with the Commissioners about transition from Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). She noted WIOA replaces WIA on July 1, 2015, and she proposed an agreement allowing Area 15 to remain intact with member counties of Washington, Monroe, Morgan and Noble. She also presented a resolution for consideration, requesting designation of these counties as an "initial designee" in WIOA beginning July 1, 2015.

Ms. Safko noted:

- She looked extensively at data in this Area 15, and other neighboring areas.
- Area 15 is very small in population, but large in territory.
- Area 15 is eligible for automatic initial designation.
- All four counties desire to stay in Area 15.

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

**WHEREAS**, for more than ten years, the Ohio counties of Monroe, Morgan, Noble and Washington have joined together through the Council of Governments agreement to form Ohio Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Area 15, and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), public law 113-128, replaces WIA, effective July 1, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, WIOA Section 106(b)(2), requires the Governor of the State of Ohio to designate as a local area any area that was designated as a local area for purpose of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for the two-year period preceding July 1, 2015, such area having performed successfully and having demonstrated sustained fiscal integrity, and

**WHEREAS**, Workforce Investment Act Area 15 has performed successfully and has demonstrated sustained fiscal integrity beyond the required two years preceding initial designation of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act areas, and

**WHEREAS**, Workforce Investment Act Area 15 representatives have reviewed labor market data, regional economic development indicators, and availability of educational and other appropriate resources.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, that initial designation of Monroe, Morgan, Noble and Washington Counties as a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is warranted, appropriate and requested.

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

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Local Area 15 Monroe, Morgan, Noble & Washington Counties Extension Agreement for the State Fiscal Year 2015 Local Workforce Area Memorandum of Understanding, as prepared and requested by Rebecca Safko, Ohio Valley Employment Resources.

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

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Feathers 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 2:15 p.m.

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