

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 4, 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 Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Devola resident Glen Pawloski, Charles Frey, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., June 4, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Pre-Construction Meeting – Belpre Sidewalk CDBG Project
10:00 Levi Morrow, OSU Extension – Project Updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Request from Public Library for Renewal Levy
Resolution Requesting Current Tax Valuation and Amount of Revenue to be Generated from Library Renewal Levy
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health (2)
Transfer – Family & Children First (2)
Then & Now's
Travel – Clerk of Courts
Travel – CSEA
Travel – Sewer Department
Staffing Transition – Family & Children First
Contract with Westfall Builders for Sheriff's Office Renovation Project
Request to Dispose of Vehicle, Joint Solid Waste Management
Monthly Report of Prisoner Care, Sheriff
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Discussion on Investment of Public Funds

INFORMATION

Sixth Congressional District Collaboration Forum, 8:30 a.m., **Friday**, June 5, Lafayette Hotel
Joint Solid Waste Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., **Monday**, June 8, Lori's Restaurant
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, June 9, at County Home
Monthly Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., **Tuesday**, June 16, Conference Room B

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 for May 28, 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: REQUEST FROM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR LEVY RENEWAL

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of a request and resolution from the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees, asking the Commissioners to place before voters in Washington County, on the November 3, 2015 ballot, the question of renewal of a 1 mill tax levy for current operating expenses of the Washington County Public Library.

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

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND AMOUNT OF REVENUE EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED FROM LIBRARY RENEWAL LEVY

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been advised that the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library has determined that amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Washington County Public Library and that the Board of Trustees of the Library has resolved to begin the process of requesting or certifying to the Board of Commissioners the submission of a levy to the electors for an additional tax for current expenses of the library; and

WHEREAS, there is presently in existence an operating levy for current expenses for these purposes which is levied at a rate of one mill, which was first placed on the tax list and duplicate in tax year 2010 (calendar year 2011) and was to remain on the tax list and duplicate for a period of five (5) years, or until tax year 2015, which is calendar year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Washington County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring therein, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03, that the Clerk of this Board of Commissioners, Washington County, Ohio, be, and hereby is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Washington County Auditor, and that the Auditor is thereby requested to certify to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, the total current tax valuation of Washington County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by one mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$.10) for each One Hundred Dollars of valuation for a period of five (5) years, by means of a renewal of the current levy.

President White noted this is a renewal, rather than a replacement, levy and, as such, will not be an increase of taxes on Washington County residents. He said he discussed options with Library Director Justin Mayo, and they determined this is their preferred option.

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

Behavioral Health	210-0613-53000	\$ 11,779.00
	210-0616-53000	\$ 19,844.00

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

RE: TRANSFERS

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Family & Children First	602-2034-53000	602-2034-55204	\$ 7,000.00
	602-2033-55204	602-2033-55202	\$ 50.00

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Job & Family Service	200-7200-59000	City of Belpre Water Dept. .	\$ 196.13
Building Dept.	100-0170-57400	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 2,008.00
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	David A. Sams	\$ 660.00

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. 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:

Clerk of Courts

Brenda Wolfe: Four-day trip to Sandusky to attend OCCA Summer Conference; June 9-12, 2015.

CSEA

Barbara Danford: One-day trip to Lancaster for attorney networking; May 28, 2015 (retroactive approval).

Sewer

Craig Barker: Two-day trip to Zanesville to attend Nutrient and Wastewater Parameters, and Process Instrument Verification; June 16-17, 2015.

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

RE: STAFFING TRANSITION, FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of notice from Cindy Davis, Family & Children First, that Lashley Earley has resigned as Help Me Grow Home Visitor, effective May 29, 2015. As a result, Ms. Davis said a Help Me Grow Service Coordinator will be moved into the Home Visitor position, reducing the number of Service Coordinators from three to two.

RE: CONTRACT WITH WESTFALL BUILDERS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE RENOVATION

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Westfall Builders, Ltd., in the amount of \$36,737.00 for renovation of the Sheriff's Office reception area, and to allow Mr. White to sign the contract, as prepared and recommended to Project Consultant David Haught, DLH Design.

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

RE: REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF TRUCK, JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the disposal by scrapping of a 1989 Chevrolet one-ton crew-cab truck, VIN 2GCGC39N6K1148442, due to the poor condition of the vehicle and no useful remaining life of it, as recommended by Rob Reiter, Joint Solid Waste Management District.

Commissioner Feathers said the Ohio Revised Code allows for this disposition by scrapping because the estimated value of the vehicle in its current condition is less than \$2,500. He said the truck is not operable and needs a rebuilt engine at the very least. President White asked if placement on GovDeals.com would be appropriate. Mr. Feathers said the truck's deplorable condition doesn't warrant a sale by public auction.

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

RE: MONTHLY REPORT OF PRISONER CARE FROM SHERIFF

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt from Sheriff Larry Mincks a report of prisoner care during the month of May 2015, indicating 364 prisoners were incarcerated in the Washington County Jail for the total expenses of \$211,050.00, which will be billed to appropriate entities at the daily rate of \$60.00.

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 they immediately make payment on those accounts: Kelly Ollom, Mike Higgins, Jean Yost, Kelly Offenberger, Sherry Fulton, Brian Stine, Chris Dickson, Fei Wang, Michael Cameron, Donald Tallman, Amanda Halasz, Karen Anstatt, Dawn Rachell Yost, Michelle Chamberlain, Dorothy Barnett, Douglas Young, Turner's Car Wash, Dave Burt.

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 certify the following sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting he add the delinquent amounts to

property tax bills: Kenneth Vigneron, Christopher and Patty Carver, David and Kelly Garcia, David Miller.

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

RE: INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to accept Meeder Investment Management as an advisor to the Washington County on its investment of public funds in an appropriate manner so as to earn as much revenue as possible, at all times remaining compliant with the Ohio Revised Code and allowing no risk to taxpayers' funds, and to request the Washington County Investment Committee to work with Meeder Investment Management to initiate and facilitate their services, and to call for a Special Meeting of the Investment Committee to consider this proposal from Meeder Investment Management.

Commissioner Feathers said the Board was contacted approximately two months ago by representatives from Meeder Investment Management, who offered their services to the County to invest a portion of Washington County's funds that could be earning higher interest for the County. He said that after review of County accounts available for investing, and considering the low interest rate the County now has, it is prudent for the County to consider options. Mr. Feathers said Meeder is an investment advisor group that manages \$7.5 billion of public moneys throughout Ohio, including funds from many counties.

Commissioner Walters said this presents an opportunity for the County to earn significantly more revenues, utilizing the same amount of money it currently has on deposit.

Mr. White said the possibility to earn as much as \$200,000 more in a year's time is a "no brainer", and that he favors moving forward as soon as possible.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Glen Pawloski, resident of Devola, read to the Commissioners a letter dated June 4, 2015, that he wrote to Commissioner Feathers. Summarizing that letter, Mr. Pawloski:

- Thanked Mr. Feathers for asking the Ohio EPA to completely dismiss the Devola phase II sewer project.
- Asked Mr. Feathers to follow up with a written request to terminate the project, even though he was verbally informed by the EPA the project would not be terminated, in accordance with Section VI of the EPA Director's Final Findings and Orders dated September 12, 2012.
- Asked the Commissioners to help Devola residents avoid mandated sewerage or "other such wasteful and costly OEPA project intervention".

Mr. Pawloski then read to the Commissioners his attachment to the letter, Section VI of the Director's September 12, 2012 Final Findings and Orders, pertaining specifically to the process of termination of orders.

Mr. Pawloski asked the Commissioners to proceed with a written request to the Director of the Ohio EPA to terminate the Devola project, using statements, data and documents from him and from the local Health Commissioner as justification for their request. He said he believes a request in writing from the Commissioners to the EPA is an appropriate, necessary next step in bringing this unnecessary Devola project to a close.

Commissioner Feathers reminded those attending that the previous administration signed an acceptance of the Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO), and the current Commissioners have been negotiating with the EPA ever since. He said he doesn't believe another letter would have any impact, at least not until a revised DFFO is received from the EPA.

President White said he has an idea what the response to a written termination request would be from the EPA, and he is not sure if that would leave the Commissioners in a better or worse condition for continuing discussions.

Mr. Pawloski said he believes a written request to the Director is now appropriate, since prior communication and conversation has been with subordinates to the Director, including the agency's legal representative. Knowing the EPA Director has final authority in the matter, Mr. Pawloski said it is critically important to bring it to his attention that the recently-installed reverse osmosis system is effective relief to the dated DFFO.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to consider writing a letter to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Agency requesting him to terminate the proposed Devola Phase II sewer project, as requested by Glen Pawloski.

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

RE: PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING, CITY OF BELPRE SIDEWALK PROJECT

The Commissioners conducted a pre-construction meeting with contractor Don Dunfee from Dunfee Excavating for the City of Belpre Sidewalk Project utilizing 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds. President White asked Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, to facilitate the meeting. Also attending were Justin Bradley from WMOA Radio and Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*.

Ms. Hyer noted:

- Contractor is required to use Prevailing Wage Rates.
- The completion date is August 3, 2015.
- Commissioner David White is the Labor Compliance Officer for this job.
- Payroll and invoices should be forwarded to her at Buckeye Hills for review and processing.
- The contractor is responsible for all permits.

Mr. Dunfee said he will likely need about three weeks to complete this job. He provided to the Commissioners the Bureau of Workers' Compensation certificate and proof of liability insurance. He said there will be no subcontractors on this job.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Award, the Contract, and the Notice to Proceed, prepared by Michelle Hyers, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Hills Regional Development District:

Project: City of Belpre Sidewalk CDBG Project
Contractor: Dunfee Excavating
Amount: \$25,457.00
Completion
Date: August 3, 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 CDBG FUNDS

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a drawdown of Community Development Block Grant funds as follows, and to allow Mr. White and Mr. Walters to sign the drawdown, as prepared and requested by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District:

Grant #B-F-14-1CY-1, \$6,000.00, for Fair Housing Program support

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

RE: COMMENT FROM VISITOR

Charles Frey talked with the Commissioners about his dissatisfaction with the Washington County Clerk of Courts and her staff. He said he believes he lost his home to foreclosure due in large part to actions, or inactions, of the Clerk of Courts. He indicated he had filed for mediation of property value between himself, as property owner, and the lender, but appropriate paperwork never reached the judge. He said the Clerk of Courts, and possibly others in her office, may have "intentionally dropped the ball". Reviewing a timeline of events for the Commissioners, Mr. Frey said he believes he would have been more successful in his case, and might even still own the property, if the Clerk of Courts had followed through with her responsibilities.

President White said it sounds like Mr. Frey experienced a typical foreclosure process, which isn't always pleasant for all parties. He suggested Mr. Frey utilize legal counsel if he believes it is warranted.

Mr. White said the Commissioners could not legally accommodate Mr. Frey's request to go into Executive Session for further discussion of this matter. Mr. Frey said he's upset with what happened to himself, and he wants to prevent it from happening to others.

RE: OSU EXTENSION

Levi Morrow from the OSU Extension Office in Washington County, updated the Commissioners on the following:

Master Gardeners
Working with youth from the Juvenile Center
Planning two road trips, one to Mill Creek and one to Kent State University
Fertilizer Certification
Ongoing, to meet new federal regulations
Offered to all, even though not required of all
Pest Management

Ongoing appropriate seasonal programs
Ban on Poultry Gatherings
State of Ohio has banned all gatherings of poultry, including county and state fairs
Ban in place to avoid possible spread of Avian Flu
On-site Bee-keeping
Apiary Inspector Mike DeVaughn asked to house honeybees near OSU Extension Office
Commissioners authorized housing of bees near OSU Extension, after informing staff

Mr. Morrow informed the Commissioners his resignation from OSU Extension, in order to accept another position closer to his home in Morgan County, will be effective June 13, 2015. He thanked the Commissioners for their support during his two years with the Extension Office, and said he appreciates the experience he gained.

President White, on behalf of the Commissioners, thanked Mr. Morrow for his service to the County.

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 11:20 a .m.

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_____, Clerk