
THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TIMOTHY C. IRVINE, PRESIDENT, CORA A. MARSHALL, VICE PRESIDENT, AND STEVEN W. WEBER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

Also attending were Sharon Bopp of *The Marietta Times*, Washington County resident Jack Brum, Commissioner-elect David White, Administrator Paul Cunningham, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

November 8, 2012

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Alison Cauthorn - Appointment of Special Prosecutor
10:00 Terry Tamburini - Southeastern Ohio Port Authority Update
11:00 Health Insurance Committee
1:30 Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy - Electric Rates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dental & Vision Insurance
Utility Construction Permits

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Additional Appropriation - FCF
Additional Appropriation - Auditor
Transfer - Law Library (2)
Transfer - Prosecutor
Transfer - Board of Elections
Transfer - FCF
Transfer - RSVP
Travel - EMA
Travel - RSVP
Status Report - Highland Ridge CDBG Project
Agreement with Washington-Morgan Community Action for 2012 CHIP
Lease Agreement for Vehicle Title Office, Frontier Shopping Center
Ohio EPA Permit-to-Install - Devola Sanitary Sewer Project
Engineer - Contract with Joy Excavating for Lauer Bridge Project
Engineer - Contract with Bud's, Inc. for Courthouse Alley Project
Notices of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to Auditor

INFORMATION

Veterans Day (observed), Monday, **November 12**
Monthly Meeting at Washington County Home, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, **November 13**

RE: AGENDA

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to accept the agenda with the following amendments:

Add: Transfer - FCF
Transfer - Board of Developmental Disabilities
Sanitary Service Lateral Material and Installation Guide Revision
Drawdown #4, Woodlawn Acres

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weber moved and Ms. Marshall seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the November 1, 2012 minutes, and to approve them as submitted.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from

various departments.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Weber moved and Ms. Marshall seconded a motion to approve the following requests for additional appropriations:

602-2031-53000	Contract Services	\$ 4,198.39
100-0120-53000	Contract Services	\$ 1,000.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRANSFERS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the following requests for transfer of funds:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Law Library	200-0520-53000	200-0520-54000	\$ 2,203.78
	200-0520-55200	200-0520-54000	\$ 365.00
Prosecutor	100-0140-51001	100-0140-53400	\$ 2,000.00
Board of Elections	100-0160-51002	100-0160-51500	\$ 5,250.73
Family & Children First	602-2033-51120		\$ 350.00
		602-2033-52003	\$ 300.00
		602-2033-52002	\$ 50.00
Family & Children First	602-2034-53000		\$ 450.00
		602-2034-55204	\$ 300.00
		602-2034-52000	\$ 150.00
RSVP	210-0710-57400	210-0710-53200	\$ 200.00
Board of Developmental Disab.	210-0620-53000	210-0620-54400	\$ 30,000.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: TRAVEL REQUESTS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber 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 2012 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

EMA

Jeff Lauer: One-day trip to Athens to attend SE Ohio EMA meeting; November 13, 2012.

RSVP

Lisa Valentine: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio RSVP Directors Association meeting; November 9, 2012.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: STATUS REPORT, HIGHLAND RIDGE CDBG PROJECT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Status Report for the Highland Ridge Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project, Grant No. B-W-10-1CY-1, as prepared and requested by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: 2012 CHIP AGREEMENT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the 2012 CHIP Agreement for the period September 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, with Washington-Morgan Community Action Program to serve as the administering agency for CHIP, as recommended by Gerry Spencer, Washington-Morgan Community Action Program.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TITLE OFFICE

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Third Amendment to

Lease Agreement with Frontier Shopping Center, LLC, to extend the lease of space for use by the Title Office for the Clerk of Courts, for the amount of \$10,452.50 for the six-month period December 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, payable monthly in the amount of \$1,742.08, with the option of monthly extension at the same rate per month during the period June 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013, this being an amendment to the Lease Agreement dated November 18, 1999.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Marshall urged the Commissioners to continue looking for space in County-owned facilities for use by the Title Office so that this expense could be reduced or eliminated.

RE: PERMIT-TO-INSTALL, DEVOLA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the Ohio EPA Permit-to-Install/Plan Approval Application for the Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, Phase 2, and to allow Mr. Irvine to sign the document, as prepared and recommended by John Grosse, Consulting Engineer.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: REVISED SANITARY SERVICE LATERAL MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION GUIDE

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the revision to the Washington County Sanitary Service Lateral Material and Installation Guide, as prepared and recommended by John Grosse, Consulting Engineer.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: CONTRACT WITH JOY EXCAVATING FOR LAUER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve a contract with Joy Excavating Company for the replacement of Lauer Bridge on Township Road 324 in Salem Township, in the amount of \$32,117.28, as recommended by County Engineer Bob Badger.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: CONTRACT WITH BUD'S, INC., FOR COURTHOUSE ALLEY REPLACEMENT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve a contract with Bud's Inc., for the replacement of the alley adjacent to the Washington County Courthouse, in the amount of \$36,125.80, as recommended by County Engineer Bob Badger.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: NOTICES OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Irvine seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following individuals notifying them that their sewer accounts are delinquent and that payment must immediately be made: Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, John Albrecht, Heiss Brothers (for 180 Cornerstone Drive), Romona Barrett.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve sending a letter to County Auditor Bill McFarland certifying accounts of the following individuals as delinquent, and requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to the tax bills for the properties: Richard Hayes, Randy and Stephe Johnson, Tim Anderson, Karen Anstatt, Michael Cameron, Patricia A. Eagle, Ernest Cornell, Charles Jean Yost, Richard and Karen Best, Angela Rhodes Lewis, Birtha and James Kattell, Cheryl Mackey, Timothy Myers, John and JoAnn Edwards, Tina McClung, Sarah Carpenter, Kelly Offenberger, Christopher and Patty Carver.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Washington County resident Jack Brum expressed his appreciation to Commissioners Marshall and Weber for their work for Washington County, noting the many long hours of service they have given.

Mr. Brum asked if the Commissioners consider it appropriate for the Sheriff to provide security

personnel to the Marietta Municipal Court on a regular basis. Mr. Irvine commented that Municipal Court is a county court and therefore is deserving of security service by the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Irvine said the Sheriff should be asked about this.

Mr. Brum noted that Commissioner Weber was appointed Special Deputy by the Washington County Sheriff in or around January 2011. Mr. Weber indicated he would immediately resign from the position (September 2012) when it was suggested there may be a conflict of interest. Mr. Brum's research revealed that the Sheriff actually had cancelled the appointment on July 1, 2011. He presented this to the Commissioners for their information, commenting that the Sheriff apparently had not informed Mr. Weber of the appointment cancellation in July of 2011.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn met with the Commissioners to request the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to assist with the tax foreclosure action on an apartment complex that is seriously delinquent in the payment of taxes. She indicated the fees for this service will be paid from the Delinquent Tax Assessment and Collection (DTAC) Fund. She requested outside counsel for this action due to the complexity of the situation and the time that will be needed. She recommended the appointment of Attorney Tom Webster as Special Prosecutor for this action.

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to appoint Attorney Thomas Webster as Special Prosecutor for Washington County in the prosecution of a tax foreclosure action involving real property that has been delinquent since approximately 2008, as requested by Prosecutor Jim Schneider.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Timothy Irvine aye, Cora Marshall aye, Steven Weber aye. Motion passed.

RE: TERRY TAMBURINI, SEOPA

Terry Tamburini, Executive Director of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SEOPA), updated the Commissioners on the following projects:

- Kraton Polymer
- Marietta College Baseball
- Colony Theatre
- Test wells throughout the County
- Mill Creek Road repair
- Marietta Memorial Hospital, Belpre
- Ingenuity Center
- Third Frontier
- Smart Networks
- Eramet

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Irvine welcomed those attending the Health Insurance Committee meeting, noting that medical insurance plan renewal rates are 6.9% higher than current year and there are no changes in plan design. He invited Safety & Loss Control Coordinator Susan Burkhart to proceed with the meeting.

Ms. Burkhart distributed the Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan Book for the year 2013. She noted open enrollment is November 15 through December 31, 2012. Payroll deductions for January 2013 will be made in December 2012, and new premium rates will be reflected.

AFLAC Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) are again offered to County employees, with an annual minimum contribution of \$240 and maximum contribution \$1,500. There is no match by the employer for these FSA accounts. Employees of other Boards within County government may opt into the AFLAC FSA program.

Ms. Burkhart and Mr. Irvine said they are interested in creating and developing a Wellness Incentive Program for County employees. Other organizations have had very good results with such a program, which not only encourages healthy eating and habits, but also reduces medical expenses. Mr. Irvine invited members of the Committee to serve on a Wellness Committee to develop a program to be considered by the Commissioners. He said any incentive would have to be meaningful, or participation and impact would be lacking. Participating in a Wellness Program will be optional. The following names were suggested to serve on the Wellness Committee:

- One Commissioner
- Court Witschey
- HR Director
- Kevin Rings or Jim Schneider
- Lisa Valentine
- Peggy Shiflett or Rae Ward
- Peggy Byers

Commissioner Marshall commended those attending for taking an active role in their own

health care, and for promoting healthy habits among others. She noted the cost of health care has become a major portion of the County's budget, and only with effort from all employees will those costs be maintained. She said she has favored the County's participation in the CEBCO Program, and it has proven to be of great value. CEBCO renewal rates have been reasonable (4.8% in 2012 and 6.9% in 2013). Other organizations are experiencing 15 to 20% increases. Ms. Marshall encouraged Health Insurance Committee members to continue to be actively involved in their personal health care and that of their family members. She thanked Ms. Burkhart for her administration of the County's health insurance programs over the past several years.

RE: BUCKEYE ENERGY

Tom Bellish and Art Deininger of Buckeye Energy talked with the Commissioners about entering another contract for the purchase of electricity, beginning July 2013. They said rates are now low, and it would be wise to consider entering a contract before winter cold weather occurs. Current rate being paid by the County is \$0.05911/kwh. Rates offered on November 7, 2012 were:

First Energy Solutions	\$0.0545
AEP Energy	\$0.05656
Champion Energy	\$0.0546
Glacial Energy	\$0.0661

Listed rates are for a twelve-month contract. Mr. Bellish was asked to talk again with AEP Energy, our current supplier, to see if they will match the lower price offered by First Energy. Mr. Cunningham was asked to consult with CCAO to see if they have a competitive program for the purchase of electricity.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marshall moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to adjourn.

A calling of the roll resulted in a unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk