

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 18, 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 Laura Bradley, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., June 18, 2015

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Jeff Lauer, EMA Director – Everbridge Mass Communication System

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution Declaring Necessity for Public Library Renewal Levy
Additional Appropriation – Board of Developmental Disabilities
Additional Appropriation - Commissioners
Transfer – Sheriff (2)
Then & Now's
Travel – Family & Children First (2)
Travel – Auditor
Contract with Susan Barengo for Interpreter Services, Family & Children First
Contract with WASCO for Mail Service, Job and Family Services
Contract with Auto Tech & Tire Center, Job and Family Services
Agreement with Washington State Community College, Job and Family Services
Contract Amendments (3), Job and Family Services
Engineer – CR 17 Paving Project
Engineer – Contract with United Sealing for Health Department Paving Project

INFORMATION

Annual Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., **Today**, County Home
Council of Governments, 12:00 p.m., **Monday**, June 22, Lori's Restaurant
Second Public Hearing on CDBG Projects, 9:30 a.m., **Thursday**, June 25
Public Hearing on Request to Change Nichols Road to Berg Church Road, 9:30 a.m.,
Thursday, July 2
Public Hearing on 2016 Tax Budget, 10:00 a.m., **Thursday**, July 2
Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, July 3, in observance of Independence Day

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: 10:00 Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent – Personnel Issues

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 June 11, 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: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY RENEWAL LEVY

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

WHEREAS, *the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library is a board of library trustees appointed pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code, and is a board of library trustees described in Section 3375.32 of the Ohio Revised Code; 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; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library has requested that the Washington County Commissioners request Certification from the Washington County Auditor, the total tax valuation of Washington County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal of a one (1.0) mill tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation; and*

WHEREAS, *pursuant to such request, the Washington County Auditor has certified that he estimates that the above-referenced tax will generate one million, one hundred forty-three thousand, nine hundred seventy-two dollars and sixteen cents (\$1,143,972.16) during the first year of collection, based on the current total tax valuation of Washington County of one billion, two hundred thirty-seven million, eight hundred forty-five thousand, six hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$1,237,845,650.00); and*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library, Washington County, Ohio, at a regular meeting on April 15, 2015, and two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, has resolved that:*

- *The amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the library and that it is necessary to renew the levy for an additional tax in excess of such limitation for the current expenses (for operation) of the Library.*

- *The Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library requested the Washington County Commissioners, the taxing authority to whose jurisdiction the Board is subject, to adopt a resolution under Section 5705.19, Paragraph D of the Ohio Revised Code, and other applicable provisions of law, to submit to the electors of Washington County at the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2015, the question of a renewal of a one mill tax for current expenses (for operation) of the Library.*

- *The Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library further requested that such tax levy shall be for 5 years at a rate not exceeding one mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation.*

- *The Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library has further requested that such tax levy be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the current tax year if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.*

- *The Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library has found, determined and declared that the renewal levy of the tax, if approved by the electors, is necessary for current expenses of the Library for the proper furnishing and rendering of free public library services in Washington County for the residents of Washington County.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Library and it is necessary to renew the levy of a tax in excess of such limitation for current operating expenses of the Library for the proper furnishing and rendering of free public library services in Washington County and for the residents of Washington County; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the question of such renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Washington County at the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2015; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that such renewal tax levy shall be for five years at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each on hundred dollars of valuation; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that such renewal tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the current tax year, beginning 2015, first due in calendar year 2016, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.*

AND, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Washington County Board of Commissioners shall and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Washington County, Ohio, immediately after its passage but not later than ninety days (90) prior to the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, and to notify the said Board of Elections to cause notice on the question of levying such tax be given as required by law.

Commissioner Feathers said if passed this levy will generate approximately \$1,143,972 each year for five years, based on Washington County property tax valuation of \$1,237,845,650.

President White noted this levy is a renewal, rather than a replacement, and as such will not result in higher taxes to Washington County residents. He then explained to those attending the process by which a levy is placed on an election ballot.

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:

Developmental Disabilities	210-0620-55300	\$ 100,000.00
CEBCO	200-2050-54000	\$ 8,152.00

Commissioner Feathers noted the \$100,000 transfer is to enable the Board of Developmental Disabilities to proceed with an extensive server upgrade project, and these are federal funds being used.

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>
Sheriff	100-0384-54401	100-0384-53405	\$ 5,500.00
	100-0384-54401	100-0384-53404	\$ 500.00

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
Commissioners	100-0101-57400	Bldg. Permit Dept.	\$ 360.50
Commissioners	100-0101-57400	Bldg. Permit Dept.	\$ 463.50
Commissioners	100-0366-57400	Darla Miller	\$ 500.00
Auditor	100-0120-53000/200-0122-53400	Konica Minolta	\$ 787.53
Job & Family Service	200-7200-59000	JC Penny	\$ 41,250.00
Job & Family Service	200-7200-59000	Gabriel Brothers	\$ 16,830.00
Job & Family Service	200-7200-59000	Marietta Wal-Mart	\$ 24,750.00
Job & Family Service	200-7200-59000	Wash. State Community College	\$ 2,197.13
Co. Building Dept.	100-0170-55200	Wash. Co. Commissioners	\$ 490.04
Commissioners	300-0599-55200	Darla Wilson, Inc. (Mr. Rooter)	\$ 1,000.00
County Home	200-0630-53000	Marietta Memorial Hospital	\$ 643.00

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:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: Four-day trip to Athens to attend Ohio Promoting Wellness & Recovery Conference; June 29 – July 2, 2015.

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Athens to attend Southeast Ohio Trauma Informed Care meeting; June 23, 2015.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: One-day trips to Columbus to attend Board of Tax Appeals hearings; variety of dates including, but not limited to, June 23, July 14 and August 11, 2015.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH SUSAN BARENGO FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract with Susan Barengo for sign language interpreter services for Washington County Family & Children First Council, during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at the hourly rate of \$25.00, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH WASCO FOR MAIL SERVICE

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract with WASCO to provide mail service to the Department of Job and Family Services, during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at the rates indicated in the contract, as prepared and requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH AUTO TECH & TIRE CENTER

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve a contract with Auto Tech & Tire Center for the maintenance of vehicles assigned to the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, as prepared and requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve an agreement between the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and Washington State Community College (WSCC) for JFS to provide financial assistance for instructional costs for eligible JFS clients, during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as prepared and requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

RE: CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the following amendments to existing contracts, as prepared and requested by Tom Ballengee, Department of Job and Family Services:

- Community Action Program of Washington-Morgan Counties, for non-emergency transportation services, extending contract one year, through June 30, 2016
- Susan Barengo, for sign language interpreter services, extending contract one year, through June 30, 2016
- Chris Innis, for consulting services, extending contract one year, through June 30, 2016

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

RE: COUNTY ROAD 17 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve the specifications and advertising for sealed bids for the County Road 17 (Pleasant Ridge Road) Paving Project, approximately seven (7) miles in length, with an estimate of \$799,531, as prepared and requested by Roger Wright, County Engineer.

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

RE: CONTRACT WITH UNITED SEALING TO PAVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROADWAY

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a contract with United Sealing to pave the Health Department complex entryway and parking areas, for the amount of \$137,557.25, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

Commissioner Feathers said the Board of Developmental Disabilities has agreed to pay \$29,500 of this cost.

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

RE: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Gary Doan thanked the Commissioners for their immediate attention to a security weakness in the Recorder's Office.

Devola resident Laura Bradley asked the Commissioners if they sent a letter to the Director of the Ohio EPA requesting him to dismiss the proposed Devola sanitary sewer project. Commissioner Feathers said he believes the EPA to be in a "negotiating mood", and the Commissioners intend to await anticipated revision to the Director's Final Findings and Orders before taking further action. President White said he considers it wise to take a less bellicose stance with the EPA at this point. Ms. Bradley informed the Commissioners she sent a letter dated June 8, 2015 to the Director of the Ohio EPA outlining why she does not favor a new sewer system in her community, and concluding the project is "a waste of \$5.9 MILLION that nobody wants or needs" (letter is on file in the Commissioners' Office). She thanked the Commissioners for their hard work in addressing the situation in Devola, noting that in her opinion this is a very unpopular project for Devola residents. President White reminded her that inevitably not everyone in Devola will be pleased with the outcome, whatever it is.

RE: PHONE SERVICE COSTS

Commissioner Walters reported he recently attended a meeting of the Washington County Family & Children First Council. He said concern was expressed at that meeting that costs for telephone service through AT & T seem to have dramatically increased over the past few years. Mr. Walters was asked if Family & Children First has the option of moving to another service provider.

Mr. Feathers said the County has within the past few years done extensive review of its phone service and costs, utilizing at one point SpyGlass to conduct an analysis. As a result of their efforts, he said, the phone costs were significantly reduced. Mr. Feathers said Miller Communications was contracted to make system changes which allow for elimination of several very expensive analog lines through AT & T. He said the County would like to move to a Voice-over-IP telephone system, but it is very expensive to do so.

President White said Family & Children First shares a facility with OSU Extension, so any change to phone service may need to be coordinated with OSU.

Mr. Walters said he will work with I.T. Director Gerry Lockhart to assess the phone situation and determine if change is warranted for any or all of it.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PROSECUTOR

Commissioner Feathers said Prosecutor Jim Schneider has submitted his letter of resignation/retirement, with his last day of service to Washington County as June 30, 2015. Mr. Feathers said it is the Commissioners' responsibility to appoint an Interim Prosecutor, until such time as the Republican Central Committee names a successor for the position.

President White explained the process for filling a vacant elected position when vacancy occurs mid-term.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to appoint Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Rings as Interim Prosecutor upon the retirement of Prosecutor Jim Schneider, with a salary equal to that designated in the Ohio Revised Code for the position of Prosecutor.

Mr. White said he believes Mr. Ring to be familiar with the various functions of the Prosecutor's Office and to be well-qualified to assume the role of Interim Prosecutor.

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

RE: EVERBRIDGE MASS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

EMA Director Jeff Lauer talked with the Commissioners about the newly installed Everbridge Mass Communication System, which is replacing the Rapid Notify Alert System. He shared with them a one-page flyer describing the functionality and flexibility of the system. Commissioner Walters said this would be the appropriate marketing tool to send with a letter to area businesses, entities and organizations.

Mr. Lauer reported the Everbridge system, now known as WashCoALERT, was recently installed and already has over 900 registrants. He said the Local Emergency Planning Committee is looking at ways in addition to Facebook to promote registration of Washington County citizens. He said he believes Washington Electric Cooperative and Highland Ridge Water Association have expressed interest in learning more about the system.

Commissioner Feathers said the County will continue to contribute approximately \$8,200 each year toward the total cost of about \$16,000, but other partners will need to finance the remainder. He said that if ten other partners take advantage of the system, the cost to each would be \$700 to \$800 per year.

Mr. Lauer said this system is remarkably flexible and intelligent. Mr. Feathers said first responders will be able to utilize the system at no cost. All agreed that it is now time to have conversations with representatives from businesses, schools, colleges, and other organizations that might find this Everbridge system valuable in emergency or routine communication with groups of people. Mr. Walters said he intends to present this to several public school superintendents, but realizes those schools may currently be under contract for emergency notification services.

Commissioner Feathers asked Mr. Lauer to plan to meet monthly with the Commissioners to keep them well-informed of EMA projects and initiatives.

RE: TIM MARTY, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL ISSUE

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty entered the meeting to discuss personnel matters with the Commissioners.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, in particular discipline of a public employee.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: David White aye, Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed, and the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. President White invited Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Tim Marty and Director of Human Resources Darla Miller to attend.

The Commissioners returned to Regular Session at 10:25 a.m.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to schedule a pre-disciplinary conference with a Washington County employee at 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2015.

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 10:30 a.m.

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_____, Member

_____, Clerk