

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 2, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: RICK G. WALTERS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND RONALD L. FEATHERS, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. MR. WALTERS LED THOSE ATTENDING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

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

**Washington County Commissioners
AGENDA
9:00 a.m., July 2, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting
9:30 Public Hearing, Renaming of Portion of Nichols Road to Berg Church Road
10:00 Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Budgets

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agenda
Approval of previous meeting's minutes
Bills from various departments
Resolution Requesting Auditor to Certify Amounts for County Home Levy
Additional Appropriation – Commissioners (2)
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas (4)
Additional Appropriation – Probate/Juvenile Court
Transfer - Commissioners
Then & Now's
Travel – Auditor
Ballot Language for Public Library Levy Renewal
Southern Ohio Agric. & Comm. Dev. Foundation Econ. Dev. Grant Program Committee
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Receipt
Subrecipient Agreement between City of Marietta and Commissioners, Transit Program
IV Contract between CSEA and Juvenile Court
IV Contract between CSEA and Sheriff
IV Contract between CSEA and Common Pleas Court
Pooled Funds Agreement, Family & Children First
Assurance Statement for FCSS Funding, SFY 2016
Application for BWC Safety Intervention Grant, Ewing/WASCO
Delinquent Sewer Accounts
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor
Engineer – Notice of Commencement, CR 4 Guardrail Project
Engineer – Contract with Larry Lang for Culvert Replacements
Engineer – OPWC Grant Agreement, CR 17 Paving Project

INFORMATION

Courthouse Closed, **Friday**, July 3, in observance of Independence Day
Monthly County Home Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, July 14, at County Home

RE: AGENDA

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

Add: Removal of House of Hope Storage Building
Change in Job Description and Hourly Rate

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes for June 25, 2015, and to dispense with the reading of them.

Glen Pawloski asked the Commissioners to amend the minutes of June 25, 2015 as follows:

1. Change "Mr. Pawloski asked Commissioner Feathers if he had helped the EPA Director write his findings and orders," to "Mr. Pawloski asked Mr. Feathers if the EPA had helped him write the General Plan of August 2014."
2. Delete the last paragraph under the section "RE: GLEN PAWLOSKI".

Mr. Pawloski said he believes these changes will more accurately reflect the conversation during the meeting. Referencing item 1 above, Mr. Pawloski said in a written note to the Commissioners: "I fret and would fear, if Mr. Feathers was manipulated through EPA suggestion which may harm Devola households." Referencing item 2, Mr. Pawloski said in his note: "The agitated bantering exchange is an unbalanced record, out of context, and thus serves no tasteful purpose for its inclusion."

Mr. Walters asked for any amendments to the minutes of June 25, 2015. Commissioner Feathers amended his original motion to approve the minutes and dispense with the reading of them, to approve the minutes of June 25, 2015, with the following amendment:

Change "Mr. Pawloski asked Commissioner Feathers if he had helped the EPA Director write his findings and orders," to "Mr. Pawloski asked Mr. Feathers if the EPA had helped him write the General Plan of August 2014."

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: Rick Walters aye, Ronald Feathers aye. Motion passed, and the amended motion of Mr. Feathers was accepted for consideration.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the previously-detailed amendment.

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

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUDITOR TO CERTIFY AMOUNTS FOR COUNTY HOME LEVY

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

WHEREAS, *the 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 Washington County to enable it to provide funds for the maintenance and operation of the Washington County Home; and*

WHEREAS, *there is presently in existence a levy in place for these purposes in Washington County which is levied at a rate of 2 (two) mills, which was first placed on the tax list and duplicate in the year 2010, which is calendar year 2011, and was to remain on the tax list and duplicate for a period of five (5) years, or until tax year 2014, which is calendar year 2015.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *by the Board of Commissioners, Washington County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring therein, that it is necessary to renew the existing levy described above and to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(K), and 5705.191, for the benefit of Washington County for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance and operation of the Washington County Home; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that it will be necessary to place such proposed levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year beginning with the current tax year 2015 (calendar year 2016) if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, said date being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2015; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 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 two (2 mills) for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each One Hundred Dollars of valuation for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the tax year 2015.*

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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:

Commissioners	300-0599-55200	\$ 100,000.00
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	200-0704-57400	\$ 15,000.00
Common Pleas	100-0201-53001	\$ 35,500.00
	200-0207-51102	\$ 92.18
	200-0235-51001	\$ 3,000.00
	200-0235-51101	\$ 43.50
	200-0235-51102	\$ 420.00
	215-0206-51102	\$ 150.63
Probate/Juvenile	215-0344-58210	\$ 1,500.00

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 request for transfer of funds:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County General	100-0101-57100	700-0720-49400	\$ 11,740.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0207-49100	\$ 13,511.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0315-49100	\$ 39,461.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0520-49100	\$ 13,521.00
	100-0101-57100	200-0610-49100	\$ 15,000.00
	100-0101-57100	602-2030-44700	\$ 25,000.00
	100-0101-57100	300-0599-49100	\$100,000.00

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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
Engineer	200-0540-53409	Total Risk Solution	\$ 695.00
Commissioners	400-0113-54000	Crystal Beer Barn	\$ 200.18
Commissioners	200-2050-54000	Lifestyle Medicine Institute	\$ 4,000.26
Commissioners	100-0100-53000	Mancan	\$ 600.00
Commissioners	700-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 2,215.89
Commissioners	700-0113-56200	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 231.83
Commissioners	400-0113-56100	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 17,168.19
Commissioners	210-0826-54000	OSU Extension	\$ 6,000.00
Country Treasurer	210-0620-55300	DLH Designs, LLC	\$ 4,000.00
County Treasurer	210-0620-55300	Business Systems & Services	\$ 900.00
Commissioners	100-0100-53000	BSSi	\$ 131.00
Commissioners	100-0109-53000	Krampe Cleaning Service	\$ 390.00
Commissioners	210-0826-53000	Snider Recreation	\$ 24,280.00
Commissioners	210-0826-53000	Snider Recreation	\$ 9,200.00

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

RE: TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following request 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 Columbus for County Auditors Association of Ohio Executive/Legislative meeting; July 8, 2015.

Bill McFarland: One-day trip to Athens for CAAO SE District meeting; July 10, 2015.

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

RE: BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY LEVY RENEWAL

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the ballot language prepared by the Washington County Board of Elections and approved by the Secretary of State for the Washington County Public Library renewal levy to be placed on the November 3, 2015 ballot, as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal tax for the benefit of the Washington County Public Library for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES** at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

_____ **FOR THE TAX LEVY**

_____ **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

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

RE: SOUTHERN OHIO AGRICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to forward to Don Branson, Executive Director of the Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation, a list of individuals who've agreed to serve on the Washington County Review Committee, including:

Rick Walters
Jim Black
Ed Harra
Dan McGill
Bret Allphin

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

Vice President Walters explained this newly-formed Committee is an effort of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority to better market the County and Region as an ideal location to house agri-business interests.

RE: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of notification from the United States Department of the Interior that Washington County is recipient of \$92,658.00 in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) this year.

The Clerk said these funds are paid in place of property taxes for 39,467 acres of Wayne National Forest in Washington County. The County traditionally disburses the funds as follows:

Approximately 80% to Frontier Local School District
Approximately 12% to eight townships, apportioned according to acres of the forest in each
Approximately 8% to Washington County

The Clerk said last year's amount was about \$45,000, which was distributed in a like manner.

RE: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MARIETTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR TRANSIT SERVICE

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Marietta and Washington County Commissioners for the County to provide accessible transit services to residents of the City, via the Community Action Bus Lines, during calendar year 2015, for the amount of \$37,000.00, which is a portion of the City's 2015 allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Agreement.

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

RE: IV-D CONTRACTS FROM CSEA

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following contracts, as prepared and requested by Kim Hinkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency, each for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015:

Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division	\$ 17,229.76
Sheriff's Office	\$ 11,980.97
Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division	\$ 8,695.74

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

RE: POOLED FUNDS AGREEMENT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Pooled Funds Agreement between Family & Children First and the Pooled Funds Group, allowing for the following financial commitments from each member of the Group over a twelve-month period:

	<u>Pooled Funds</u>	<u>Administrative Funds</u>	<u>Period</u>
Children Services	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,800	1/1/16 – 12/31/16
Behavioral Health	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	7/1/15 – 6/30/16
Developmental Disabilities	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	1/1/15 – 12/31/16
Juvenile Court	\$ 25,000	\$ -0-	7/1/15 – 6/30/16

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

RE: ASSURANCE STATEMENT FOR FCSS FUNDING, SFY 16

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve an Assurance Statement for FCSS (Family Centered Services and Supports) Funding for State Fiscal Year 2016, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Statement, as prepared and requested by Cindy Davis, Family & Children First.

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

RE: APPLICATION FOR BWC SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve an Application for Safety Intervention Grant with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, in the amount of \$11,120.64, for a project at WASCO, Inc., and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Application, as prepared and requested by Curt Alden, WASCO, Inc.

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

RE: DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve sending notices to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts: Kimberly Wiseman, Linda Lorentz, Scott Mollohan, Patricia Eagle, Donald Morgan, John Tate, Natalie Snyder, Don Goodman, John Raber, Chad and Jennifer Rowley, Amanda Holman, Theresa Hescht, Julie Maze, Kevin Knapp, Angela Rhodes, Kyle Hodge, Robert Boston, Jason Barnum, Shannon Gard, Heather Mannix/Bretthauer, Jerry Biehl.

A calling of the roll resulted in the following vote: 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 to County Auditor Bill McFarland the following sewer accounts to be seriously delinquent, requesting him to add those delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Evan Campbell, Fred and Savannah Newlon, Anthony Demetro, Larry Carney, Darren Witte, Nathan and Melissa Arnold, Georgette Bergdorf, Timothy Vaughn.

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

RE: NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, CR 4 GUARDRAIL PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Notice of Commencement for the Washington County Road 4 Guardrail Project, contractor M.P. Dory Company, and to allow Mr. Walters to sign the Notice, as prepared and requested by County Engineer Roger Wright.

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

RE: CONTRACTS WITH LARRY LANG EXCAVATING

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the following contracts with Larry Lang Excavating, Inc., the lowest of submitted project quotes, as prepared and recommended by County Engineer Roger Wright:

CR 2, Belpre Township \$ 13,877.00

CR 4, Waterford Township	\$ 20,229.00
CR 6, Palmer Township	\$ 5,329.50
CR 14, Lawrence Township	\$ 23,980.00
CR 25, Independence Township	\$ 21,750.00
CR 25, Newport Township	\$ 6,249.00

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

RE: OPWC GRANT AGREEMENT, CR 17 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Project Grant Agreement from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$536,873.00, for the Washington County Road 17 Paving Project, and to allow Mr. Feathers to sign the Agreement.

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

RE: PUBLIC HEARING, RENAMING OF PORTION OF NICHOLS ROAD TO BERG CHURCH ROAD

Attending this Public Hearing were the Commissioners, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Gary Doan, Glen Pawloski, Amy Zwick from the Washington County Engineer's Office, 911 Coordinator Rich Hays, and interested citizens Donna Betts, James Hall, Kurt Ludwig, and Blayn Weppler.

The Clerk noted the Commissioners received a request from Scott Bowen to re-name a portion of Nichols Road in Fearing Township to Berg Church Road. The Fearing Township Trustees adopted a resolution on April 13, 2015 in support of the name change, and the County Engineer indicated he does not object to it. The Clerk said a notice of the request and public hearing was published in the local newspaper, and adjoining property owners were notified of the request.

Mr. Walters invited comments addressing the change.

Mr. Weppler asked if there has been a request to vacate any portion of Nichols Road. Commissioner Feathers said he is not aware of any such request.

Mr. Weppler asked if his property along this stretch of Nichols Road could be assigned an address number of his choosing. Rich Hays, 911 Coordinator, said the numbers are computer-generated, and have much meaning to emergency responders. Because of that, Mr. Hays said he cannot assign numbers that aren't created "in the system".

Ms. Betts explained that the four citizens attending this Public Hearing represent a seven-member Board of Trustees for the Berg Church Association, and they are all related in some way. She said the Association favors this change.

Ms. Zwick said appropriate signage will need to be ordered and installed, and the Engineer's Office will coordinate that with the Fearing Township Trustees. The requestor then will be invoiced for the cost.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a change in the name of a portion of Nichols Road in Fearing Township, Washington County, to Berg Church Road, from the intersection of Berg Church Road and Nichols Road to the intersection of Nichols Road and Whipple Run Road, as requested by adjoining property owner Scott Bowen and approved by the Fearing Township Trustees and County Engineer.

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

RE: HOUSE OF HOPE STORAGE BUILDING REMOVAL

Commissioner Feathers reported a storage building on the House of Hope property is in such poor condition that it needs to be removed from service. He said Lowe's expressed interest in donating a new building to the House of Hope for use in storage.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve demolition and removal of a storage building no longer of value at the House of Hope property, and to replace it with a donated building from Lowe's.

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

The Clerk was directed to prepare a letter of authorization to David Browne, Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Board, to demolish the old building and accept the new building.

RE: MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL WORKER JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE

Commissioner Feathers reported Tim Marty, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, has written a job description for Maintenance & Custodial Worker. Mr. Feathers said an employee currently in the Custodian position does much more than custodial work, but is compensated at the custodial hourly wage. Consulting with Director of Human Resources Darla Miller, Mr. Feathers and Mr. Marty determined an increase in hourly rate is appropriate due to the higher level of responsibility and expertise required for the position.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a new job description for the position of Maintenance & Custodial Worker, and to increase the hourly rate of Karl Comstock from \$10.40 to \$11.90 effective July 5, 2015.

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

RE: PUBLIC HEARING, FISCAL YEAR 2016 TAX BUDGETS

Attending this Public Hearing were the Commissioners, Amanda Nicholson from *The Marietta Times*, Todd Baucher from WTAP News, Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, Rachel Davis from Probate Court, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

The Clerk/Fiscal Manager reviewed the process by which tax budgets for 2016 were compiled. He noted there are tax budgets for both Washington County and Washington County Family & Children First Council. He said the budgets were compiled with input from elected officials and department heads, and then placed on file for review in the County Auditor's office between June 15 and July 3. Mr. Peoples said the Ohio Revised Code requires a Public Hearing to allow interested citizens to comments on the tax budgets. He noted the tax budgets are merely estimates generated at least six months prior to the start of the year. Later in the year, elected officials and department heads will have the opportunity to meet with the Commissioners to discuss their requests and projections.

Mr. Walters invited public comments.

Mr. Doan asked if the judges requested additional funds for their departments to accommodate pay increases next year. Commissioner Walters said these tax budgets represent preliminary estimates from all departments, and most of them do include some level of increases for salaries. The Clerk said departments at this point were not asked to limit salary line item changes to a specific dollar amount or percentage.

Ms. Nicholson asked if there are any particular departmental requests that stand out from the rest as exorbitant. Commissioner Feathers said the request from the Sheriff for the County Jail is high, primarily because the facility is aging and a recent architect's review revealed a long list of facility improvement needs. Mr. Feathers said the Commissioners will consult with the Sheriff to prioritize that list, as the budget will most likely not be able to accommodate all.

Mr. Doan asked if there will be separate meetings for all departments, and if those meetings will be open to the public. Commissioner Feathers said all departments will have the opportunity in September, October or November to talk with the Commissioners specifically about their projections and needs. He said these meetings are open to the public. Mr. Feathers said revenue projections are a real challenge, and we need to look further into this fiscal year before good estimations can be made for next year. He said in this tax budget revenues are projected at \$14.8 M, but expenses are projected at \$17.1 M. Mr. Feathers said the County needs to budget within available revenues, and not beyond, in order to plan for the future.

Mr. Baucher asked if recent adoption of the State's biennial budget has much impact on the County's budget. Commissioner Feathers said the full impact is not yet known, but he is aware of salary changes for certain elected officials. He reported his frustration with the state budget to be "it is not what is given, but what is taken away".

Mr. Doan asked about any impact oil and gas exploration and extraction might have on the County's budget. Commissioner Walters said it can have a large impact, which is not yet known. He said oil and gas activity is at a low level now, but industry analysts predict it will pick up again in late 2015 or early 2016. He said sales tax increases in the County's budget were large last year and so far this year, but are now slightly declining. Commissioner Feathers said we need to keep in mind oil and gas activity provides only a temporary revenue source, and the community needs to determine how to best manage expectations in both the near and far future.

Commissioner Feathers said it is the Commissioners' fiscal responsibility to steward taxpayers' funds in the best manner possible. Mr. Walters said he is looking forward to a smooth budget process later this year.

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 10:20 a.m.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Member

_____, Clerk