

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.05, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID A. WHITE, PRESIDENT, RICK G. WALTERS, MEMBER, 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 Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan, County Engineer Roger Wright, Director of Human Resources Darla Miller, Glen Pawloski, Jordan Shaw from WMOA Radio, Jeremy Barton, Christina Suttles from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners**  
**AGENDA**  
**9:00 a.m., October 1, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
9:30 Sandy Lahmers, Soil & Water Conservation District – Program Update  
10:00 Jeff Lauer, EMA Director – Project Updates  
10:30 Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension – Duck Creek Early Warning System  
11:00 Adam Lessman & Jen Oiler, CompManagement – Workers' Comp Program Review

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Resolution – Support of State Issue 2  
Resolution – Opposition to State Issue 3  
Additional Appropriation – Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Additional Appropriation – Behavioral Health Board  
Additional Appropriation – Juvenile Court  
Minus Appropriation – Juvenile Court  
Transfer – Family & Children First  
Transfer – Tax Map Office  
Transfer – Auditor  
Transfer – Soil & Water Conservation District  
Transfer – Children  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Family & Children First (2)  
Request to Fill Vacancy, Job and Family Services  
Satisfaction of Mortgage  
Spousal Surcharge (for Health Insurance) Policy  
Application for Safety Intervention Grant, Developmental Disabilities  
Grant Agreement, CDBG Program  
Change Order #2, City of Belpre Sidewalk Project, CDBG  
Delinquent Sewer Accounts  
Certification of Delinquent Sewer Accounts to County Auditor  
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Agreement, Caywood/Protégé  
Engineer – Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement, EdgeMarc  
Engineer – Right of Way Easement for Highway Purposes

**INFORMATION**

Budget Hearings Continue  
Electric Aggregation Ballot Issue Public Hearing, 1:00 p.m. **Today**, Assembly Room  
Columbus Day, **Monday**, October 12  
County Home Monthly Meeting, 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, October 13

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Transfer – Prosecutor  
Request from Sheriff to Dispose of Unused Vehicle

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. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the

September 24, 2015 meeting, and to dispense with the reading of them.

Glen Pawloski asked the Commissioners to consider deleting "... if any, that system might remove." from the minutes to more accurately reflect what he had said on September 24.

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to amend the minutes prepared for the September 24, 2015 meeting, as requested by Mr. Pawloski, and to approve the amended minutes.

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

#### **RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers 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 IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2**

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

##### **Resolution in Support of State Issue 2**

***Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, to support State Issue Two, which protects the initiative process from being used for personal economic benefit by adopting an anti-monopoly amendment to the Ohio Constitution.***

***Whereas***, State Issue Two ensures that Ohio's constitution is not for sale and prohibits special interests from amending the constitution to create monopolies, oligopolies or cartels; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Two prohibits special interests from securing an amendment to our constitution that creates permanent preferential tax rates or commercial rights for themselves or for any business; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Two prohibits special interests from amending our Constitution to guarantee financial profits for themselves or get special economic privileges that are not available to other similarly situated persons or entities; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Two ensures that our constitution is used as intended by its framers for matters that benefit the broad public interest; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Two ensures that our constitution cannot be abused and corrupted by those interested in obtaining exclusive deals and special commercial benefits; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Two upholds our state's traditional spirit and traditional meaning of free commerce, fair trade and fair dealing.

***Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved***, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, supports State Issue Two which protects our constitution from monopoly interests.

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

#### **RE: RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO STATE ISSUE 3**

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

##### **Resolution Opposing State Issue 3**

***Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, to oppose State Issue Three, which grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes.***

***Whereas***, State Issue Three places in the Ohio Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors, gives them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Three permits investors to set their own preferential tax rates directly in the Ohio Constitution, rates that cannot be changed by the legislature like those on beer, wine and tobacco; and

***Whereas***, State Issue Three puts our children at risk by legalizing marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are highly tempting to children, including very young children; and

**Whereas, State Issue Three establishes high limits on personal possession of marijuana which will expose children and underage high school and college students to marijuana; and**

**Whereas, State Issue Three proposes to flood Ohio with marijuana, allowing 1159 retail marijuana stores and allowing every adult to possess more than half a pound of marijuana, in addition to possessing four flowering marijuana plants at home; and**

**Whereas, State Issue Three poses severe public safety and workforce competitiveness concerns and will burden social service and drug treatment programs.**

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio, opposes State Issue Three, which grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes.**

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:

CSEA	200-0730-51104	\$ 8,500.00
Family & Children First	602-2031-53000	\$ 12,585.00
Behavioral Health Board	200-0610-51104	\$ 12,100.00
Juvenile Court	215-0344-58105	\$ 35,000.00
	215-0344-58205	\$ 1,743.77
	215-0344-58210	\$ 1,000.00
	215-0344-58217	\$ 7,125.00

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

**RE: MINUS APPROPRIATION**

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

Juvenile Court	215-0344-58203	\$ 2,402.00
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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	602-2033-53001	602-2033-53203	\$ 130.00
	602-2033-53001	602-2033-54000	500.00
	602-2033-53001	602-2033-55204	500.00
County General	100-0101-55200	100-0510-54400	\$ 5,295.00
	100-0101-51001	100-0140-51001	\$ 21,739.10
	100-0101-51001	100-0140-51101	2,000.00
	100-0101-51104	100-0140-51102	15,000.00
	100-0102-57401	100-0140-51102	15,000.00
Real Estate Assessment	200-0122-54000	200-0122-53403	\$ 160.00
Soil & Water	200-2040-51001	200-2040-51104	\$ 9,727.86
Children Services	200-0741-51001	200-0741-52000	\$ 2,500.00
	200-0741-51001	200-0741-53000	7,400.00
	200-0741-51001	200-0741-54000	1,000.00
	200-0741-51001	200-0741-57000	7,100.00

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
Maintenance	100-0109-53600	Phila. Indemnity Ins. Co.	\$ 9,480.00
Capital Projects	300-0599-55200	Morrison, Inc.	\$ 6,794.00
Sewer	400-0113-53000	MASI Environmental	\$ 115.25
Commissioners	100-0101-53400	George Cosenza	\$ 346.50

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CSEA	200-0730-53502	Clerk of Courts	\$	485.96
Maintenance	100-0109-53000	Lane's Boiler Repair	\$	902.19

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:

Family & Children First

Cindy Davis: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association Executive Committee meeting; October 9, 2015.

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Reynoldsburg to attend HOME Choice Fall Training; October 20, 2015.

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

**RE: REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY, JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve hiring Samantha Delbaugh as Eligibility Referral Specialist II for the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, at the hourly rate of \$16.40, beginning October 19, 2015, as 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: SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to certify full payment and satisfaction of mortgage from Ronald Davis, 1211 Greene Street, Marietta, Ohio, and to authorize the County Recorder to discharge the mortgage deed and promissory note dated October 14, 2002, as requested by Dawn Rauch, 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: DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE BY SHERIFF**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve disposal by sale at public auction a 2001 Green Suzuki Vitara, VIN 2S3TD52V616109354, as the vehicle has little value and is unsafe for travel in its current condition, as requested by Sheriff Larry Mincks.

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

**RE: SPOUSAL SURCHARGE POLICY**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the Spousal Surcharge Policy/Form (on file in the Office of Human Resources) allowing for collection of a surcharge equal to \$100 bi-weekly from employees covering his/her spouse on the County's health insurance plan when that spouse is eligible to participate in his/her own employer-sponsored plan, retiree plan, or Medicare plan, such surcharge being in addition to any coverage tier rates set for the plan year.

Ms. Miller said the policy was developed in response to a number of employees bringing onto the County's health insurance policy their spouses even though those spouses have access to other health insurance coverage. She said this policy discourages that practice by implementing a surcharge. President White noted this is likely a result of the County offering a lower premium plan than others, or the County's plan may have preferred benefits. Mr. Walters explained this implementation of a surcharge is becoming more common, as organizations are learning how to best manage their health insurance program costs and benefits. Commissioner Feathers noted the County continues to offer health insurance to spouses if they don't have access to other plan(s) or, if they do, they opt to pay the County's surcharge.

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

**RE: SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT APPLICATION, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve an application to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for its Safety Intervention Grant in the amount of \$11,120.64, for the purchase and installation of appropriate restroom equipment for use in Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities facilities, and to allow Mr. White to sign the application, as prepared and requested by Curt Alden, Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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

**RE: CDBG PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve Ohio Development Services Agency Grant Agreement B-F-15-1CY-1 for the Washington County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, in the amount of \$118,000.00, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Agreement.

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

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #2, CITY OF BELPRE SIDEWALK PROJECT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the City of Belpre Sidewalk Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project, extending the completion date by 31 calendar days to October 31, 2015, and to allow Mr. White to sign the document, as prepared and requested by Michelle Hyer, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

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. Feathers moved and Mr. White seconded a motion to approve sending letters to the following holders of delinquent sewer accounts, requesting them to immediately make payment on those accounts: Kelly Offenberger, Teri Thompson, Jean Yost, Shannon Reynolds, Travis Edgell, Michael Cameron, Donald Tallman, John Foster, Fredabelle Pomroy, Karen Anstatt, Dorothy Barnett, Brian and Sherry Ogden (for 1705 Brackenridge Road), Katie Lemley, Theresa Spitsnaugle, John Albrecht, Chris Dickson, Kyle Hodge, Daniel Brown, Mario Puccio, Kathy McKitrick.

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. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve certification of the following delinquent sewer accounts to County Auditor Bill McFarland, requesting him to add the delinquent amounts to property tax bills: Debora Wingrove, Randal Cunningham, Christopher and Patty Carver, Dan Turner (3), David and Kelly Garcia, John and Joann Edwards.

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

**RE: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Road Use Maintenance Agreement with Blue Racer Midstream, LLC for county and township roads in Marietta and Fearing Townships, Washington County for work on the Caywood/Protégé Blue Racer Midstream Gathering System (pipelines and facilities), 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: ROAD USE MAINTENANCE TERMINATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to table consideration of a Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement with Blue Racer Midstream, LLC for roads in the EdgeMarc Merlin Gathering System, pending further review 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: RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve a Right of Way Easement for Highway Purposes from Judith A. Harris, Wayne Allen Barnett, and Daniel Allen Barnett to

Washington County Commissioners, for the consideration of \$1.00, such easement being perpetual, for the maintenance and operation of Independence Township Road 920-0020, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Easement, as 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: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Sandy Lahmers updated the Commissioners on the following projects and events of the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District:

- FYI (Farmer Youth Initiative)*, an annual program to introduce underprivileged youth to deer hunting
- YES (Young Engineers and Scientists) Days* at Washington State Community College, an annual program for area 7<sup>th</sup> graders
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm City Day*, hosted by Schramm Dairy Farm for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting* of Soil & Water Conservation District, Wednesday, October 21
- Cover Crops* program throughout Washington County

Ms. Lahmers encouraged the Commissioners to participate in any or all of these events.

**RE: EMA**

Jeff Lauer updated the Commissioners on his activities at the Emergency Management Authority, including:

- Pursuit of additional Everbridge system partners
- Search for more volunteers for the Emergency Operations Center
- Updating of mutual aid maps with area fire chiefs
- Hiring of a part-time administrative assistant
- Updating of All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Scheduling of training and exercises

**RE: DUCK CREEK EARLY WARNING SYSTEM**

Darlene Lukshin, OSU Extension, asked the Commissioners to consider a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior for the operation and maintenance of three (3) stream gauges in the Duck Creek Basin. She said these units were installed to provide early flood warning to area residents. This agreement, she said, will provide necessary funding to appropriately maintain those gauges. She noted that, although the agreement is with Washington County Commissioners, both Noble County and the City of Marietta share in costs.

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for maintenance and operation of three (3) stream gauges in the Duck Creek Basin, during the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, for the amount of \$5,240.00, such cost being shared in the following manner, and to allow Mr. White to sign the Agreement:

Washington County	\$ 2,700
Noble County	880
City of Marietta	<u>1,660</u>
Total	\$ 5,240

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

**RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Adam Lessman, CompManagement, reviewed with the Commissioners and Director of Human Resources Darla Miller the County's Workers' Compensation program. He noted the County is currently in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Group Retrospective Rating Program with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), and membership in it has proved very beneficial to the County. He said BWC is transitioning to a new premium payment timeline, which will result in the County making two payments in calendar year 2016, one of which will be for 2016 premium and one for 2017. Mr. Lessman said the County is projected to receive a "transition credit" from BWC in 2016.

**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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