

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 12, 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, Laura Bradley, Jackie Runion from *The Marietta Times*, and Clerk Rick Peoples.

**Washington County Commissioners  
AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., November 12, 2015**

9:00 Business Meeting  
1:30 Jim Black, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, and Bernie Rochford, Oriana House

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Road Use Maintenance Termination Agreement

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Agenda  
Approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Bills from various departments  
Additional Appropriation – Common Pleas  
Additional Appropriation – Family & Children First  
Transfer – Board of Elections  
Then & Now's  
Travel – Family & Children First  
Travel – Auditor  
Travel – Director of Human Resources  
Discussion of Sales Tax Audit Results  
Auditor, Treasurer & Recorder Offices to be Closed on Friday, November 27  
Engineer – 2015 Centerline Striping Project, Change Order #1

**INFORMATION**

Eastern Ohio Development Alliance, 10:00 a.m., **Friday**, November 13, at Salt Fork Courthouse Closed, **Thursday**, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

**RE: AGENDA**

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

Add: Additional Appropriation – Sheriff

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 the November 5, 2015 meeting, 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.

**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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

Common Pleas	200-0207-52000	\$ 500.00
Family & Children First	602-2032-53200	\$ 10,500.00

Sheriff 100-0384-54406 \$ 4,492.00

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

**RE: TRANSFER**

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Board of Elections	100-0160-53700	100-0160-51001	\$ 4,000.00

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

**RE: THEN & NOW**

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

Dept	Account	Vendor	Amount
Commissioners	100-0109-54000	Contractors Building Supply	\$ 250.65

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

**RE: TRAVEL**

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

Elaine Corbitt: One-day trip to Athens to attend PIC Conference; November 13, 2015.

Auditor

Bill McFarland: Four-day trip to Columbus to attend County Auditors Association of Ohio Winter Conference; November 17-20, 2015.

Human Resources

Darla Miller: One-day trip to Columbus to attend Winter County Loss Control Coordinators Meeting at CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference; December 7, 2015.

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

**RE: DISCUSSION OF SALES TAX AUDIT**

Mr. Feathers moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to table discussion of the recent sales tax audit, pending receipt of additional information.

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

**RE: CLOSING OF OFFICES ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of notice from County Auditor Bill McFarland that the Auditor's Office, the Treasurer's Office, and the Recorder's Office will be closed on Friday, November 27, 2015, with employees using an appropriate day of leave time for their absence.

**RE: CHANGE ORDER #1, 2015 CENTERLINE STRIPING PROJECT**

Mr. Walters moved and Mr. Feathers seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the 2015 Centerline Paving Project, contractor Aero-Mark, Inc., adding \$4,615.26 to the original contract of \$45,382.33, for a new contract amount of \$49,997.59, as prepared and 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: COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan asked for an update on the proposed Devola sewer system. Commissioner Feathers noted the Ohio EPA has requested a meeting with the

Commissioners via telephone conference to update the Commissioners on the EPA's discussion of the project in Devola. He said this meeting will take place on Monday, November 16.

Commissioner Feathers reported elected officials and department heads will host a Holiday Open House in the Courthouse from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, in conjunction with the annual downtown Moonlight Madness sales event.

**RE: ORIANA HOUSE**

Jim Black from the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, and Bernie Rochford and Jim Lawrence representing Oriana House, Inc., talked with the Commissioners about locating an Oriana House on Washington County property. Also attending was Jackie Runion from *The Marietta Times*.

Mr. Rochford said they were specifically inquiring about the availability of county-owned property near the Washington County Home to locate a new Oriana House. He noted he and Mr. Lawrence have been working with the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority and local realtors to identify prospective sites in and around Marietta, but the sites they found are too expensive. He reminded the Commissioners the State of Ohio and local judges are very supportive of this type of facility being located here. Mr. Rochford said they originally intended to purchase an existing building and renovate it, but they haven't been able to find an appropriate building.

Mr. Richford reviewed the history of Oriana House, highlighting the success they've had in many Ohio counties since 1981. He said their facilities offer a wide variety of services to their clients in both residential and non-residential settings. He said the Marietta/Washington County facility would likely employ 15 to 20 full-time equivalent positions, and would probably be 10,000 to 12,000 square feet on 1.5 to 2.0 acres of property.

President White said he is inclined to not favor the project because it is not a county function, and he has no desire to obligate long-term use of county property to another organization. Mr. Rochford said although Oriana House is not a county operation, it is being introduced in this area at the request of the local judges and the State of Ohio. He said the need is readily apparent. Noting Oriana House doesn't need to be built on prime acreage, he encouraged the Commissioners to consider space across the road from the County Home. He asked the Commissioners to recommend any appropriate building for renovation into an Oriana House, or any appropriate land onto which can be built an Oriana House.

Commissioner Feathers said the only acreage at the County Home site is a part of their working farm. He said he too is not in favor of an outside organization building a structure on county-owned property, but he is in favor of the overall project. He said if an Oriana House is built on county property, fair market value of property lease would need to be made.

The representatives from the Oriana House and Port Authority agreed to continue their search for buildings and/or property, and to keep the Commissioners informed of their progress.

**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 2:15 p.m.

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