

REGULAR MEETING #06-43
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
OCTOBER 17, 2006

MEETING WITH BARBARA CURTISS

The Board of Commissioners met with County Auditor Barbara Curtiss at 8:30 a.m. regarding a request for a salary line item increase. Present at this meeting were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Barbara Curtiss, Ed Laramee, Deborah Smalley, Deidre Solwecki and Jackie Long. Ms. Curtiss requested that the Board authorize an increase of \$52,900 in her 2007 salary line item to continue to fund a 40-hour work week in her finance department, the only General Fund department in the Auditor's Office except for a Weights & Measures employee. Commissioner Kiger asked if Ms. Curtiss still intends to give her employees extra time off. Ms. Curtiss responded that she is not here to discuss this issue, which is none of Commissioner Kiger's business, and is simply requesting additional funds for the finance department. She noted that changing the funding for many of the Auditor's Office functions to the Real Estate Assessment Fund saved the General Fund around \$227,000. Commissioner Myers asked if the new accounting software system would have an impact on the department's workload and staffing requirements. Mr. Laramee stated that he had explained from the start that the intent was that the system would pay for itself and that, for all practical purposes, the savings could be measured in fractions of people. Ms. Curtiss added that the new system will reduce redundancies that occur between county departments and the finance department. The finance department has been under-staffed for a while and the only way to manage the increasing workload without additional staff is by increasing the work hours. Mr. Laramee added that this is the most economical way, both financially and space-wise, to handle the workload, and noted that county offices are competing for employees in a 40-hour world. Ms. Curtiss assured the Commissioners she would not be asking to increase the work week in areas in which the workload does not justify an increase. Commissioner Shupe noted that the decision at the retreat to increase the "pot" of funds available for additional requests reduced the funds available to cover these types of requests. Mr. Laramee noted that the General Fund will realize a savings of approximately 45% with the granting of the recommended insurance "holiday" in December. Commissioner Myers asked if there would be an impact on employee morale in having some employees work 35 hours and others 40 hours/week. Ms. Smalley noted that she, too, would like to request funds to increase her legal department office hours to 40, noting that not all of her staff would want to work the additional hours. She added that she is getting tired of statements in Commissioner Kiger's campaign literature in reference to her personnel policies. Ms. Smalley stated that her personnel policies are hand-in-hand with those of the Commissioners, with the exception of a 35-hour work week for the legal department. Discussion between Commissioner Kiger and Ms. Smalley followed regarding her personnel policies, with Commissioner Kiger noting that Ms. Smalley grants three personal days and a birthday off to her staff and pays overtime rates for hours worked over 35 and Ms. Smalley stating that Commissioner Kiger does not understand the law. Mr. Laramee explained that the county's 35-hour work week evolved around 1983, when the State Auditor's Office pointed out that employees could not be paid for an eight-hour day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. when that included lunch. The correction was made to a 35-hour week at that time, he stated. He added that, by state law, the terms of employment for a classified employee cannot be changed without compensation. Ms. Curtiss stated that, in 12 years, she has not asked for an increase in her salary line item. She added that the Ohio Revised Code states that employees must be compensated at time and a half for hours worked beyond the employee's established work week. Commissioner Shupe asked if the Auditor's Office is realizing any savings with the recent influx of new employees. Mr. Laramee responded that, because of the specialization of the finance department's workload, they have had to hire in people with comparable experience to those employees being replaced, so no noticeable savings are achieved. Commissioner Shupe stated that the real problem is where to find the money, as the 2007 budget is already stretched. The Commissioners probably won't be able to make a decision

until later in the year when the carryover figure is known. Ms. Smalley stated she would like to withdraw her request for two new employees in exchange for increasing the legal department's work week to 40 hours. She added that, since Commissioner Kiger's literature recommends a 40-hour work week be instituted, she takes this as a directive from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Kiger responded that his literature is his point of view and not intended to speak for the other Commissioners. He asked if Ms. Smalley intends to conform to the Commissioners' holiday and vacation policies as well. Ms. Curtiss stated that the Commissioners only have the right to set the budgets, while the individual appointing authorities have the right to establish personnel policies. She added that, in her office, no overtime work is permitted without prior approval. Mr. Laramee stated that, if the state had intended the County Commissioners to have the authority to micro-manage every office, the law would indicate so. The Commissioners are trying to bully officeholders into following their policies which, in some cases, are wrong, he stated. The intent of the law is clear - the appointing authority has the right to establish his or her own personnel policies. Commissioner Myers asked if approval of the additional funds would solve the problem or merely be a band-aid. Ms. Curtiss responded that it would really just be a band-aid, since the office still needs more people. Commissioner Myers asked if cross-training among county offices is possible, allowing a department with a downturn in workload to loan out employees. Ms. Curtiss responded that this would be extremely difficult, as it would be a stressful situation for the employee. Finding people with fund accounting experience is a difficult process, she added. Commissioner Myers asked if the Auditor's Office has any insight on year-end figures. Mr. Laramee noted that the conveyance fees are starting to decline and have likely hit a plateau. Commissioner Shupe urged Ms. Curtiss not to take her comments personally, but that the extra time off given by the Auditor's Office is an issue and having staff off impacts the department's ability to get the work done. The Commissioners will consider the request in light of year-end figures and will make a decision at a later date, she concluded. Ms. Smalley asked that the Commissioners review her personnel policy, which mirrors the Commissioners' with the exception of three days. She repeated that she would be glad to drop her request for more employees in exchange for an increase in the work week.

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 9:10 a.m.. Present at this meeting were Judith K. Shupe, Mike Kiger and Jon D. Myers. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Julia Hilty and Jackie Long.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes as presented for Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER AND MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - SR-310 CORRIDOR TRAFFIC STUDY

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the acceptance of an agreement between the Fairfield County Engineer and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to conduct a SR-310 Traffic Study (See Resolution 06-10.17.a)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

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APPROVAL OF LITTLE WALNUT WATER CONTRACT #10 - CARROLL WATERLINE FINAL CHANGE ORDER AND CONTRACT CLOSEOUT - FAIRFIELD COUNTY UTILITIES

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the final change order and contract closeout for Little Walnut Water Contract #10 for the Carroll Waterline project (See Resolution 06-10.17.b)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO AGREEMENT FOR WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITH VIOLA PARK LLC - FAIRFIELD COUNTY UTILITIES

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Amendment #2 to the agreement for water and sanitary sewer improvements with Viola Park LLC as requested by Fairfield County Utilities (See Resolution 06-10.17.c attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF PETITION TO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO APPOINT LAW FIRM OF TERENCE A. GRADY & ASSOCIATES AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL/FAIRFIELD COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER DON RECTOR

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a petition to the Court of Common Pleas to appoint the law firm of Terrence A. Grady & Associates as outside counsel for possible litigation involving Fairfield County Sanitary Engineer Don Rector (Resolution 06-10.17.d attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF DRAWING ON LETTER OF CREDIT - HOCKING RUN ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FAIRFIELD COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a draw on a letter of credit for the Hocking Run Estates Subdivision as requested by Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission (See Resolution 06-10.17.e attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - WALNUT CREEK SEWER DISTRICT/LEITNAKER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS - FY2005 CDBG

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to authorize the readvertisement for bids for the Walnut Creek Sewer District Leitnaker Pump Station Improvements, a FY2005 CDBG project (See Resolution 06-10.17.f attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

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APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FEE INCREASES - FAIRFIELD COUNTY DOG SHELTER

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to establish the date of Tuesday, November 21, at 9:30 a.m. for public hearing on proposed fee increases at the Fairfield County Dog Shelter (See Resolution 06-10.17.g attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF PROVIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND AMBER EDWARDS

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a provider contract between Fairfield County Job and Family Services and Amber Edwards (See Resolution 06-10.17.h attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF PROVIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND JENNIFER REISBECK-LEE

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a provider contract between Fairfield County Job and Family Services and Jennifer Reisbeck-Lee (See Resolution 06-10.17.i attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF PROVIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND TRISHA PICKENPAUGH

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a provider contract between Fairfield County Job and Family Services and Trisha Pickenpaugh (See Resolution 06-10.17.j attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF LEASE OF PARKING SPACES TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY ADAMH BOARD - 135 W. CHESTNUT STREET

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the lease of five (5) parking spaces at 135 W. Chestnut Street to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board (See Resolution 06-10.17.k attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

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APPROVAL OF CFLP SOLID WASTE DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL RECYCLING SERVICES CONTRACT - FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a contract with the CFLP Solid Waste District for residential and commercial recycling services provided by Fairfield County Community Action (See Resolution 06-10.17.l attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF CONFIRMATION OF 2007 HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY EMPLOYEES

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve confirmation of 2007 Health Insurance rates for Fairfield County employees (See Resolution 06-10.17.m attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF INSURANCE PREMIUM "HOLIDAY" FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an insurance premium "holiday" for Fairfield County departments and employees in December, 2006 (See Resolution 06-10.17.n attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF MEMO EXPENDITURE - FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a memo expenditure for Fairfield County Job and Family Services (See Resolution 06-10.17.o attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFER - FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an account to account transfer for Fairfield County Job and Family Services (See Resolution 06-10.17.p attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

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APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF EMA COUNTY-WIDE SIREN PROJECT - GENERAL FUND - APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED & FUND TO FUND TRANSFER

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an allocation to Fairfield County Emergency Management for the county-wide siren project through an appropriation from unappropriated funds and fund to fund transfer (See Resolution 06-10.17.q attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myer, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF FUND TO FUND TRANSFER - FAIRFIELD COUNTY EMA

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a fund to fund transfer for Fairfield County EMA (See Resolution 06-10.17.r attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FULL REPAYMENT OF ADVANCED FUNDS - ADULT COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTION FY2006-07

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to accept full repayment of an advance made from the General Fund to Adult Community Based Correction FY2006-07 fund (See Resolution 06-10.17.s attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF REPAYMENT OF ADVANCED FUNDS - FY2005 CHIP

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to accept repayment of an advance made from the General fund to the FY2005 CHIP (See Resolution 06-10.17.t attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFERS & APPROPRIATION FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS - FAIRFIELD COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS DIVISION

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve account to account transfers and appropriation from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Victim Witness Division (See Resolution 06-10.17.u attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFERS & FUND TO FUND TRANSFER - GENERAL FUND TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS DIVISION LOCAL MATCH

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an account to account transfer and fund to fund transfer from the General Fund for the Fairfield County Victim Witness Division grant local match (See Resolution 06-10.17.v attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe
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APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS - FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - ELECTRONIC MONITORING/PRISONER MEDICAL EXPENSES

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an appropriation from unappropriated funds for electronic monitoring/prisoner medical expenses (See Resolution 06-10.17.w attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF FUND TO FUND TRANSFER - 4TH QUARTER GENERAL FUND PORTION - MULTI-COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FUND

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a fund transfer for the 4th quarter general fund portion of the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center Fund (See Resolution 06-10.17.x attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF 3RD QUARTER REPORT - 2006 OCJS GRANT AWARD - FAIRFIELD-HOCKING MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the 3rd quarter report for the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit 2006 OCJS grant (See Resolution 06-10.17.y attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFER - FAIRFIELD COUNTY DATA PROCESSING

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an account to account transfer for Fairfield County Data Processing (See Resolution 06-10.17.z attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFER - FAIRFIELD COUNTY AIRPORT

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an account to account transfer for the Fairfield County Airport (See Resolution 06-10.17.aa attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF MEMO EXPENDITURE - FAIRFIELD COUNTY MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a memo expenditure for Fairfield County MR/DD (See Resolution 06-10.17.bb attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

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APPROVAL OF MEMO EXPENDITURE - FAIRFIELD COUNTY MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a memo expenditure for Fairfield County MR/DD (See Resolution 06-10.17.cc attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BUDGETARY PROCESS - FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF ELECTIONS POSTAGE

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to

approve a voucher outside the normal budgetary process for postage for the Board of Elections (See Resolution 06-10.17.dd attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL TO RATIFY PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF VOUCHER OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BUDGETARY PROCESS - FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF ELECTIONS POSTAGE

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to ratify its previous approval of a voucher outside the normal budgetary process for postage for the Board of Elections (See Resolution 06-10.17. ee attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 17, 2006

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve authorization for payment of bills as presented for October 17, 2006 (See Resolution 06-10.17.ff attached)

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

REVIEW SESSION

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:25 a.m. to review correspondence and pending and future agenda items. Present at this review session were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Julia Hilty, Melissa Gantner and Jackie Long.

Ms. Gantner updated the Board on the status of the FairCATS grant application to ODOT. The grant was denied because the requirement for a full-time coordinator is not met; however, ODOT contacted Commissioner Shupe and notified her that the state is willing to grant the county a 10-day grace period from today in which to resubmit the application. Ms. Gantner explained that the FairCATS Board has met and is committed to reapplying; the plan is to change Kelley Bauman's job description to make her the coordinator. Additionally, the local match issue will be revisited and clarified. The Commissioners invited Ms. Gantner to return for the 11:00 a.m. meeting with City of Lancaster Transportation Director Mitch Nusser regarding another ODOT transportation grant.

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PRESS CONFERENCE

The Board of Commissioners held a joint press conference with Fairfield County EMA regarding the Fairfield County warning sirens project at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenfield Township Fire Station. Present at this press conference were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Matt Keefe, interested citizens and county officials and media representatives.

MEETING WITH MITCH NUSSER

The Board of Commissioners met with Mitch Nusser of the Lancaster Public Transportation Office at 11:00 a.m. regarding an ODOT transportation grant. Present at this meeting were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Mitch Nusser, Roseanne Christian, Melissa Gantner and Jackie Long. Mr. Nusser indicated that that the city would like to see a true coordinated effort to avoid the duplication that currently exists. Pooling riders should be part of the effort, he stated. Ms. Gantner concurred that the coordination to date has not been the best. The FairCATS Board has made several

changes and wants to reapply for the grant. Additionally, there have been talks about working with the city's transportation program. One of the changes recently made was to provide trips to Columbus only one day per week, and staff members work with clients and physicians to schedule out-of-town appointments on that day whenever possible. Mr. Nusser noted that Lancaster's Public Transit system has not been reimbursed for trips from FairCATS for six months and that he understands the city is not the only provider that has been unpaid. Ms. Gantner explained that FairCATS has taken steps to take care of those obligations. Discussion followed regarding ODOT's SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) program. Mr. Nusser explained that he understands this to be a competitive grant earmarked for new start-up programs; however, there is some confusion as to what programs can apply. He recommended that the Commissioners submit a letter of intent by the October 23 deadline to at least retain eligibility should the county wish to apply for the funds. Commissioner Myers noted that the Commissioners had allocated funds to FairCATS to get the program out of the hole. Mr. Nusser indicated that the City of Lancaster has done the same for its transportation program, as the local match was insufficient to provide the desired level of service. Commissioner Myers stated he is confused as to how the whole coordination of transportation system works and how funds are provided. Mr. Nusser agreed that it is a difficult process with a variety of funding sources. He repeated that duplication is occurring in some cases now and this needs to be addressed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

The Board of Commissioners conducted interviews with five candidates for the position of Fairfield County Economic Development Director beginning at 1:15 p.m. Present at the interviews were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Aunie Cordle, Jackie Long and individually, interviewees Carri Brown, Jeff Siegler, Bill Arnett and T. J. Justice.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe

Mike Kiger

Jon D. Myers

Judith K. Shupe

Jacqueline D. Long, Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006, AT 11:00 A.M.