

**Regular Meeting #10-48
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
November 9, 2010**

9:00 a.m. Floodplain Regulations Public Hearing

The Board of Commissioners convened a public hearing relative to updating the county Floodplain Regulations. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were County EMA Director Jon Kochis, Regional Planning Director Holly Mattei, James Mako, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Commissioner Kiger read a statement outlining the purpose of the hearing, summarizing the National Flood Insurance Program and associated regulations, noting that the current regulations date back to 1995 and need to be updated to stay in compliance with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). ODNR has reviewed and approved the draft regulation updates.

Commissioner Kiger asked if anyone present wished to make any comments on the proposed regulations.

Mr. Mako provided a summary of the proposed changes, stating that first of all, the regulations are not changing all that much. The main changes are relative to the concept of freeboard, and will require that the lowest floor of any home built in a flood-prone area must be at least one foot above the estimated flood level.

In addition, landowners must still obtain permits to fill any floodplain or flood fringe areas, but the charges for such permits will remain the same. The Federal Government (FEMA) wants local jurisdictions to be consistent with Federal guidelines, and as the designated state entity, ODNR also looks for consistency when reviewing county regulations. Fairfield County is currently considered compliant with Federal regulations.

One other change involves the variance and appeals process, and with the proposed changes, Fairfield County would adopt a model developed through ODNR. Currently, appeals are rare, and the Regional Planning Commission Subdivision Regulation Committee will become the designated appeals body.

Commissioner Shupe asked if all appeals would go before that body, and Mr. Mako confirmed they would.

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board fo Commissioners voted to close the hearing.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review

The Board of Commissioners met to review legal issues, correspondence and pending and future action items. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Executive Session

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation against the Commissioners. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:24 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

No formal actions were taken

Executive Session

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

No formal actions were taken.

Commissioner Myers noted that he will be participating in a budget meeting at the MCJDC this afternoon, and there will need to be a budget ready for the full Board to vote on. At this point, they are considering pay freezes and temporarily closing one of the pods, but the numbers do seem to be on the rise so the closing may not be necessary.

Commissioner Kiger asked if it is possible to reduce pay for employees, and Mr. Dolin stated he believes it would require some sort of due process hearing for a classified employee, but it may be simpler for unclassified employees.

Executive Session

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:53 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:57 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

No formal actions were taken.

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Absent was Jon Myers. Also present were Brian Kuhn, Paul Martin, Frank Hirsch, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Announcements

Mr. Zody announced there could be one add-on resolution for the Commissioners pending the outcome of some discussions Ms. Knisley was having.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes of Thursday, November 4, 2010

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Thursday, November 4, 2010.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Abstaining was Jon Myers

Approval of Disposal of a Vehicle – Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit – Transfer to Estep's Auto & Truck Service

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve disposing of a vehicle for the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit – transfer to Estep's Auto & Truck Service, see resolution 10-11.09.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Change Order for the BLO-07, FAI-CR20-2.588 Pickerington Road NW over a Tributary to Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project - Engineer

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Change Order for the BLO-07, FAI-CR20-2.588 Pickerington Road NW over a Tributary to Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project – Engineer, see resolution 10-11.09.b

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Major Crimes Unit resolutions

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the Major Crimes Unit as follows:

10-11.09.c Approval of Acceptance of the Quarterly Report for the 2010 JAG OCJS Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit

10-11.09.d Approval of Acceptance of the Quarterly Report for the 2010 Drug Law Enforcement OCJS Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of request for payment and status of funds report – HOME & OHTF – Drawdown #236

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a request for payment and status of funds report – HOME & OHTF – Drawdown #236, see resolution 10-11.09.e

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

Approval of request for payment and status of funds report – NSP1 Funds – Drawdown #237

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a request for payment and status of funds report – NSP1 Funds – Drawdown #237, see resolution 10-11.09.f

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

Approval of Recycling resolutions

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve recycling resolutions for Community Action as follows:

10-11.09.g Approval of 2010 CFLP Buy Recycled Program Grant application

10-11.09.h Approval of entering into a three-year recycling services host site agreement to continue to provide contracted services for drop off recycling in Fairfield County

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve financial resolutions as follows:

10-11.09.i Approval to amend Certificate and fund to fund transfer – Motor Vehicle Fund #2024

10-11.09.j Approval to Amend Certificate and appropriate from unappropriated - FY2010 Major Crimes Unit

10-11.09.k Approval of Repayment of an Advance to the General Fund – HOME Fund #2731

10-11.09.l Approval of Repayment of an Advance to the General Fund from the FY2011 Adult Community Based Corrections Fund

10-11.09.m Approval of payment of a voucher without an appropriate carry over purchase order - Commissioners

10-11.09.n Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Major Crimes Unit

10-11.09.o Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Debt Service Fund 5555 – Sewer Consolidation 2003, and in Debt Service Fund 5556 – Water Consolidation 2003 - Utilities

10-11.09.p Approval of Account to Account Transfer – JFS Child Support Enforcement

10-11.09.q Approval of Account to Account Transfer – FACFC
10-11.09.r Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Commissioners/Maintenance
10-11.09.s Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Sheriff
10-11.09.t Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Delinquent Real Estate Collection
10-11.09.u Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Subdivision Fund 2580

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

Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, November 9, 2010, check date November 12, 2010

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Authorization for Payment of Bills, November 9, 2010, check date November 12, 2010, see resolution 10-11.09.v

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

10:30 a.m. Meeting with Frank Hirsch

The Board of Commissioners met with Health Commissioner Frank Hirsch to discuss disposition of the Board of Health building and property. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Paul Martin, Tony Vogel, Jon Slater Jr., Brian Kuhn, Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Hirsch stated he had asked for the meeting to discuss the disposition of the building and process to follow, as he is not sure what needs to be done and when.

Mr. Dolin stated he, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Zody have been researching and discussing the issue, and recently Mr. Hirsch met with the Ohio Department of Health and received some feedback from them. ODH believes that the changeover from a Combined District to a General District is less complicated than we think, but the Prosecutor does not necessarily agree with that assessment.

Mr. Martin agreed, stating some of the aspects of reconstituting the district make sense, but at least they won't have to rehire all of the employees or reapply for their grants with ODH. Mr. Dolin stated the grants are ODH's call, but the legal status of the Combined vs. General district is a concern, and the Attorney General seemed to take the opinion that they are separate legal entities.

Mr. Dolin suggested the Board of Health adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of the building and property back to the Commissioners for \$1, the same terms under which the county transferred the property.

Mr. Zody noted the Board of Health is scheduled to meet tomorrow, and suggested they should take that vote at that meeting and also authorize Mr. Hirsch and/or Mr. Martin to proceed, and Mr. Dolin agreed that would be a logical course of action. Mr. Dolin stated that procedurally the Commissioners should then adopt a resolution accepting the property back from the BOH. Mr. Martin stated that should not be a problem.

Mr. Dolin stated the other problem is who is responsible for what when it comes to covering the General Health District expenses and housing. Mr. Laramée stated his view is that anything to do with utilities and housekeeping are the Commissioners responsibility, so that piece is moot. Mr. Dolin stated the AG has opinioned several

times on that and there actually is some flexibility and the Commissioners and the Health Department could work out some shared costs if they wish.

Mr. Martin asked if the telephone costs would include cell phones, and Mr. Laramee believes it is land lines only. Mr. Hirsch asked if the new phone system would come under that, and Mr. Zody stated he was not sure, and would have to check with the Data Processing Office on that.

Mr. Dolin stated some items need further discussion, as the AG clearly opined that the level of service is for the most part up to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Laramee stated in his view the difference between the Department of Health and the Board of Health, is that the Board is changing, not the Department. Mr. Hirsch stated his main concern is to have an orderly transition.

Mr. Laramee stated he has made inquiries relative to the maintenance costs, and believes the District Advisory Council (DAC) share of the budget should be reduced accordingly, and Mr. Vogel stated he disagrees with Mr. Laramee's assessment, as not all of the "maintenance" costs that the Department of Health initially cited are going to be covered by the Commissioners under the AG Opinion.

Mr. Laramee stated the person currently on the Health Department staff as the maintenance employee performs the bulk of his duties as maintenance, and those dollars are going to go away due to building maintenance costs now being covered by the Commissioners. Mr. Hirsch stated they will need to examine the specifics in light of the AG Opinion. Mr. Vogel stated the Commissioners and the Health Department need to discuss how to pay for these activities, and Mr. Laramee stated it has nothing to do with that – it has to do with housing costs.

Mr. Vogel stated there needs to be a discussion and determination about what is housing and what is not. Mr. Dolin stated the default position is that utilities, telephones, etc., are under the Commissioners with some reasonable discretion and negotiating with the Department of Health.

Mr. Laramee stated the allocation to the DAC needs to be set and the Department has the ability to increase its appropriations but once the DAC contribution is set, it cannot be changed.

Mr. Martin stated they are discussing the employee situation and are talking about it today, and the maintenance employee's funding is in question for next year. Fleet care is also an issue – whether to continue to do it in-house or contract the service out.

Mr. Vogel stated that is his issue, and those expenses are clearly the Health Department's not the County's. Mr. Laramee stated that would need to be discussed at the DAC. Commissioner Shupe asked Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Slater their opinions on that, and Mr. Slater stated he did not wish to initiate a Budget Commission discussion as part of this meeting, but noted these issues need to be worked out.

Mr. Laramee stated his point is that it is not a Commissioners issue, it is a Budget Commission issue. Commissioner Shupe stated it is a Commissioners issue if the county has to pick up those costs. Mr. Laramee stated it is a Board decision relative to what to do, and the DAC needs to approve a budget for the Health Department for 2011 – it could include dollars for some maintenance functions but it needs to set the allocation for the DAC.

Mr. Hirsch stated he needs to determine what they can do to help out – there may be some WIC funding that could be utilized to help offset housing and maintenance costs. Mr. Vogel asked if the DAC would be responsible for fleet costs, and Mr. Slater noted that in the past, the Budget Commission has tried to avoid managing the districts unless absolutely forced to. The history has been to try to work out issues with the Commissioners.

Mr. Laramée noted that he has been in conversations with Paulette Tiller on this and it is a fit topic for Budget Commission discussion.

Commissioner Kiger stated the group needed to focus back on the issues that need to be addressed today, and leave the Budget Commission issues to the Budget Commission.

Mr. Hirsch asked what the future housing plans are for the Health Department, as they have looked at space needs and services and want to work together with the Commissioners on that. Mr. Hirsch stated he actually likes the Miller Building and would prefer to stay there if the issues could be fixed, but understands the costs involved.

Commissioner Myers asked what the space needs for the Department would be, and has everyone agreed to that? Mr. Vogel stated his goal is to address the immediate needs now, and probably keep the Health Department in the Miller Building for a year or so while a search for new quarters is conducted. Mr. Martin stated the employees would prefer that as well – one move as opposed to multiple moves. Mr. Hirsch added they have had concerns raised by the W/C people about addressing building needs, and estimates the department would need between 15-25,000 square feet of space.

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met to review legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Brian Kuhn, Jon Slater Jr., Ed Laramée, Carl Burnett, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Dolin provided an update on legal issues, stating that he received an opinion back from the Attorney General relative to the Education Service Center. Mr. Laramée had asked the question of whether or not the ESC could be apportioned a share of election costs as a political subdivision. The AG opined that they are not a political subdivision, which coincides with the prosecutor's view, and therefore are not subject to apportionment of election costs.

Commissioner Shupe asked if this decision would impact local school districts, and Mr. Dolin stated it should not. Mr. Laramée stated the question arose as a result of an opinion from the Secretary of State, and had been unresolved.

Mr. Vogel provided an update on the Courthouse generator, stating he had met with Chris Claypool and they are revising and updating the preliminary plan they had submitted some time ago to Joe Spybey.

The Board discussed possible incentives to provide employees to participate in the United Way charitable campaign. Commissioner Shupe stated that Ms. Orlando and Ms. Cordle wanted to know if the Board was willing to provide any incentives. Commissioner Kiger stated that charitable donations should be made freely and willingly, and employees should not have to be rewarded to give. Commissioner Shupe stated she thought Ms. Orlando's presentation at the Roundtable meeting last week was helpful in educating the elected officials about the campaign.

Commissioner Myers stated that no matter what the Board decides, each appointing authority has the ability to provide incentives to their employees if they wish. Mr. Slater stated some folks in the room at the Roundtable meeting did not speak up because they already provide incentives and did not want to appear to be in conflict with the Board.

Mr. Zody noted that whatever the Commissioners decide, they should do so soon, as the campaign will be wrapped up by the end of the year. Commissioner Myers asked what the Board should decide, and Commissioner Shupe stated they need to make a decision on whether or not to allow incentives, such as giving an extra day off for Fair

Share contributors. Mr. Zody stated that was what really led to the discussion, as JFS used to provide a day off for Fair Share donors, but discontinued the practice last year after the Board discouraged the practice.

Commissioner Kiger stated he feels it is unfair to give employees a day off for giving to one charity but not if they give to another. Mr. Laramée asked if there was any legal opinion or advice relative to seeing the practice as a proper public purpose, and noted it could be construed as giving public funds to charity. Commissioner Kiger stated that is exactly how he sees it.

The Board discussed the implementation of a parking policy for the Government Service Center parking lot, now that it is in the process of being resurfaced. Mr. Vogel stated the paving will be completed over the Veterans' Day holiday, and depending on what the Commissioners want, he feels the timing is right to implement a new parking policy.

Commissioner Myers asked if the transitory parking would change, and Mr. Vogel stated the transitory parking would be moved from the Wheeling Street side to the Memorial Drive side, and one space would be set aside for the EMA SUV. The first three rows would be reserved for customers and visitors, and the remaining spaces would be first come, first served.

Mr. Zody provided the Board with a draft copy of a policy that he and Mr. Vogel had developed and provided previously. The Board directed Mr. Zody and Mr. Vogel to move forward and implement the policy.

11:00 a.m. Meeting with Jeanette Addington

The Board of Commissioners met with financial consultant Jeanette Addington to discuss the 2011 budget. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Brian Kuhn, Jon Slater Jr., Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Commissioner Shupe asked if they had to get to Ms. Addington's suggested numbers, and Commissioner Kiger stated if the Board wants to balance the budget they have to. Commissioner Shupe noted that OSU Extension, at the most recent Advisory Committee meeting, offered to provide a 3-5% reduction in their allocation.

Ms. Addington noted that right now requests exceed parameters by \$824,000 – her original goal for spending was \$33,500,000, which she adjusted upwards to \$34,000,000 based upon the last several months revenue results. Even if the Commissioners kept all agencies at parameters, the budget would still be \$443,000 over.

Commissioner Myers asked if it was certain there would be a special election, and Mr. Zody stated it would seem likely since the Pickerington levy failed and the outcome of the Amanda levy is in doubt. Commissioner Shupe stated the schools will need to file soon if they intend to go for a special, and the Amanda levy outcome won't be known until November 17th.

Ms. Addington stated the main issue with an extra election is the lag time in receiving reimbursement back from the Secretary of State's office, and Mr. Laramée agreed it is a several month delay.

Ms. Addington stated she also looked at the October actual numbers and believes her projection is looking better for the cash balance – she now believes they will end the year with approximately \$7 million, and if that figure is added to the Auditor's estimated revenue for 2011, the total limited budget could be as high as \$35.7 million, where her previous projection was \$34.9 million. She cautioned the Board that this represented the absolute high end amount the county could appropriate, which she does not advocate, given all of the economic uncertainties for 2011.

Ms. Addington stated she still believes the county should appropriate no more than \$34 million for 2011, which would make the year-end cash carry over for 2011 \$6.5 million.

Ms. Addington noted the sales tax increase expires at the end of 2013 and would impact cash carry over in 2014 and beyond. Mr. Slater stated it is conceivable that in the meantime the state will reduce the Local Government Fund, and Mr. Zody stated he believes it will definitely be cut under the next state budget.

Commissioner Myers noted they still have the Health Department housing and maintenance costs to account for as well. Ms. Krisley stated she did add some funding to the budget for Health Department utility costs.

Ms. Addington stated the Board could communicate the numbers to the agencies and ask them to manage within those figures, provided they didn't put it all into personnel costs and leave nothing for operating. Otherwise, the Board would be overspending the budget. Ms. Addington stated the Commissioners also need to cut elsewhere if they agree to fund the overages previously discussed.

Commissioner Shupe asked if they needed to look at the individual departments if they don't have enough money, and Ms. Addington stated the Board needs to look at the non-mandated items. Commissioner Shupe noted they have struggled to reduce GRF exposure but the independent funds are being spent down as well.

Commissioner Shupe noted that without the sales tax the budget would be in serious jeopardy, and the non-mandated areas will be the areas that should be cut first. Ms. Addington asked if the Board needed to discuss the non-mandated items, and Commissioner Kiger agreed the non-mandated line items need to be cut first.

Commissioner Shupe stated they could also look at the bigger departments and cut there to help absorb the shortfall, and Ms. Addington stated the Sheriff is the largest agency. Commissioner Shupe stated Fairfield County is in better shape than a lot of other counties, noting several counties have all but eliminated their road patrols. Commissioner Shupe asked if the Sheriff received any funding to cover the bargaining unit pay raises, and Ms. Krisley stated she did not factor the pay raises in, but did provide some funding for vehicle replacements.

Mr. Laramee asked how many vacancies the Sheriff had, and if they were built into the budget, and Mr. Zody stated there are a few vacancies that the Sheriff intends not to fill if his budget is flat to save dollars, and Ms. Krisley stated he will likely need to lay off a few employees as well.

Ms. Addington asked if the Board wanted to review the allocations, and agree on whether or not to consider the JFS allocation as mandated or non-mandated.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Child Support Enforcement share is mandated, and Ms. Krisley stated it is not – only the Mandated Share for Public Assistance is required.

Commissioner Shupe asked how much needed to be cut - \$400,000 or \$800,000, and Ms. Addington stated the budget is \$800,000 over parameters unless the Board would hold everyone to the parameter numbers, in which case they would be \$400,000 over, but the Board already agreed to provide several offices with their request, such as the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Myers noted the Veterans' Services budget is over as well, and the Franklin County VSC recently got themselves in trouble. Commissioner Shupe stated the one positive in that is the Veterans' Service Commission usually returns a good bit of funding at the end of each year that they do not spend.

Commissioner Myers asked about the Regional Planning Commission and if they are required, and Commissioner Shupe stated you could say that about any of those line

items. Mr. Zody stated one option would be to reduce them all. Commissioner Shupe asked how much of a reduction would be required, and Commissioner Kiger stated at least 20%, more likely 40%.

Mr. Laramée stated that he believes if the Commissioner could reduce spending to \$34.4 million, the Auditor could cover the remainder through a revenue adjustment. Ms. Addington asked about the OSU Extension, and Commissioner Shupe stated they are only volunteering a 3-5% reduction.

Mr. Zody stated the Board needs to keep in mind the Local Government Fund will almost certainly be cut by the state, and Commissioner Kiger stated he doesn't like the \$34.4 figure – he would prefer to cut down to the \$34 figure. He would advocate cutting the non-mandate line items 40% and be done with it.

Ms. Slater stated he would obviously advocate that the GIS line item not be reduced any further, especially since it was already significantly reduced last year and is not a large line item.

Commissioner Shupe noted a \$7 million cash carry over is less than the 25% Ms. Addington recommends, and Ms. Addington agreed, but also stated maintaining a 17-18% carry over isn't bad considering.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the carry over would be reduced to \$6.8 million, it would still be 20%, and Commissioner Kiger stated that would not be a wise move. Commissioner Kiger stated he believes the allocation was to support JFS in the past because they did not have a levy – now that they have a levy they should not be subsidized by the GRF.

Commissioner Shupe noted they are now at the point of hitting individual departments. Commissioner Kiger stated JFS is receiving more funding this year than the previous year, and Commissioner Shupe stated it comes down to personal preference, and asked what the minimal needs to GIS would be. Ms. Addington noted the OSU Extension line item is one of the larger allocations as well.

Mr. Laramée stated if the Board can cut to \$34.4 million he would feel comfortable covering the remainder. Ms. Addington stated she would need to understand the potential cuts to the Local Government Fund that are not built in. Mr. Laramée stated he believes the first 6 months of 2011 will be fine, as the state budget would not impact the county until the 2nd half and into 2012. Mr. Slater noted the markets could effect 2012 in a positive way, as they can't get much worse.

Commissioner Myers stated he has been studying the numbers and believes he has come up with approximately \$600,000 in reductions. He suggested reducing the allocations as follows: cut \$130,000 from the Prosecutor, reduce the Lancaster Festival by \$4,100, reduce Historical Parks by \$50,000, reduce the CPS allocation by \$300,000, reduce Extension by \$35,000, reduce CSEA by \$40,000, reduce Soil & Water Conservation by \$25,000 and reduce GIS \$20,000.

Commissioner Shupe noted that they never seem to get any feedback relative to the funding they give to the Lancaster Festival, and Commissioner Myers stated that began as seed money for the event but now they have built a list of sponsors and donors and had a very successful year in 2010. Mr. Slater suggested the Board also consider which of the allocations generates revenue.

Commissioner Shupe asked what the bottom line would be, and Commissioner Myers stated they need to cut at least \$400,000, Commissioner Shupe stated there are also several unknowns. Mr. Laramée stated the Board could implement some cuts with the understanding that some could be restored depending upon the outcome of the state budget and economy.

Commissioner Myers stated the bottom line is people and the fact that some will be impacted. Mr. Zody noted that the JFS allocation is greater in 2011 than 2010 due to the levy advance repayment.

Commissioner Myers asked about the Engineer's administrative support line item, and Ms. Knisley stated the GRF has to pay 1/3 of the Engineer's administrative costs. Mr. Slater added they have not pushed to keep their interest earnings either.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there was anything they could look at for the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center, and Commissioner Myers stated the county contribution to the MCJDC is pretty well set according to the multi-county agreement.

Commissioner Myers asked about the Sheriff's vehicle funding and how the Board could be assured the funds would be spent for that purpose. Ms. Knisley stated she had the funding in a separate line item in the Sheriff's budget specifically for vehicles, so they would have to have the Commissioners approve any change by resolution.

Commissioner Myers suggested the Board meet with JFS Director Michael Orlando again to discuss the JFS allocation. Ms. Knisley stated she would be more comfortable with cutting \$600,000 than \$400,000, and Mr. Laramee agreed. Ms. Knisley stated another option for the Board would be to reduce the unanticipated emergency appropriation, but she has already tapped that line this year for electronic monitoring and out of county prisoner housing.

Commissioner Shupe asked about the Common Pleas Court budget, and Mr. Zody stated that Judge Martin had taken more than a 9% GRF cut this year, but overspent in his special fund, and it did not replenish as he anticipated it would and so he needs some additional GRF to get the court through 2011.

Mr. Zody asked Commissioner Myers how he arrived at the \$130,000 reduction for the Prosecutor, and Commissioner Myers stated the Prosecutor's GRF budget is \$1.3 million, and since the Prosecutor did not take the 9% cut for 2010, he applied it to next year's proposed budget. Commissioner Myers also suggested the Board consider making the sales tax increase permanent.

Mr. Slater stated the allocation conversation should be ongoing and open, and asked the Board to consider and keep in mind that the GIS line item was significantly reduced last year.

Commissioner Shupe noted that Regional Planning may have to consider fee increases, and Mr. Laramee asked if there were any departments the Board had not talked to. Mr. Zody stated any agency that stayed within parameters has not been talked to. Commissioner Myers asked which office or offices Mr. Laramee feels should be looked at, and Mr. Laramee suggested the Clerk of Court. Mr. Zody stated Ms. Smalley is already talking about reducing her staff hours down to 35 from 40 or making other cuts in anticipation of 2012.

Ms. Addington asked if there were estimates available relative to the potential casino revenues, and Mr. Slater stated he does not expect any casino revenue to start flowing until 2013 or 2014. Mr. Zody noted that the state will likely offset the Local Government Fund by any amount of casino revenues, so it may be a zero-sum game.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on the motion of Judith Shupe and the second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

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

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Scott Zody, Clerk/Manager

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' IS
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.**