

**Regular Meeting #09-16
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 21, 2009**

9:00 a.m. Meeting with Michael Orlando

The Board of Commissioners met with Job & Family Services Director Michael Orlando to discuss the ongoing reorganization of the agency. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Mary Beth Lane, County Treasurer Jon Slater, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Orlando stated that he was present to keep the Board updated on activities relative to the reorganization, and understood that the Board had some questions relative to the first floor. Commissioner Shupe stated that the county Emergency Management Agency is interested in occupying part of the first floor. Mr. Orlando stated that he has received some additional information from the state relative to Work Net, as there was some concern about costs if Work Net remained on the first floor – Mr. Orlando had planned on moving out of his office to make room for Work net on the third floor. Mr. Orlando had asked the state if rent could be charged to work Net as a direct cost, and the state has agreed that it allowable, as are utilities and maintenance costs. Also, some employees could be direct billed, which may allow one JFS employee to be retained. Work Net currently pays about \$30,000 per year in rent.

Commissioner Myers asked how much room is needed for Work Net, and Mr. Orlando stated about 5,000 square feet, which is about the same amount that EMA would need.

Commissioner Shupe asked if EMA would need that much space, and Mr. Orlando stated that EMA would like the self-contained areas and he felt that Work Net could be moved to the other side of the floor and continue to pay rent to the county.

In addition, Work Net has been notified that they will be receiving approximately \$750,000 in Federal stimulus funding for Workforce Investment Act activities. Mr. Zody asked what the WIA dollars could be spent on, and Mr. Orlando stated they must be used for youth, adult and dislocated worker aid, and almost half of the funds of the funds have to be spent on Summer Youth Employment programs focused on 16-24 year olds, but the funds must be spent by the end of the year. The adult and displaced worker funds can be used for retraining and placement.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there are funds available for moving and alterations to the building, and Mr. Orlando stated Work net has some limited administrative funds that could be used.

Commissioner Myers asked when the WIA funding would be available, and Mr. Orlando stated that it should be available by July 1st, and he has a person available to place and run those programs. Commissioner Shupe stated that the Board needed to discuss the proposal with Jon Kochis at EMA, and Mr. Zody stated that Mr. Kochis would be present for the Review session today.

Mr. Orlando stated that the budget situation is not looking good, as he is now being informed that the TANF Title XX funds they expected to be restored may only be partially restored - \$12 million instead of \$62 million statewide. This could result in further impacts to Child and Adult Protective services.

Mr. Orlando stated that the County Commissioners Association is very engaged on this issue, as they realize the importance of those funds and the flexibility they offer. He added that he will proceed with planning to move Work net to the other side of the first floor and make room for EMA.

Commissioner Myers suggested having Prosecutor Dave Landefeld down to look over the first floor arrangements to seek his opinion and space needs. Mr. Zody stated he would organize a walk-through later this week.

Regarding the Chestnut Street drive-through facility, Mr. Slater stated that he has appreciated the use of that facility as an alternate location for residents to drop off their county property tax payments, as it adds value to his operation. Commissioner Myers asked how much property tax revenue comes in to that office, and Mr. Slater stated it is small, but growing. Commissioner Myers stated that it might be helpful to try to direct more of the public to use that facility instead of trying to find a place to park around the Courthouse.

Commissioner Shupe asked if dog tags were sold through the drive-through, and Mr. Slater stated that he was not sure if they did or not.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the Utility Office might be interested in contributing to staffing the facility, and Mr. Slater stated that he had spoken with Tony Vogel, but he did not seem very interested. Mr. Slater added that his needs are seasonal – depending upon when tax bills are sent and due.

Commissioner Myers asked if the drive-through will be shut down, and Mr. Orlando stated it would be closed May 1st, but if a shared position could be worked out, he would be willing to do that and keep it open, but the county owns the building.

Commissioner Myers asked if the facility could be operated on a per-receipt basis, and Mr. Orlando stated that he would need to speak with Corey Clark to see if that would be workable. Mr. Slater agreed to work with JFS as well, as the payments for property taxes are increasing at the facility and he would like to keep it open. Commissioner Shupe suggested the Board continue to meet regularly with Mr. Orlando throughout the reorganization process.

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Patty Bratton, Tony Vogel

The Board of Commissioners met with Patty Bratton and Utilities Director Tony Vogel to discuss a pending Policy Committee meeting of the Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Ms. Bratton stated that she had a concern about the Ohio EPA staff that were present at the previous meeting. Mr. Vogel stated that he was of the understanding that Paul Martin had asked them to come to help explain some of the questions Mary Wiard had raised.

Commissioner Shupe asked about a revised fee structure that CFLP Director Carol Phillips was proposing, and Ms. Bratton stated that Ms. Phillips is concerned about the revenue projections, and is proposing a new \$2.75/ton generation fee, but the overall effect would be severe cuts to the county recycling program. Commissioner Shupe stated that she thought the distribution formula would remain the same, and that Perry County did not want to change either. Ms. Bratton stated the real concern is that Franklin County is considering a flow control rule that would require all trash picked up in Franklin County would need to be disposed at Franklin County landfills. That change alone could reduce district revenue by 52%. In addition, the landfill operators in the district are threatening to dispose of trash in other districts if the fees are increased.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the goal of HB 592 was to take care of your own problems. Ms. Bratton stated that Ms. Phillips believes that Franklin County will implement flow control. Commissioner Shupe stated that the current fee structure is \$1-\$4-\$1 and she was of the understanding that it would be left alone. Mr. Vogel stated that Tony at Pine Grove does not like it and he would prefer \$2-\$2-\$2. Commissioner Shupe stated that she would prefer to leave it as is for the next 5 years. Ms. Bratton

asked what the impact would be over those 5 years, and Mr. Vogel stated that he believes they should be able to get through, based on the conservative plans.

Commissioner Myers stated that with the state being in tough financial situations, the legislature may look to the solid waste district funds as something to raid. Ms. Bratton stated the ODNR recycling funds are gone, and they are relying on local funds to operate.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he was of the understanding that each county was supposed to determine its own activities, and Commissioner Shupe stated that it partly true, but each county must also comply with some mandatory requirements as well.

Ms. Bratton added that under Ms. Phillips plan, the county would lose several recycling programs and the commercial program. Ms. Bratton stated that there was a proposal to get rid of composting in Perry County and we stood up for them, but now Perry County is criticizing Fairfield County's commercial program.

Commissioner Myers asked if there were any suggestions on the proposals, and Commissioner Shupe stated that a contract fee on the out-of-state trash would likely not be acceptable. Ms. Bratton stated that currently, there are only about 47,000 tons of trash that are taken out of the district, but a generation fee could be applied to that tonnage.

Commissioner Shupe asked if that would keep the in-district fee at \$1, and Ms. Bratton stated that would depend on the landfill operators agreeing to that proposal. Commissioner Shupe asked why the district could not simply leave the fee structure as it is, and Ms. Bratton stated that Ms. Phillips does not believe that would generate sufficient revenue for the district, especially if Franklin County initiates a flow control policy.

Mr. Vogel asked if SWACO owns the main Franklin County landfill, and Ms. Bratton stated that they do. Mr. Vogel suggested it might be useful to know where companies such as Rumpke and Waste Management stand on the flow control issue, as they are the big players in Franklin County.

Ms. Bratton stated her biggest concern is that Ms. Phillips wants to eliminate the commercial program and is opposed to the incinerator project at the Dog Shelter, and also is not favorable towards the county Buy Recycled program.

Mr. Vogel stated that eliminating just the private sector from the commercial program does not make much sense, and Ms. Bratton concurred, stating that they already pick up cardboard from public entities, and most of the private companies they serve are adjacent or nearby those public customers.

Commissioner Myers stated that regardless of what the Policy Committee recommends, he believes the Board should have the final say in any changes to the plan. Ms. Bratton stated that is true for everything except the fee structure, so whatever the Policy Committee recommends will be final.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe. Also present were Ed Laramee, Bill Arnett, Jon Kochis, Donnie Blatt, Billy Boyce, Mary Beth Lane, Ritta Seitz, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Announcements

Mr. Zody announced there were two potential add-on resolutions pending the outcome of discussions during the Commissioners Review Session.

Public Comment

Donnie Blatt, representing the United Steelworkers, asked if the Board had made a decision relative to a “Buy American” resolution they presented to the Board the previous week. Commissioner Shupe stated that the Board intended to discuss the proposal further and would get back to Mr. Blatt shortly.

Approval of minutes of Tuesday April 14, 2009

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

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

Approval of Groves Ridge Estates Subdivision – Final Acceptance

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Groves Ridge Subdivision Final Acceptance, see resolution 09-04.21.a

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

Approval of Disbursal of funds in the Fairfield County Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund program (CDBG-RLF)

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Disbursal of funds in the Fairfield County Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund program, see resolution 09-04.21.b

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

Approval of CORSA 2009 Participation Agreement

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a CORSA 2009 Participation Agreement, see resolution 09-04.21.c

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

Approval of Purchase of one (1) Vehicle – Fairfield County Juvenile Court

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of one (1) vehicle for the Fairfield County Juvenile Court, see resolution 09-04.21.d

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

Approval of Petition to Vacate part of a public road – Stonewall Cemetery Road in Hocking Township, setting of a date for viewing and hearing

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

voted to approve a Petition to Vacate part of a public road – Stonewall Cemetery Road in Hocking Township, setting of a date for viewing and hearing, see resolution 09-04.21.e

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

Approval of Federal Medicaid and Federal Food Stamp Match Certification – Job & Family Services

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Federal Medicaid and Federal Food Stamp Match Certification – Job & Family Services, see resolution 09-04.21.k

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

Approval of Subsidy Grant – Juvenile Court

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Subsidy Grant for the Juvenile Court, see resolution 09-04.21.g

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

Approval of Request for Payment and Status of funds report – FY2008 CDBG/OHTF – Drawdown #182

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Request for Payment and Status of funds report – FY2008 CDBG/OHTF – Drawdown #182, see resolution 09-04.21.h

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

Approval of Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee's recommendation for approval of the EDA/RLF Semi-Annual Report

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Subsidy Grant for the Juvenile Court, see resolution 09-04.21.g

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

Approval of Extension of the Unexpired Statute of Limitations – US EPA Investigation

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an extension of the Unexpired Statute of Limitations – US EPA Investigation, see resolution 09-04.21.j

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

Approval of the Quarterly Report for the 2009 OCJS Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Quarterly Report for the 2009 OCJS Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit, see resolution 09-04.21.k

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

Approval of Reduction in Appropriations in the General Fund #1001 – Insurance Liability

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Reduction in Appropriations in the General Fund #1001 – Insurance Liability, see resolution 09-04.21.l

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

Approval of Amended Certificate, Update Receipts and Appropriate from Unappropriated – Auditor 7651 Indigent Fund

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Amended Certificate, Update Receipts and Appropriate from Unappropriated – Auditor 7651 Indigent Fund, see resolution 09-04.21.m

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

Approval of Memo Expenditure – Job & Family Services

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Memo Expenditure for the Fairfield County Job & Family Services, see resolution 09-04.21.n

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

Approval of Advance from the General Fund to the CSBG Fund 2730 – Commissioners

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Advance from the General Fund to the CSBG Fund 2730 – Commissioners, see resolution 09-04.21.o

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

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

- 09-04.21.p Approval of Payment of a voucher without an appropriate carry-over purchase order – Job & Family Services
- 09-04.21.q Approval of Payment of a voucher without an appropriate carry-over purchase order – Commissioners
- 09-04.21.r Approval of Payments of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders – Auditor
- 09-04.21.s Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer – from General Fund to Job & Family Services special Revenue Funds – 2nd Draw for Child Protective Services

- 09-04.21.t Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer – General Fund #1001 to Bond HAS Bond Retirement Fund 4663
- 09-04.21.u Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Fund 2689 – Adult Community Based Correction Fund & Appropriate from Unappropriated.
- 09-04.21.v Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Airport
- 09-04.21.w Approval of Account to Account Transfer – General Fund to Bond Retirement Funds
- 09-04.21.x Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Commissioners
- 09-04.21.y Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Clerk of Court
- 09-04.21.z Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Auditor
- 09-04.21.aa Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated & Account to Account and Fund to Fund Transfers, Job & Family Services building debt and CPS transfers
- 09-04.21.bb Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer
- 09-04.21.cc Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – EMPG – EMA Grant
- 09-04.21.dd Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Ditch Maintenance
- 09-04.21.ee Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Motor Vehicle Fund
- 09-04.21.ff Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Auditor Indigent Fund
- 09-04.21.gg Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Family, Adult & Children First Council
- 09-04.21.hh Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Title IV-E Fund – Juvenile Court
- 09-04.21.ii Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Alternative School Fund – Juvenile Court

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Payment of Bills

On motion of Jon Myers and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills April 21, 2009, check date April 24, 2009, see resolution 09-04.21.jj

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review Session

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 Jon Kochis, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Ms. Knisley reported that she has been looking over the budget to try to find unappropriated or unencumbered funds to set aside for the Department of Job & Family Services if they need additional assistance to get through 2009. The only available funds are those in the unanticipated emergencies line item, and about \$100,000 in

unappropriated funds. This would wipe out any cushion for the remainder of the year, unless the Board would reduce the appropriations in the Workers' Compensation line item and move those funds back into unappropriated and save those funds for any emergency. Commissioner Myers recommended taking back any unexpended funds in that line item, and Commissioner Kiger stated that he agreed, and the Board should have been doing this in years past. Ms. Knisley suggested the Board send a letter out to the elected officials and department heads to inform them of the action prior to approving the resolution at the next meeting.

Commissioner Shupe noted that Parks Director Dave Fey has requested the Board consider providing a loan to Parks that would be repaid this year once a grant through the state Arts & Cultural Facilities Commission is released.

Mr. Kochis stated that he needed some guidance or assistance relative to his county hazmat response team, as he has been informed by the state EMA that the team has no charter and is basically an unfunded volunteer group, but the county still has some liability for the members when they are called out.

Commissioner Myers asked what the main issue is, and Mr. Kochis stated that liability and workers' compensation are the biggest concerns. The "home" fire departments can't cover them if they are responding to a hazmat call-out. Commissioner Myers asked how the issue had come to light, and Mr. Kochis said that he had attended a state EMA directors meeting last week and was speaking with some of his opposite numbers who pointed out the deficiency.

Commissioner Myers asked how other counties handle these situations, and Mr. Kochis stated that the approaches vary from county to county – some are 501c3 organizations, some are under the county authority – the main need is to establish a chain of command. Mr. Dolin stated that a charter would be more of a guide, and a clear policy would need to be adopted. Mr. Kochis added that the state EMA has informed him that the law covers volunteers for liability, but for injuries the county pays the claim. Mr. Laramee stated that the county went through something similar with BWC on all volunteers. Commissioner Shupe stated that it would appear more information is needed prior to making a decision.

Commissioner Myers asked with respect to liability, how that would be covered, and Mr. Kochis stated the liability is covered under the law, only injuries for Workers' Compensation would be covered by the county. Mr. Laramee stated there is a formula used for volunteer coverage, but Mr. Kochis noted that is a different section of code that covers those kind of volunteers.

Commissioner Shupe noted there needs to be a discussion relative to space requirements for Job & Family Services, and Mr. Kochis stated that he needs 5,000 square feet of space per EMA guidelines. Commissioner Shupe stated that the usable floor space on the first floor needs to be determined. Mr. Kochis stated that he believes the serve room occupies approximately 7,000 square feet. Commissioner Myers suggested organizing a walk-through of the first floor involving Mr. Kochis, Mr. Zody, Michael Orlando, Dave Landefeld, and Joe Spybey.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he believes the Prosecutor would require approximately 5,800 square feet. Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Kochis how much he would estimate any renovations would cost, and Mr. Kochis stated he would estimate approximately \$25,000.

Commissioner Shupe asked if Mr. Kochis would be able to contribute costs for utilities, maintenance, and housekeeping, and Mr. Kochis stated he can pay for just about everything except rent, based on his occupancy. Mr. Kochis stated his main concern is to secure some parking space for his vehicles, staff and some additional public parking.

Mr. Dolin provided an overview on several legal issues he is working on, stating that based upon his research of the code, the Board is not obligated to provide space, free or otherwise, to historical or veterans' groups.

The Board discussed the request by the United Steelworkers relative to a "Buy American" resolution for any Federal stimulus funds received. Commissioner Shupe stated that since the county has yet to receive any stimulus funds, it seems to be a moot point. Commissioner Myers asked if the Board should send a letter to the USW, and Mr. Dolin stated the aim of the resolution appears to be at hard construction projects, and there are already Buy Ohio provisions in the code. Commissioner Myers stated he would consult with some other commissioners from other counties to see if any are moving forward.

The Board reviewed a list of service providers for the Meals on Wheel –Older Adult Alternatives. Mr. Laramée suggested asking MOW or the providers to explain what services are rendered utilizing levy funding. Commissioner Shupe stated she would be interested in knowing how the service providers like or dislike the current arrangement.

The Board instructed Mr. Zody to move forward with bidding the county surplus sale again, but to allow for two or three one-year renewals under the next bid.

Commissioner Shupe suggested Barbara Uhl may be interested in filling a vacancy on the County Visitor and Convention Bureau Board.

11:00 a.m. Meeting with Regional Planning

The Board of Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. with Regional Planning Director Holly Mattei and James Mako to discuss Community Development Block Grant applications. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Margie Burkett, Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Commissioner Shupe noted that there is \$195,000 available and over \$700,000 in grant requests. Mr. Mako stated that Board can fund up to 6 projects each year, and noted that he has some concern relative to the applications submitted by Pickerington regarding eligibility. Commissioner Myers stated that he thought there were some applications submitted last year that the Board wanted to try to fund this year, and Mr. Mako stated that he recalls the Village of Bremen request may be one the Commissioner Myers was referring to.

Ms. Burkett stated that she was present to represent the Village of Pleasantville and they would specifically like a grant to renovate the village swimming pool. Commissioner Myers asked if that was a higher priority than the other grant application the village had submitted, and Ms. Burkett stated it was. Commissioner Shupe asked if the Village had any funds it could contribute to the project, and Ms. Burkett stated she was not sure what if any funds the village could contribute.

The Board reviewed the grant applications and Commissioner Shupe asked what the next steps in the process would be, and Mr. Mako stated the Board typically picks a short list of projects and then holds a 2nd Public hearing to finalize their recommendations. Commissioner Myers asked Ms. Burkett to check with Mayor Weidner to see if they have any matching funds to contribute, and Ms. Burkett stated should would check.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the Board can only provide 6 grants can the amount provided in each grant be adjusted, and Mr. Mako stated the award can always be adjusted to fit needs or available funding. Ms. Mattei added that she and Mr. Mako would develop so lists of recommendations for the Board to consider. Commissioner Myers asked what the deadline was to finalize the grants, and Mr. Mako stated the deadline is June 26th.

Regarding the funding set aside previously for the Tarlton sewer project, Mr. Mako stated that Tarlton has not used any of the funds, as they separately secured a \$100,000 grant through another entity for hook-up assistance, and have only used about \$70,000 of that funding. Ms. Mattei stated that she would like to reallocate those funds to other CDBG grants that were applied for the same year.

Commissioner Shupe asked if all eligible residents had signed up for the assistance, and Ms. Mattei stated she was not sure. Commissioner Shupe suggested Ms. Mattei contact Utilities Director Tony Vogel to see if the citizens are aware of the program. Mr. Mako noted that the funding must be expended by the end of the calendar year, so time is becoming a factor. Ms. Mattei stated that the Board would need to hold an additional public hearing to reallocate the funds as well.

1:30 p.m. Meeting with Aundrea Cordle

The Board of Commissioners met at 1:30 p.m. with County Human Resources Director Aundrea Cordle to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Executive Session

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 1:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. No official actions were taken.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Probationary Removal for a Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Employee

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the probationary removal of an employee of the Board of Commissioners, see resolution 09-04.21.kk

Commissioner Kiger stated that the employee in question has not satisfactorily completed their probation.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner Myers asked what is left to do with the Job & Family Services reorganization, and Commissioner Kiger suggested the Human Resource office be moved up to the Courthouse to be more accessible. Ms. Cordle stated that she would prefer to stay at JFS, as she is both the county HR Director as well as the JFS HR Director, and needs to have face to face interaction with those employees.

Commissioner Kiger asked what is different for JFS that Ms. Cordle does not do for other county agencies, and Ms. Cordle stated there is more face to face contact required of her with the JFS employees, as most of the other agencies have supervisor or staff to handle the routine actions. Commissioner Myers asked if there are more hands-on duties at JFS, and Ms. Cordle stated that there are, and if she would move to the courthouse her service to the county might be impaired. Commissioner Kiger stated

that he disagrees with that assessment, and that moving to the Courthouse would place the HR staff closer to their customers.

Review, cont.

Historical Parks Director Dave Fey briefed the Board on a pending grant he is attempting to get released through the Ohio Art & Cultural Facilities Commission. Mr. Fey stated the Commission has very cumbersome processes, and it has taken an inordinate amount of his time, but he hopes to get the funds released late this summer or early in the fall.

Commissioner Myers asked what the problem was, and Mr. Zody stated that the Commission deliberately established cumbersome, bureaucratic processes and rules to discourage local entities from obtaining legislative earmarks for funds, like the one Mr. Fey received. Mr. Fey stated he would like the Board to consider loaning him some funds to keep the work on Rock Mill restoration going until the funds are released, at which time he would repay the Board. He does not want the contractor to have to re-mobilize at a later date, as that would be a significant cost (\$10-15,000). Mr. Fey added that the Lancaster Glass Museum is experiencing similar issues.

Commissioner Shupe noted that the Visitor & Convention Bureau Board has a vacancy, and asked Mr. Fey if he would be interested in serving or know of someone who would be interested. Mr. Fey stated that he does not believe he has the time to serve. Mr. Fey stated that he truly believes that the Parks can improve the economy of Fairfield County – if he can get people out of the thinking box they are in.

Commissioner Myers asked why the Commission has been holding up the funds, and Mr. Fey stated that they only accept applications every quarter, and if you do not submit everything they want and do it right, they reject the application and you have to wait for the next cycle. Commissioner Myers stated that it would appear that the Board would not have to formally do anything until Mr. Fey submits his most recent application and receives word about whether it is sufficient. Mr. Fey stated that he would agree with that assessment, and very much wants to finish the fourth side of the building to fully enclose it and protect it.

Commissioner Myers asked if he has looked into the Sands Fund for assistance, and Mr. Fey stated that he has, but those funds can only be used in the Baltimore are, and he is planning to ask them for some funding to help out with the Smeck Farm restoration.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on the motion of Jon Myers and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Scott Zody, Clerk/Manager

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' IS SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.**