

**Regular Meeting #15-2012
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 3, 2012**

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. to review legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were Steven Davis and Mike Kiger. Commissioner Judith Shupe was present doing a live video taping for Fairfield Today. Also present were Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Kyle Farmer, Staci Knisley, Dave Levacy, and Branden Meyer.

Legal Questions Under Review and Prosecutor's Pending Items

▪ Meals on Wheels Contract Amendment

Mr. Dolin stated that he is waiting on the contract amendment from Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Meyer stated that he will follow up with Marsha Burton regarding this.

▪ Ohio's Vicious Dog Law Changes

Mr. Dolin stated that he is reviewing these potential changes.

▪ Health Department Lease

Mr. Dolin stated that the lease is not limited to a 5 year term. He stated that as a tenant the 5 years does not apply. He stated that the potential changes from the State will reduce the Commissioners responsibility for housing the Health Department in the year 2018.

Mr. Meyer asked whether there were any other changes that needed to be made to the lease.

Mr. Dolin stated that he was unsure, but will review it again.

Pending Items

▪ Public Safety Facility

Commissioner Davis stated that recent data shows that SCI may not be able to house all of the extra prisoners because the county recently started sending prisoners out of county again.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the Sheriff feels that this is an abnormality because of the F-4 and F-5s that are coming down to the counties.

Commissioner Davis stated that the current daily count is 296 prisoners.

Ms. Knisley stated that there is a small amount budgeted to handle some out of county prisoner housing.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the majority of these are new female inmates and the county has a smaller amount of space for females.

Commissioner Davis stated that in the spring there will be a spike in the prisoner population because the nice weather gets people out and misbehaving. He stated that it is disappointing to see the county exceeding their capacity in 2012.

Mr. Dolin stated that the jail population does pick up in the spring. She stated that the downgrading of F-4 and F-5s will continue to be an issue.

Commissioner Davis stated that the public safety facility will need a fair more amount of attention now. 2013 is the year that the Commissioners will most likely take action on it. It will be pointless to go to the voters in November of 2012, but this year can be used for planning.

Commissioner Kiger stated that this issue needs to be "kept on the front burner."

Items that Need New Action/Attention- Requests and Review

▪ 2013 Budget Letter

Ms. Knisley stated that she is starting to plan for next year.

Commissioner Davis asked how much trouble it would be to ask for three sets of numbers from the departments: 1. a flat budget, 2. a 2% decrease, and 3. a 2% increase. He stated that it would be interesting to see each of these scenarios.

Ms. Knisley stated that after the tax budget is passed this could be done.

Commissioner Davis stated that he would like to have a fuller budget that is brought into framework with what is asked of the departments. If some can come in flat that will actually be a reduction for them. As the county moves into the budget hearing process he would like to have discussions like last year.

Commissioner Kiger agreed that he would like to continue the budget hearing process.

Ms. Knisley asked whether the letter is okay.

Commissioner Davis stated that the letter is fine with him.

Commissioner Kiger agreed.

Ms. Knisley stated that when the tax budget has been passed she will export a spreadsheet and send one to each department. She stated that the insurance now runs from March to March.

Ms. Cordle stated that the new rates should be known in October. She suggested using a percentage, but not 0%.

Ms. Knisley asked whether she should recommend budgeting 6% for insurance as a place holder.

Commissioner Davis stated that budgeting 6% would not be much different than using 8%. Budgeting 6% could give the county the flexibility to handle 8% if that is becomes the actual amount.

Ms. Cordle stated that she would not recommend going any lower than 6%; she is not comfortable with using 0%.

Invitations

• OSU Extension Educational Event “Dig Into Gardening” - Saturday, April 14 [9:00 a.m.: Vendor Trade Show, 10:00 a.m.: Program Begins]. Location: Christ UM Church, 700 S. Main Street, Baltimore.

Informational

• Letter received from Moody’s, re: Assignment of County’s Bond Rating

Miscellaneous

• County Bond Informational Session

Commissioner Davis stated that an informational session will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Shaw’s for local investors who are interested in participating in the sale, prior to being offered on the public market. He stated that short term loans are a low yield and the longer term acquisitions, the yield is higher. He stated that David Conley would appreciate one of the Commissioners attending the meeting.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he plans to attend tonight. Commissioner Kiger stated that he heard there were 115 RSVPs for the meeting.

• Dog Warden’s Reporting

Ms. Lane asked whether the Dog Warden is required to provide annual reports to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Knisley stated that the Dog Shelter provides reports every few weeks.

Mr. Dolin stated that he is not sure whether there is a requirement. He looked up the information and stated that ORC 955.16(e) requires the Dog Warden to provide records to the County Treasurer.

Ms. Lane thanked Mr. Dolin for looking up the information.

• CCAO Memo Regarding Special Elections

Commissioner Kiger asked for thoughts on the memo received from Commissioner Troy, Cuyahoga County Commissioner that was received from the CCAO.

Mr. Farmer stated that the special elections are a waste of time, money and resources.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there has been discussion regarding the eliminating of the Special Elections in February and August.

Mr. Farmer stated yes.

• Parking Signs at Board of Elections

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Farmer if the Board of Elections had any needs from the Commissioners.

Mr. Farmer stated that there are two signs marked reserved for maintenance staff at the Board of Elections. He requested that the signs be moved to free up space for Board of Elections visitors or have certain hours posted on the signs, i.e. possibly changed to “reserved after 6:00 p.m.”

Commissioner Kiger stated that the Commissioners will discuss this with Tony Vogel.

The Commissioners went into recess at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioners’ Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 beginning at 10:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Marsha Burton, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Kyle Farmer, Mary Beth Lane, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

No announcements made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 and Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 27, 2012

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 and the approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

Approval of Award of Bid- CDBG FY2010 Fairfield County, Village of Thurston- Water Meter Replacement Project [Fairfield County Commissioners]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Award of Bid- CDBG FY2010 Fairfield County, Village of Thurston- Water Meter Replacement Project [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-04.03.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

Approval of Commissioners’ Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of the following Engineer’s Resolutions:

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- 2012-04.03.b Approval of Delinquent Sewer Rentals [Fairfield County Commissioners]
- 2012-04.03.c Approval of an Underwriting Engagement Letter for Services with Robert W. Baird & Co. [Fairfield County Commissioners]

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

Approval of Engineer's Resolutions

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of the following Engineer's Resolutions:

- 2012-04.03.d Approval of Advertising for the FAI-PM 2012 Pavement Markings of Various Routes Project [Fairfield County Engineer]
- 2012-04.03.e Approval of Advertising for the Purchase of Liquid Asphalt [Fairfield County Engineer]

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of the following Financial Resolutions:

- 2012-04.03.f Approval of Advance from the General Fund to the HOME Fund #2731- Cash Subfund #8007- Fairfield County Commissioners- FY2010 [Fairfield County Commissioners]
- 2012-04.03.g Approval of Payment of Invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order for the Commissioners' Office [Fairfield County Commissioners]
- 2012-04.03.h Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer- General Fund Debt #1001 to #4485, #4529, #4640 and #4663 , #4483 [Fairfield County Commissioners]
- 2012-04.03.i Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer- General Fund Transfer- Maintenance Capital Projects- Perm/Capital Improvement Funds #3435 [Fairfield County Commissioners]
- 2012-04.03.j Approval of Account to Account Transfer for the Fairfield County ADAMH Board [Fairfield County ADAMH Board]
- 2012-04.03.k Approval of payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order for the ADAMH Board [Fairfield County ADAMH Board]
- 2012-04.03.l Approval of Amended Certificate, Conversation of Prior Year (2011) encumbrance to current year appropriation (5100 Board of Elections) [Fairfield County Board of Elections]
- 2012-04.03.m Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category- Fringe Benefits- Commissioners & Common Pleas Court- Fund #1001 [Fairfield County Common Pleas Court]
- 2012-04.03.n Approval of request for payment and status of funds report- FY2010 HOME funds- DRAWDOWN for \$4,300 [Fairfield County Community Action]
- 2012-04.03.o Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated Funds- Child Services Fund, Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

- 2012-04.03.p Approval to Ratify Previously Approved Financial Resolution for the Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]
- 2012-04.03.q Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer from the General revenue Fund to JFS Special Revenue Funds- 2nd (Second) Quarter 2012 [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]
- 2012-04.03.r Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer- General Fund #1001 to Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center #7711- 2nd Quarter [Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center]
- 2012-04.03.s Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer- General Fund #1001 to Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center #7564- 2nd Quarter [Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Judith Shupe and Steven Davis

Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, April 3, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, April 3, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-03.27.t.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger and Steven Davis.

The Regular Meeting ended at 10:07 a.m.

Review Session (continued)

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:10 a.m. to continue reviewing legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Christy Besse, Debi Clarridge, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Kyle Farmer, Staci Knisley, Mary Beth Lane, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, and Laura Plemmens.

Additional Items to Review

▪ **Re-cap of Morning's Review Session for Commissioner Shupe**

Commissioner Davis stated that the jail population is high again.

Commissioner Shupe stated that she had spoken to Jerry Perrigo who had stated that prisoners are being shipped out of the county once again.

Commissioner Davis stated that he would like to see a budget range from the departments including reductions, keeping the budget flat and increases.

Commissioner Shupe stated that she had spoken with David Conley regarding tonight's bond informational seminar.

▪ **Dog Shelter's Practices**

Commissioner Davis welcomed a few ladies who had

Ms. Besse stated that she feels that the "city dog pound practices and the method of euthanasia are barbaric." She stated that she would like the practices stopped.

Commissioner Davis stated that there are currently some proposed changes pending with the State regarding this. He asked whether Ms. Besse had any proposals or documentation to share with the Commissioners regarding this.

Ms. Besse stated that she has one case where a dog was put to death. She stated that the dog was picked up on Monday and then euthanized on Tuesday.

Commissioner Shupe asked whether this was done at the county Dog Shelter.

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Ms. Besse answered yes.

Commissioner Davis stated that his family has a rescue dog. He stated that the County Prosecutor is reviewing the proposed changes to the state law.

Ms. Besse stated that the people who raise the dogs are the problem, not the breed. She referred to "Save a Bull" organization.

Commissioner Davis asked where this is located.

Ms. Besse stated that "Save a Bull" is located here in Ohio. She stated that they work to save the dogs from harm.

Ms. Plemmens stated that she feels that the Dog Shelter and Humane Society should work together, she feels that there is a division between the two.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Humane Society leases county land and the Commissioners support them by leasing the building to them for \$1.00. He stated that the Commissioners continue to support the Humane Society as they continue to expand their operation.

Ms. Plemmens stated that the Dog Shelter does not allow individuals to photograph dogs to help them get adopted.

Ms. Clarridge asked whether the county can turn the authority to the Humane Society to be a no kill shelter. She stated that people would be willing to pay more for their dog tags. She stated that she wants to see the dogs euthanized by injections instead of gassing them. She asked whether this could be done by the Humane Society.

Commissioner Davis stated that he understands this is an emotional issues and any additional information that the ladies can provide would be helpful.

Ms. Besse stated that the Dog Shelter does not allow volunteers to enter the shelter. She supports "more humane" practices instead "of backing a truck up to the building and killing the dogs with the tailpipe exhaust."

Ms. Plemmens asked whether the Commissioners have witnessed the euthanizing.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he visits the Dog Shelter once or twice a month unannounced. He clarified that the dogs are euthanized by gas that is purchased in canisters, they do not back up a truck to euthanize the dogs. He stated that the laws are changing and when the Prosecutor's office reviews the information the Commissioners will use it to make an informed decision.

Ms. Clarridge stated that there "has to be a more peaceful way to handle this."

Commissioner Kiger stated that Commissioner Shupe also owns a dog from the Dog Shelter.

Commissioner Shupe stated yes. She stated that the current method of euthanizing is not a long drawn out process, but is done quickly.

Ms. Clarridge stated that it takes a lot of time.

Commissioner Davis stated that there is a large cost associated with "putting dogs down." He further explained that the number of dogs that the county handles is significant.

Mr. Clarridge suggested that the county give this responsibility to the Humane Society. She also stated that she is hopeful that citizens would be willing to pay more for their dog tags. She asked that the Commissioners consider the information that the ladies shared.

Commissioner Davis thanked the ladies for visiting with the Commissioners.

• Miscellaneous Discussion

Mr. Slater stated that the Budget Commission Hearing for the Health Department was held yesterday. The Health Department experienced a 15% increase to their health insurance. He stated that they may want to consider joining the county's health plan.

Commissioner Davis stated that he thought the previous meeting with the ladies went well. He stated that there were over 500 dogs euthanized last year and the ability to house a large number of dogs at the Dog Shelter is a challenge.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the cost for injecting the dogs is 8 times higher than using gas. He stated that a few years ago, the county sent out letters to veterinarians in the county to ask for assistance and no replies were received.

The review session concluded at 10:37 a.m.

Adjournment

With no more business to discuss, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Judith Shupe, and Steven Davis

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Mike Kiger

Seconded by: Judith Shupe

that the minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on April 10, 2012.

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Branden C. Meyer, Clerk