

**Regular Meeting #10-14**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**March 30, 2010**

**9:00 a.m. Viewing – Election House Road Alteration/Vacation**

The Board of Commissioner met to view a proposed alteration and partial vacation of Election House Road. Commissioners present were Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Oran Hoover, Greg Heaton, Albert Gallis, Angie Gallis, Adam French, Chad Lucht, Kerry Hogan, Holly Mattei, Bill McNeer, Jeff Baird, Frank Anderson, Jeff Camechis, Todd May, Nelson Groves, Laura Romans, Joe Richards, Josh Quilian, Steve Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Cheryl Majors, Victor Kull, Aaron Kull and Scott Zody.

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the project, stating that there are actually two proposed road projects that would affect Election House Road. This particular project is being initiated by the airport, and would relocate a portion of Election House Road away from the East end of the runway. The second project involves a private developer, Steve Eversole, and would connect Election House Road with Victor Road. Mr. Anderson stated approximately 5,500 vehicles travel Election House Road each day, and he believes the projects will help alleviate some of the traffic concerns on the road, especially at the Route 33A/Election House intersection.

Mr. Heaton provided some specifics on the project as the Airport Board engineering consultant, stating that the right-of-way is marked by stakes in the field. They are trying to follow the 45 m.p.h. design criteria. The project is to improve safety for the airport and for vehicles, and the current road is considered an obstruction to air traffic, as planes cannot utilize the full length of the runway. In addition, in order to qualify for instrument approach designation, the road must be moved back to meet FAA design criteria.

Mr. Groves asked what the timeline is for the project, and Mr. Heaton stated the goal is to start construction in August and have the project completed by Thanksgiving. Commissioner Myers asked if the project would allow larger aircraft to utilize the airport, and Mr. Heaton stated not necessarily, but without the project the competitive of the airport could be affected.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there were any concerns relative to the gas transmission lines, and Mr. Heaton stated they work closely with the companies on the alignment and Rockies Express actually made some adjustments to their line when it was installed last year to accommodate the road. Commissioner Shupe asked who would control the interests – the gas company or the county, and Mr. Heaton stated he is not certain but none of the gas companies have expressed any concerns over the road.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Heaton to point out some city owned property that is part of the Lancaster Park District, and Mr. Heaton stated those lands would not be affected by the project, and are wetland areas. Mr. Zody noted that property was transferred to the city as mitigation for the River Valley Highlands housing development.

**Review**

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

Mr. Dolin provided an update on legal issues, providing the Board with a copy of a letter from Prosecutor Landefeld recusing the Prosecutor's Office from any further dealings on the Health Department merger issue. In addition, the Prosecutor is sending a formal request for an Attorney General's legal opinion to the AG's Office with specific questions

relative to the housing/facilities questions that have arisen between the Board of Health, the City of Lancaster and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shupe asked if it mattered that the Commissioners provided the Health Department with a facility they are currently using, and Mr. Dolin stated that is one of the questions being pursued. Commissioner Myers noted that a local television station was at the Health Department facility the previous day taping a story.

Mr. Dolin stated the AG tries to respond to most opinion requests within 90 days of receipt, so he is hoping this issue will resolve itself fairly soon. Commissioner Kiger asked if there was a deed restriction on the Health Department building/property, and Mr. Dolin stated he did not see one, as it was transferred by General Warranty deed – Pat Harris signed it on behalf of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shupe stated she could not see how the Health Department could simply walk away from the building and expect the Commissioners to once again provide housing. Mr. Dolin stated if the Health Department retained the sale receipts, that is one issue. If they would deposit the sale receipts into the County General Fund, that might change the dynamics of the issue.

Mr. Dolin stated that Mr. Landefeld has sent copies of his letters to the City and Health Department, and suggested that the time to try to work out a compromise would be now. Mr. Zody asked if the other parties could submit their own request for opinions, and Mr. Dolin stated the city could not, but the Health Department potentially could, but in the end, the Attorney General will answer the same basic questions. Commissioner Myers stated that unfortunately it seems to appear that the Health Department has lost the confidence of the local communities.

#### **10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Mary Beth Lane, Joe Giesler, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

#### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **Approval of minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### **Approval of the appointment of the Buildings & Grounds Superintendent/Facilities Manager**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted approve the appointment of the Fairfield County Buildings & Grounds Superintendent/Facilities Manager, see resolution 10-03.30.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of an Order of Suspension for an employee of Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Community Services**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Order of Suspension for an employee of Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Community Services, see resolution 10-03.30.b

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of authorization to adopt the FY2010 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant application to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships for the Program Year 2010**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a authorization to adopt the FY2010 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant application to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships for the Program Year 2010, see resolution 10-03.30.c

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval to Rescind Resolution 10-03.09.z, Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer Note 4621, to Motor Vehicle Fund 2024 and Amend Certificate Fund 2024 - Engineer**

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to Rescind Resolution 10-03.09.z, Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer Note 4621, to Motor Vehicle Fund 2024 and Amend Certificate Fund 2024 – Engineer, see resolution 10-03.30.d

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval to Rescind Resolution 10-03.16.j, Approval of Establishing, altering and widening of Mount Zwingli and Pleasant View Roads Rushcreek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioner viewing date of April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., and a final hearing date of April 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to Rescind Resolution 10-03.16.j, Approval of Establishing, altering and widening of Mount Zwingli and Pleasant View Roads Rushcreek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioner viewing date of April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., and a final hearing date of April 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., see resolution 10-03.30.e

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of hiring Mastermind Systems, Inc. to perform professional engineering services for a Guardrail Inventory/Inspection Safety Study Project**

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve hiring Mastermind Systems, Inc. to perform professional engineering services for a Guardrail Inventory/Inspection Safety Study Project , see resolution 10-03.30.f

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

**Approval of lifting weight restrictions on County and Township Roads – Engineer**

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the lifting of weight restrictions on County & Township roads, see resolution 10-03.30.g

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

**Approval of establishing, altering and widening of Poplar Creek Road, Bloom Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of May 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of May 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve establishing, altering and widening of Marcy Road, Bloom Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of May 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of May 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., see resolution 10-03.30.h

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

**Approval of establishing, altering and widening of Pleasantville Road, Liberty Township & Greenfield Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of June 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of June 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve establishing, altering and widening of Pleasantville Road, Liberty Township & Greenfield Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of June 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of June 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., see resolution 10-03.30.i

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

**Approval of establishing, altering and widening of Julian Road, Clearcreek Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of June 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of June 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve establishing, altering and widening of Julian Road, Clearcreek Township, Fairfield County and declaration of necessity and setting a Commissioners viewing date of June 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of June 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., see resolution 10-03.30.j

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

**Approval to vacate a portion of a public road, Airport Road (CR87) and establish a viewing and hearing date – Engineer**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to vacate a portion of a public road, Airport Road (CR87) and establish a viewing and hearing date, see resolution 10-03.30.k

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

- 10-03.30.l Approval of Memo Expenditure - JFS
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- 10-03.30.n Approval of Amended Certificate, Update Receipts, Increase appropriations, account to account transfer and fund to fund transfer - Engineer
- 10-03.30.o Approval of Amended Certificate, update receipts, fund to fund transfer and request for appropriations – Fund 5719 Pleasant Run WRF - Utilities
- 10-03.30.p Approval of Amended Certificate, update receipts and request for appropriations – within Debt Service Fund 5556 – Water Consolidation 2003 - Utilities
- 10-03.30.q Approval of Payment of a voucher without an appropriate carry over purchase order - JFS
- 10-03.30.r Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer - Insurance
- 10-03.30.s Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Water Fund 5046
- 10-03.30.t Approval of Account to Account Transfer - ADAMH
- 10-03.30.u Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Commissioners/Maintenance
- 10-03.30.v Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Adult Probation
- 10-03.30.w Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Sheriff's Office
- 10-03.30.x Approval of Account to Account Transfer & appropriate from unappropriated – Debt Service Fund 5554 – Tussing Rd. Water Reclamation Facility
- 10-03.30.y Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – EMA Planning Fund 2091
- 10-03.30.z Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Sewer District Cash Fund 5044 – Utilities
- 10-03.30.aa Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Water District Cash Fund 5046 – Utilities
- 10-03.30.bb Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Probate Services Fund – Common Pleas Court
- 10-03.30.cc Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Special Projects Fund – Common Pleas Court
- 10-03.30.dd Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Fund 2362
- 10-03.30.ee Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Fund 2024
- 10-03.30.ff Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer ODOT Fund 3445

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, March 30, 2010, check date April 2, 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, March 30, 2010, check date April 2, 2010, see resolution 10-03.30.gg

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

**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 Ed Laramee, Mary Beth Lane, Joe Giesler, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Commissioner Myers stated that he met earlier in the week with Skye Gettys to discuss county owned land at Fairfield Medical Center (FMC). Commissioner Myers stated FMC has some structures on much of the land, and has to go through the county to get any financing of bonding approved, which can be complex and burdensome for FMC. As a result, they would like the county to consider donating or selling the land. Commissioner Myers stated the question that needs to be answered is what is the value of the land given the structure on it are owned by FMC, and how the land could be transferred or sold. Mr. Dolin stated it would be prudent to obtain an appraisal of the property, as it would have value regardless of whether there are buildings on the land.

Commissioner Myers stated that FMC is planning a bond issue for this year, and plans a larger one a few years down the road, and would like to resolve the issue fairly soon. Mr. Dolin stated he would research the issue and report back.

Mr. Zody provided the Board with an overview of the need for a computer server to accommodate security cameras at the Juvenile Court Alternative School and JFS building. Mr. Zody stated the new server would take care of those cameras and would have capacity to serve additional camera in the future. The cost of the server is \$6,000, and unfortunately, Mr. Kochis cannot provide any grant funding for this since it would serve multiple agencies, so the cost would have to be borne by the General Fund. The Board approved the purchase, and asked Mr. Zody to coordinate with Fiscal Clerk Staci Knisley to identify funding for the purchase.

Commissioner Kiger reported that he had received a call from Rosemary Hajost inviting the Commissioners to attend a meeting at her home tomorrow evening to discuss the pending Historical Parks levy, but all of the Commissioners have committed to attend the Board of Developmental Disabilities Celebration of Possibilities dinner. Mr. Zody stated he could attend and represent the Board.

Regarding a bulletin from the County Commissioners Association (CCAO) relative to an attempt by the Recorders Association to amend a bill in the legislature to divert additional fees to the Recorders Office and away from the County General Fund, Commissioner Myers stated he would ask Gene Wood about the proposal, and the Board instructed Mr. Zody to draft a letter to the local legislators opposing the change.

Regarding a request from the Silver Star Families Association for a Commissioners Proclamation, Commissioner Kiger stated he would ask the Veterans' Service Commission about the organization, as this is the first he had heard of it. Commissioner Myers mentioned that the General Assembly recently approved legislation that requires

employers to allow up to 2 weeks leave for employees whose immediate family members would be called to active duty or injured while on duty.

Mr. Zody briefed the Board on a request from the Violet Township Trustees to temporarily close a portion of Refugee Road in November to accommodate the display of the traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Commissioner Myers suggested the Board should check with the Engineer's Office to ensure they are comfortable with the closure and alternate routes for traffic.

Mr. Zody provided the Board with some jail statistics from Orman Hall relative to his work on establishing a Day Reporting Center for the county. Mr. Zody noted that in some cases, spikes in the jail population can be indirectly correlated with downturns in the economy, but the growth rate of the jail population far outstrips the rate of overall population growth in the county.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the City of Lancaster comprises 25% of the county population, but 57% of the jail inmates are Lancaster residents. Commissioner Myers stated the prisoner housing contract with Lancaster is due for renewal soon, and suggested the Board closely review that.

Mr. Zody provided the Board with an overview of a conversation he had with Judge Williams relative to the proposed county wide curfew. Judge Williams informed Mr. Zody that he did not support or oppose the proposal. Judge Williams currently addresses city and village curfew violators by bringing in the youths with their parent to meet with a juvenile probation officer, and sometimes will levy fines or community service work on the violators. Judge Williams did not see curfew violations as a major problem, but acknowledged there are some unruly teens in the community that are causing problems. Mr. Zody stated he would best describe Judge William position as ambivalent.

Commissioner Shupe asked about the issue involving Walnut Township Trustee Sonny Dupler and the question of what he stated during the Blacklick-Eastern Road name change hearing. Mr. Zody stated that he believes the approved minutes of the hearing accurately reflect what Mr. Dupler stated, and the Millersport Village Administrator, Vince Popo, has submitted a letter corroborating that.

Ms. Knisley stated she needs to have the Commissioners approve one last contract extension with telephony consultant Doug Ballou to finish out the implementation of the new phone system. The plan is to "go-live" April 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Myers asked if there were any bidding requirements with respect to the contract, and Ms. Knisley stated this contract was initiated by Carri Brown back in 2007, and they have continued it based upon need for Mr. Ballou's services.

Commissioner Myers asked why the amount seemed so high (\$25,000), and Ms. Knisley stated Mr. Ballou had gotten behind on his billing, and the amount reflects his time going back to September of 2009 and continuing through May 2010. Commissioner Kiger stated that Mr. Ballou does put a lot of time into the project.

Commissioner Myers asked if this would be the final extension, and Ms. Knisley stated this would wrap up the project.

#### **11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Election House Road Alteration/Vacation**

The Board of Commissioners met to conduct a public hearing on the proposed relocation and partial vacation of a portion of public road, Election House Road in Greenfield Township. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were County Engineer Frank Anderson, Jeff Camechis, Jeff Baird, Eric McCrady, Holly Mattei, Chad Lucht, Todd May, Allan Reid, John Reef, Charles Eversole, Steve Eversole, Bobby Daws, Larry Joos, Jim Hachtel, Joe Richards, Michael Schwartz, Scott Marshall, Corey Clark, Angie Gallis, Albert Gallis, Jennifer Wilson,

Dougal Diehl, Laura Romans, Jason Dolin, Shane Farnsworth, Adam French, Greg Heaton, William McNeer and Scott Zody

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the project, stating that this is not a county project, but an airport project, and the Engineer's Office is involved due to the road being a county road, and as such must go through the subdivision regulation process.

Mr. Anderson stated that back in 2006-2007 the Engineer's Office asked the airport to follow a 45 mph design criteria, as the Engineer cannot arbitrarily reduce the speed limit on a county road without first conducting a safety study and going through an ODOT process. Mr. Anderson stated his office had been assured that a 45 mph design could be achieved, and his concern is that approximately 5,000 cars per day travel this road, and there is a need to distribute the traffic away from the Election House/Route 33A intersection, and the future connector road to Victor Road would divert traffic to the lighted intersection at Meijers.

Mr. Anderson stated the 45 mph issue is based on curvature of the proposed road and elevation grade. The Engineer would prefer a lesser grade with a 45mph speed limit, but could live with a 35 mph speed limit if design constraints do not allow an expansion of the right of way. However, moving to a 35mph design would require a variance through the Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Soil & Water Conservation District has expressed some concern with respect to the ditch design and that it may not comply with Ohio EPA regulations. In addition there is some concern with the gas transmission lines and if the road is relocated, the senior rights the county now enjoys on the road would be forfeited to the gas lines at the new location.

Mr. Camechis stated that he had talked to an agent of Texas Eastern Gas, who controls some of the lines, and they had replaced 2 lines in 2006, but in the future, when lines need replacement, if the road is relocated, they could open cut the road if they wished. Texas Eastern did indicate a willingness to work with the county on future replacement issues, and Mr. Camechis stated he would like to find out how ODOT constructed the by-pass without senior rights.

Victor Kull, spoke, stating he owns the farm immediately North of the airport, across the road from the Eversole property. Mr. Kull stated he has concerns about the loss of road frontage due to the vacation and the possible affect to a waterway he had installed to help the drainage on his property. Mr. Kull also expressed concern about vehicle safety, stating that there are already accidents on the road as is, how bad would it be if curves are added.

William McNeer Jr., 10106 Heimberger Road, spoke, stating he is an Airport Board member and the over-arching concern of the airport is to address safety for both planes and vehicles, noting that most airplane accidents occur on the landing approach.

Nicholas Owen spoke, stating he is representing Mr. Kull as legal counsel, and expressed concern that under a road vacation, there should be a compensation hearing to determine the loss of value to Mr. Kull's property and payment of compensation for that loss. Mr. Kull would prefer to leave that section of Election House Road open for access to his property for future development.

Brian Shonk, representing Standing Stone Bank, spoke and expressed the banks desire to see traffic safety improved, particularly at the Election House Route 33A intersection.

Jennifer Wilson, 2737 Cross Creek Avenue, stated that she is concerned about the proximity of the road to her home and the safety of her family and affect on property values.

Laura Romans, a Cross Creek Ave resident, expressed concern also with respect to safety and property values.

Albert Gallis, a Cross Creek Ave resident provided the Commissioners with a folder that contained photographs of the proximity of the road and expressed concern with the 45 mph speed limit and stopping distances for vehicles traveling that fast. If a vehicle needs 50 feet of minimum safe stopping distance that would not be enough to prevent vehicles from going into people's yards. Mr. Gallis stated the Cross Creek residents would like to see the road moved slightly to the West to provide some safe distance from the homes. Mr. Gallis stated the resident would also like the road banked or some protective devices installed to keep cars away from the yards and homes.

Corey Clark, a Cross Creek resident, spoke, stating his home is the corner lot closest to the proposed road. Mr. Clark stated that he also has concerns about safety, and is very supportive of the airport and associated development, but would like to see the speed limit lowered and the road moved to the West.

Michael Schwartz, 1990 Carroll Southern Road, owns the property on the other side of Route 33A at the West end of the airport. Mr. Schwartz expressed concern over the potential for larger planes being able to utilize the airport and asked if the crash zone would have to be expanded.

Scott Marshall, 2651 Election House Road, stated that he lives one mile North of the airport and is concerned about traffic safety, particularly if the change in the road would result in more development and more commercial traffic. Mr. Marshall stated that cars are traveling too fast along the road now.

Allan Reid stated that 15 years ago, the Commissioners attempted to enact airport zoning but failed due to overwhelming opposition. Since that time, the City of Lancaster allowed the River Valley Highlands subdivision to be constructed and eliminated any chance for the airport to ever become anything more than a recreational airport. Mr. Reid stated that the project is a waste of taxpayer money, regardless of the source of the funds.

Mr. Reid stated that several years ago ODOT recommended running a second runway to the north to get planes away from the houses but nothing has ever been done for that. In addition, Mr. Reid stated there are currently no planes at the airport that would require 5,000 feet of runway.

Greg Heaton of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, the airport engineer, stated the purpose of the project is to have the airport serve as an economic development tool, and part of the infrastructure of the community to remain viable and competitive. Election House Road has long been viewed as a problem – it displaces the runway to prevent full use, and the road cannot be lowered due to the gas transmission lines.

Aircraft operate under visual and instrument flight rules, the vast majority of business aircraft utilize instruments with GPS and satellite capabilities for take-off and landing. In order to qualify for instrument approach, Election House Road must be moved further back from the runway terminus.

Mr. Heaton added that the airport has been working with the gas pipeline companies relative to their concerns and is working with the Engineer's Office to try to meet their design concerns.

Kerry Hogan, an Airport Board member, stated that he has been working for 2 years on the project, which has been discussed for at least 10-15 years. Mr. Hogan stated the project is needed to help keep the airport viable and both the airport and FAA are committed to funding the project. Mr. Hogan stated the Board has been working on plans and coordinating with agencies for over a year.

Commissioner Kiger asked if there were any additional questions or concerns to be raised.

Ms. Romans asked if there have been any accidents that warrant this change, and Mr. Reid stated his son is a commercial pilot, and he believes the project is a waste of money. Mr. Reid could only recall one accident that occurred several years ago involving the Anchor-Hocking plane. Mr. Reid stated most planes experiencing trouble will divert to Rickenbacker and Port Columbus, and will not even consider landing at Lancaster, and most executive jets don't need 5,000 feet of runway.

Mr. Hogan stated there is no intention to extend the runway – this is a safety issue, and the FAA funding is obligated specifically for aviation projects and cannot be used for anything else. Commissioner Myers asked how the grant dollars from FAA are generated, and Mr. Heaton stated the funds come from taxes on aviation fuel, ticket surcharges, and other aviation related fees.

Commissioner Shupe asked Mr. Anderson about the gas transmission lines and whose right would supersede whose and with respect to Texas Eastern possibly replacing pipes soon and the 45 foot right-of way concern, is the Engineer in favor of the project or not?

Mr. Anderson stated that he mentioned the gas lines and possible loss of rights as a concern, but noted the gas companies have indicated they wish to be good neighbors. Regarding the 45-foot issue, Mr. Anderson stated the drawings indicate a 50-foot right of way when it is actually 45 feet, but the county can vacate less than what is originally proposed, just not more.

Mr. Anderson stated he would prefer a straight road over a curved road, but if both this project and the Victor Road project go through, it would improve traffic safety and benefit the Engineer. Mr. Anderson stated he would favor the project as long as both occur, although he would prefer the 45 mph design over a 35 mph design.

Commissioner Myers asked if less traffic was anticipated, and Mr. Anderson stated he is not sure, but at least some traffic would be diverted to Victor Road which would help alleviate congestion at Route 33A.

Commissioner Myers asked if the access and water issues with Mr. Kull could be addressed, and Mr. Heaton stated he would follow up with Mr. Kull on those concerns, and the airport is willing to provide or leave some sort of stub road for Mr. Kull, but the Engineer expressed concern over that. There are limits on curb cuts and access that must be considered. Mr. Heaton believes the waterway should not be a problem or interfere with Mr. Kull's drainage.

Commissioner Myers stated he understands there are no plans to extend the runway, but would the airport be able to accommodate larger planes once the project is completed, and Mr. Heaton stated he does not expect larger jets – the project is designed to be compliant with FAA or they could potentially require the airport to remove part of the runway if the road is not moved. Mr. Heaton stated the airport would like to have more options for potential airport users – all weather, all instrument capability to remain competitive.

Commissioner Myers asked what the total cost of the project would be, and Mr. Heaton stated it would cost \$1.3 million, and only 5% of that cost would be locally borne.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Regional Planning Commission was satisfied, and Ms. Mattei stated they have reviewed the preliminary plans, and wanted to wait until the Commissioners held their viewing and hearing before finalizing. In addition, the RPC has agreed to several variances but is holding off on a request to reduce the design speed to 35 mph at this time.

Commissioner Kiger stated the purpose of the public hearing is to gather information but no final decision would be made today, and encouraged those in attendance to submit comments in writing to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Myers asked if there was any FAA deadline to be concerned with, and Mr. Hogan stated if the funding is available the airport needs to take advantage of it, because there is a possibility of losing the funding if they are not ready to go in a timely fashion. Commissioner Myers asked if there were plans for embankments or plantings to screen the houses, and Mr. Heaton stated there were no initial plans for that, but he has met with the homeowners and they are trying to address those concerns, and are considering guardrails, fencing trees, etc. for noise and lighting issues.

Commissioner Shupe asked which route is being considered, the one further East or West, and Mr. Heaton stated the eastern route is the one currently under consideration.

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

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Adjournment**

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

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Mike Kiger Commissioner	Jon D. Myers Commissioner	Judith K. Shupe Commissioner
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Scott Zody, Clerk/Manager

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.**